HYSTERIA, DISSENT, HEROES, AND THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE AS WORKERS

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GOVERNMENT HYSTERIA	TIME PERIOD	ACTUAL TARGETS	ATTACK LEADERS	LEGAL ATTACK	EXTRA LEGAL	PURPOSE
REDS Bolsheviks Foreigners	1917-1927	Russian immigrants IWW CLP Socialist Party Union Shop The AFL	Ole Hanson Calvin Coolidge A.Mitchell Palmer J.Edgar Hoover	Alien Act Sedition Act Palmer Raids Deportations Immigration Act Railway Labor Act Syndicalist laws	Mobs Race riots Lynching Propaganda reports Klan (KKK)	Open Shop Attack labor Stop reforms Concentrate wealth White only Immigration
UN-AMERICANS Communists Subversives	1938-1955	Japanese-Americans World Peace Groups CP USA CIO Unions Rank & File control	J Edgar Hoover Martin Dies Tom Clark Joe McCarthy	HUAC Hearings Taft-Hartley Smith Act McCarran Act Loyalty oath AG List (1947)	Camps Experts Media Trials McCarthy Hearings	Accept US global economic rule. Stop social reforms Make USSR enemy
RADICALS Anarchists Hippies Activists	1965-1975	African Americans Civil Rights Leaders Anti-War Students Black Panthers Organized Labor Construction Trades	J Edgar Hoover [Richard Nixon] John Mitchell Spiro Agnew	Contempt Grand Jury Conspiracy Trials NLRB delays	COINTELPRO Sabotage citizen expression Police assassins Red squads Business	Maintain white elites Enforce US global rule. Reorganize Capital System
TERRORISTS Non-patriots Anarchists Black Bloc	2001-	Arab-Americans Muslims Immigrants Labor (ILWU) Fedrl. workers (AFGE) Public Sector Workers	Dick Cheney Donald Rumsfeld Paul Wolfowitz John Ashcroft Tom Ridge Robert Zoelnick	Patriot Act Extend FISA Deportations Closed borders Homeland Security No Collective Bargaining	Info/crime Terror alerts No protest zone Miami Model Guard/reservists to foreign wars Prepare Draft	Maintain Bush/Saudi family oil alliance Privatize public US głobal military rule

CONTEXT, MEANING AND RESPONSE

to the USA Patriot Act

THANKS FOR

OPPORTUNITY TO TALK/THINK (DORY) -- DISCUSSION

READING MY BINDER OF MATERIALS (PATRIOT ACT TOO)

QUESTION: HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT IT GOING ON?

TODAY'S NYT: HOMELAND SECURITY/BIGGEST SINCE WWII

PATRIOT ACT: HOW TO KNOW WHAT IT IS? READ IT?

READ IT IN CONTEXT - WHO IS IN POWER TO DEFINE THE WORDS

MY TALK

HISTORICAL CONTEXT (CHART)

ACT ITSELF

HOW TO RESPOND

MY ARGUMENT:

20th Century history demonstrates a consistent pattern

After (perhaps during) each war there is an expansion of state

power, an economic reorganization and the use of state power

to suppress those who object to the reorganization.

I think that the function of the Patriot Act and its ancillary acts, Home Land Security and Military Tribunals (11/01) is to prevent (silence) citizens from objecting to the post Vietnam reorganization of the US economy, designed in the 1980s and implemented in the 1990s

HISTORICAL REVIEW: (CHART CAN BE USED)

THREE TIME PERIODS (FAIRLY QUICKLY)

FIRST: POST WORLD WAR ONE (1919-1927)

After Every war there is a question about who gets to benefit.

American corporations came home with "The American Plan"

To be an American is to be Anti-Union. (Open Shop – No unions)

Unions wanted to recoup losses to wage fixing during war.

