

## Will Terrorists Be Given 'The Bomb'?

The same forces behind the "irregular warfare" of the Baader-Meinhof and other terror gangs are now threatening that the efforts by West Germany, France, and other powers to end the terrorist menace for good will only force an escalation of terror tactics — to the use of nuclear weapons. "Studies" by the MITRE Corporation and other think tanks, and the public and private statements of many "terrorism experts" who function as controllers of the terrorist shocktroops, give abundant evidence that a "nuclear Pearl Harbor" incident is considered an option if more conventional means continue to fail.

The latest issue of the West German newsweekly *Der Spiegel*, well known as a British intelligence conduit, prophesized this week that the next terrorist wave will be nuclear. In an interview with the magazine Harold Schaefer, a crony of Baader-Meinhof sympathizer Willy Brandt, claims that terrorists are building up an arsenal of heavy artillery capable of blowing up a nuclear power plant. Then, Chancellor Schmidt is threatened directly: "Until now, Chancellor Schmidt has shown that he cannot be blackmailed during the Schleyer kidnapping case.... His argument has been that the state of law has to be defended, even if this means sacrificing a hostage's life. He will have to answer the question now whether he will keep that hard line should a nuclear blackmail come up."

The British press and the lowest of the United States' Fabian rags were even more blunt, as the following excerpts show.

### London Daily Predicts Nuclear Terror

The Daily Telegraph, London, "Don't Rest on their Laurels" by R.H.C. Steed, Oct. 19:

...There is no reason to think that the Soviet bloc will change its attitude. Russia has every interest in keeping the terrorist scourge lashing and disrupting the Western countries, while, as already noted, taking care to avoid any backlash. . . . she goes on training and financing and arming international terrorism....

International terrorism against the wide-open democracies, fomented by the Communist countries, will try new tricks. The danger of terrorist blackmail by atomic bombs is growing and is already acting as a major indirect deterrent against the expansion of nuclear power....

... No sooner did World War Two end than World War Three began to be waged by other means....

### Tales For Tomorrow?

The following excerpts were taken from the Village Voice's "Greasy Pole" column by Alexander Cockburn and James Ridgeway that appeared in the weekly's Oct. 24 issue. In the article Cockburn foresees an environmental-terrorist takeover of a nuclear power plant in New Jersey that U.S. security agencies allow to take place to enhance Jimmy Carter's waning popularity. The excerpt

*begins as Vice President Walter Mondale arrives for sham negotiations with the terrorists.*

Just before dawn that morning, October 25, 1979, people had gathered outside the Salem nuclear complex, pushed aside the 25 guards, and entered the inner security area of the power plant. Within 15 minutes they had ejected the company officials and technicians and taken over the plant. They were almost impregnable behind the thick doors of the nuclear station. Among the participants were nuclear scientists and energy experts. Every man and woman was thoroughly schooled in the operations of a nuclear-power plant.

At seven a.m. they placed a call to the White House and outlined their demands: The occupation would continue and the station gradually rendered inoperable unless certain conditions were fulfilled. The president must declare a moratorium on nuclear-power plant construction and the secret interagency report on nuclear-power plant safety must be made public in the national media....

(The plant has been retaken by U.S. "rangers" who kill Mondale in the fray. Now technicians report the condition of the equipment to Energy Secretary Schlesinger.)

It was only two hours later that government technicians discovered that in the course of the recapture of the plant the switchyard containing all the circuit breakers had been put out of action.

"What does this mean?" Schlesinger barked down the phone from the White House war room.

"It means," said a technician unsteadily, "that the fuel rods in the reactor core have overheated beyond a point we can contain. It looks like it's too late to scram the system."

"Scram," muttered Schlesinger, "What the hell does that mean?"

"Well, sir," said the technician with a tone of surprise. "It means an emergency shut down (sic). But it's too late for that. The readings show that the temperature in the reactor core is now high enough for the fuel rods to melt. And that means, sir, that we have almost certainly got a melt-down on our hands."

"Does that mean the reactor is going to be out of action?" snapped Schlesinger.

"Well, in a way, sir. I suppose you could say that."

"Well, that's okay then," said Schlesinger with relief.

"Not exactly, sir. It means that we have a puddle of molten fuel collecting at the bottom of the reactor core. Unless we're very lucky, this could form a critical mass with consequent release of energy and high radioactivity."

"You mean an atom bomb?" Schlesinger's throat was dry.

"Nuclear explosion would be a more accurate way of putting it. At the least, we could have a disastrous release of radioactivity. I suggest you implement total evacuation right away, for at least 40 miles downwind. And, if the fuel is in the correct geometrical configuration, we could have something much worse. We could have...."

His words were suddenly cut off, as an immense explosion rocked New Jersey.