Strike Wave from Seattle (Feb. 1919), Steel, Coal and Police

RESPONSE – WAVE OF STATE REPRESSSION AGAINST "REDS" THE RED SCARE

Espionage Act of 1917 10grand/20 years. False statements inhibit war effort

Sedition Act of 18=918 10grand/20 years abusive language about the form

Palmer Raids of Jan. 1920 6000 rounded up (deportation of aliens without hearing)

Palmer wanted Alien and Sedition Acts during Peace time. (1798)

The Railway Labor Act 1924 (Presidential control of labor's right to strike)

Immigration Act of 1924 (non-quota and quota immigrants)

RESULT:

Robert K. Murray, Red Scare: A Study in National Hysteria (1919-1920)

"Civil liberties were left prostrate, the labor movement was badly mauled, the position of capital was greatly enhanced and complete antipathy toward reform was enthroned. In this respect, the Red Scare served as a major vehicle on which the American nation road from a victorious war into a bankrupt peace."

ECONOMIC REORGANIZATION

ELIMINATION OF TAXES ON THE RICH (ANDREW MELLON)

REDUCTION OF UNIONS (IWW DISAPPEARED/AFL LABOR FELL BY MILLIONS)

INCOMES/WEALTH CONCENTRATED AT THE TOP

OVERCAPACITY OF AN INDUSTRIAL ECONOMY WITH NO ONE TO BUY

SPECULATIVE BOOM BASED ON EXPANSION OF RETAIL CREDIT

STOCK MARKET CRASH. - GREAT DEPRESSION

POST WORLD WAR TWO (1945-1955)

ANOTHER BATTLE DOMESTICALLY FOR WHO GETS BENEFITS OF VICTORY.

MASSIVE BATTLE BETWEEN A RE-ENVIGORATED LABOR MOVEMENT (STRIKE WAVE)

AND CORPORATIONS INTENT ON NEW WORLD ROLE (US HAS ALL LIQUIDITY)

A TEN YEAR PERIOD – CONSTRUCTION OF THE "COLD WAR" – PERPETUAL WAR

RESPONSE: WAVE OF REPRESSION AGAINST "COMMUNISTS – UNAMERICANS)" PEOPLE WHO OPPOSED THE "COLD WAR" – COLD WAR AGAINST LABOR.

HUAC – 1938 -- lists and accusations/friendly witnesses through 50s (hollywood ten)

Alien Registration Act of 1940 – subversive activities, alien deportation, military or overthrow

Smith Act (Howard Smith of Virginia) (Advocacy of ideas a federal crime)

Loyalty Oath of 1947

Attorney General's list of 1947

McCarran Internal Security Act 1947) Worldwide communist conspiracy. Subversive Board

Smith act Trials (1948) 11 members of CP Five years.

In 1951 23 more tried under Smith Act and served time (Elizabeth G. Flynn)

These convictions overturned (intent and treaching) in $1957 - 2^{nd}$ tier.

RESULTS:

COLD WAR BECAME IDEOLOGICAL GUIDE FROM 1955-1989

CAPITAL AND LABOR MADE A DEAL

WHITE MIDDLE CLASS AMERICA WAS CREATED

GOLDEN AGE LASTED FROM 1955-1975

POST VIETNAM WAR

ANOTHER BATTLE ABOUT WHO SUFFERS FROM THE DEFEAT IN VIETNAM

1970S -- A WORLD DIVIDE -- A WORLD WIDE SYSTEM DOWNTURN

POST WORLD WAR II WORLD SYSTEM:

US LED CAPITALIST WORLD
USSR LED SOCIALIST WORLD
NATION STATE MEDIATED PRODUCTION
VAST MILITARY EXPENDITURES
INTERNAL COLLAPSE.

FOR THE US POST WORLD WAR II SYSTEM COLLAPSE

FINANCIAL COLLAPSE:

COST MILITARY SYSTEM/FIXED EXCHANGE SYSTEM
NIXON TAKES OFF FIXED ECHANGE SYSTEM (BACKED BY GOLD)
CURRENCIES FLOAT AGAINST ASSUMED VALUE
BEGINING OF DOMINANCE OF FINANCE CAPITAL.

MILITARY COLLPASE:

US MILITARY DEFEAT IN VIETNAM CHALLENGED US STRATEGY OPEN MARKETS BY MILITARY PROTECTION OF ALLIANCES

CHEAP OIL COLLAPSE:

OPEC EMBARGO AND PRICE HIKES THROUGHOUT 70S THREATENED SECURITY OF US ECONOMIC SYSTEM.

ECONOMIC COLLAPSE:

EUROPEAN UNION AND JAPAN OUTCOMPETING US NO MILITARY COSTS. NEW TYPES OF PRODUCTION SYSTEMS

LEGITIMACY COLLAPSE

MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS, BASED IN US, TRAGET OF MASS SOCIAL MOVEMENTS: RACIST, WARMONGER, and SEXIST.

THERFORE A NEW DIRECTION PLANNED AND IMPLEMENTED BY A NEW ORGANIZATION: THE BUSINESS ROUND TABLE (1973)

THIS PLAN MESHED WITH POLITICAL AUTHORITY IN REAGAN/BUSH YEARS

REORGANIZATION AND PREPARATION FOR "GLOBALIZATION" TWO PHASES: (1980-1985 -- 1985-1995)

1. ATTACK POST WORLD WAR II SOCIAL DEAL (1980-1985)

LABOR UNIONS (PATCO/CONSTRUCTION/INDUSTRIAL/PUBLIC)

REGULATION: (PUBLIC INTEREST – VOLUNTARY) (ROLE OF PA)

SOCIAL WELFARE FLOOR (CLINTON'S PERSONAL REPSONSIBILITY ACT)

GENERALLY SUCCESSFUL EXTRACTION AND IDEOLOGY

2. RECONCENTRATE WEALTH AT THE TOP (1985-1990)

TAX CUTS UNDER REAGAN (KEVIN PHILLIPS: POLITICS OF RICH AND POOR)

CORPORATE TAXES REDUCED AS WORKER TAXES DOUBLE (30 TO 6%)

SHIFT OF COSTS TO STATES (RELIANCE ON SALES/PROPERTY TAXES)

VERY SUCCESSFUL: (WEALTH AND DEMOCRACY: PHILLIPS)

- A From mid 1970s to 1990s, 70% of all earnings went to top (richest) 1% of American people.
- B. Between 1979-1989 the net worth of richest 1% of the American people doubled. They now own 39% of nation's wealth.
- C. Between 1989-1999 the net worth of richest families increased 10 times. Average net work rose from 230 million to 2.6 billion.
- D. In 1999, this top 1% (2.7 million) has as much to spend as the 100 million people at the bottom of the income scale.
- E. Between 1980 and 1999, the assets and profits of the 500 largest Corporations tripled, while they eliminated 5 million jobs.

IN CONTRAST:

SPEED UP:

(1999) The average workweek expanded by 184 hours. We work nine hours more than the average European.

Highest rate of two income families.

64% of married women with kids under six years old work (19% in 1960)

Least amount of vacation time

Shortest maternity leave

One of the highest rates of hypertension

Toil longest hours in "Western world"

Happen to us while workers in Britain, France, Germany and Japan worked less for more money.

HOW TO MAINTAIN THESE SUCCESSES: ANNOUNCE NEW WORLD ORDER

THREE COMPONENTS (I'LL TALK ABOUT ONE: (#3)

1. UNILATERAL RESOURCE WARS (CHEAP/CONTROL OIL) NEW MILILTARY STRATEGY (SURROGATES/IN AND OUT)

> KUWAIT FOR OIL AFGHANISTAN FOR GAS PIPELINE (CENTRAL ASIA) COLUMBIA FOR OIL AND COAL IRAQ FOR OIL (TODAY)

2. PUBLIC EDUCATION REFORM

EXTRACTION OF \$300 BILLION FINAL FRONTIER ELIMINATION OF CAPACITY FOR CRITICAL THOUGHT IMAGAINE A DIFFERENT WORLD.
SORT AND DUMP INTO CHEAP LABOR POOL

3. **NEW ECONOMIC CONSTITUTIONS**

ANNOUNCE ENTERPRISE FOR THE AMERICAS NAFTA/ FTAA/APEC/WTO (1990s)

GOAL: (Most of public administration's goals removed)

Place Business is supreme position: least trade restrictive (Nafta Chapter 11)

Facilitate privatization of public resources (extraction)

De-regulate governmental restrictions on capital (performance)

Promote financial capital access. (Insurance, Banking, etc)

Reduce Public Resources to market services (education, health) (GATS)

Remove public from participation (arbitration system)

Create enforcement based on financial penalties on nation-state and possibly lower units of government (MAI – local govt.)

WTO IN 1995 IS SUPREME POWER

(Pass out Chart with comparison to GATT)

RESISTANCE TO THIS AGENDA DEVELOPED:

NAFTA ALMOST DEFEATED (93)

STEEL WORKERS STOPPED FAST TRACT (96)

FTAA STOPPED DUE TO THIS

CROSS BORDER ORGANIZING WITH MEXICO (LABOR)

WTO MINISTERIAL IN SEATTLE (NOV. 30TH 99)

PORTO ALEGRE, BRAZIL: WORLD SOCIAL FORUM

ARGENTINA COLLAPSE/ATENCO VICTORY (AUGUST 2002)

SEPTEMBER 11TH HAPPENED ---- AND RAPID FIRE RESPONSE

CREATION OF THE TERRORIST SCARE

IMPLEMENT THE NEW WORLD ORDER (ANNOUNCED IN 1990)

PATRIOT ACT PASSED - OCTOBER 26, 2001 (WITHOUT HEARINGS)

MILITARY TRIBUNALS – NOVEMBER, 2001 ANY NON CITIZEN

OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY – AGREED FOR SENATE ACTION

NYT: LARGEST REORGANIZATION SINCE WWII

INTENT TO SILENCE OPPOSITION TO CURRENT ECONOMY.

PATRIOT ACT ITSELF (LIBRARY HAND OUTP)

ENHANCING DOMESTIC SECURITY AGAINST TERRORISM

No muslim American discrimination Increased funding to FBI Expansion of National Electronic Crime Task Force

ENHANCED SURVEILLANCE PROCEDURES

authority of share criminal information (Grand Jury) expanding time that FISA used to conduct surveillance Foreign Surveillance Intelligence Act of 1978 (secret Ct) Delayed Warrants Searches Okay as long as is not based solely on First Amdt. (#214)
On order of an FBI official (no probable cause demonstrated)

MONEY LAUDERING ABATEMENT (due diligence)

private banking accounts (\$1 million or more) correspondence accounts (foreign) No physical presence payable through accounts (foreign) identify who is sending wire transfers

PROTECTING THE NORTHERN BORDER

Triple Border, Customs and INS
National Crime Information Center (records to INS)
Sec of State: prohibit entry: public endorsement
Engage in act: (Section 411) know or should know
AG sole unreviewable discretion
Mandatory detention on AG word until not endanger national security, plus additional periods of up to six months. Submit to congress number of\
certified aliens held.
Monitoring of all foreign students (all approved schools, higher education etc.

REMOVING OBSTACLES

AG pays rewards
Include offenders in DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act
Sharing of electronic surveillance under FISA with enforcement
Expand scope of Secret Service Agency to investigate
AG can require submission of student records from College (via court)

"provided that such an investigation of a United States person is not conducted solely upon the basis of activities protectected by the first amendment to the Constitution."

STRENGTHENING CRIMINAL LAWS AGAINST TERRORISM

Mass transit system - disables it or any support of it. (801) Harboring a person (10 years) material support Restricted person definition and commerce (817)

Definition:

Means "activities that involve acts dangerous to human life that are a violation of the criminal laws of the United States or any state that appear to be intended to intimidate or coerce a civilian population; to influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion; or to affect the conduct of a government by mass destruction, assasination or kidnapping; and occur primarly within the territorical jurisdiction of the United States."

IMPROVED INTELLIGENCE

CIA information sharing with AG (901)
Put "TERRORIST' In National Security Act of 47
Federal intelligence community encouraged to spy (903)
Establish National Virtual Translation Center
Terrorism Prevention Grants

HOW TO RESPOND

HYSTERIA (NOT LOOKING AT THE FACTS)

WATCH DEPORTATIONS (RACE MATTERS)

IT IS COMING TO YOU.

READ IT, BUT TALK ABOUT WHAT IS NOT THERE.