

Beijing turns on Zbigniew Brzezinski

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Aside from Henry Kissinger, the next most notorious promoter of the U.S. "China card" policy has been Zbigniew Brzezinski, who as Jimmy Carter's national security adviser was instrumental in preparing the way for the full normalization of relations between the People's Republic of China and the United States. In motivating this policy, Brzezinski consistently stressed the "strategic advantages" to the United States of such a relationship, according to *New York Times* reports at the time.

Since early 1979, when relations were finally achieved, Brzezinski, operating out of the Washington, D.C. Center for Strategic and International Studies, traveled frequently to Beijing, consorting with its foreign policy think tankers and pushing his formulas for a "multi-polar" world and a condominium of interests among Washington, Deng Xiaoping's Beijing, and Gorbachov's Moscow.

Now, in the post-Tiananmen world, Brzezinski's labors appear to have been in vain. Despite his advocacy of a strategic relation with Beijing, Brzezinski has become the prime target of Beijing's revival of xenophobic repression.

The attack comes in the context of Beijing's strident ideological defense of "socialism." In an article appearing in the *Beijing Jiefangjun Bao*, called "He Who Laughs Last, Laughs Best," commentator Wei Guoyan attacks Brzezinski by name for his new book *Gigantic Failure—The Rise and Fall of Communism in the 20th Century*. Wei describes the "China card" policy as an attempt to penetrate communism: "They [Washington] have forcefully carried out a policy of 'peaceful evolution' and 'taking away the firewood from under the cauldron' toward the socialist countries. They support and encourage all kinds of anti-socialist activities in the socialist countries and have launched an offensive against them, which is 'greater than containment and cold war.'"

Other articles have attacked Western "convergence theory" by name, and outlined a history of the strategy of "peaceful evolution." One such article was published in the *People's Daily* Aug. 5, entitled "Confessions [sic] of Western Countries on Implementing the Strategy of Peaceful Evolution." The article reviews a compendium of statements by Westerners on "peaceful evolution." The article notes that the peaceful evolution strategy began with John Foster Dulles, and

was endorsed by President John Kennedy.

And although not mentioned by name, Jimmy Carter himself comes under attack for stating that "since changes have taken place in Communism, 'the West can speed up such changes.' He expressed the belief that 'peaceful evolution' is a method for 'winning victory without battle' and that people of several generations must spend their time on it."

"Peaceful evolution" measures to defeat socialism, according to the review, include taking freedom and human rights as a pretext for interfering in other countries' internal affairs; and "carrying out ideological infiltration through the Voice of America and others."

Entrapping Zhao Ziyang

Aside from serving as stern warnings to the West not to take advantage of Beijing's internal weakness, the Li Peng-Yang Shangkun-Deng Xiaoping clique is looking to tar its factional enemies with the "peaceful evolution" brush. The primary target is ousted general secretary of the Communist Party Zhao Ziyang. If Zhao Ziyang can be proven to have been in cahoots with foreigners carrying out a "peaceful evolution" strategy of penetration and war against the P.R.C., then Zhao can be brought to trial for treason and other such crimes.

A July 22 article in *Guangming Daily* attacked Zhao for his alleged statement at the January 1987 Central Secretariat meeting that "no one can clearly define what the socialist road is." In recent years, his think tank and elitists have written many articles to attack the socialist system of public ownership and preach the system of private ownership, thereby creating a violent trend."

On Aug. 8, this scheme went into action when the Public Security Ministry arrested and interrogated Chinese representatives of the Fund for the Reform and Opening of China, a private organization funded by Hungarian-American philanthropist George Soros. Beijing charged that the Fund was a CIA operation. The Fund did its "opening up" work in conjunction with the Chinese Institute for Economic and Structural Reform, a think tank associated with Zhao.

No to the 'U.S. card'

However, the attacks on Brzezinski also signal Beijing's determination that the United States is not a reliable ally on any count, politically or economically. The same article that singled out Brzezinski's latest work for attack ended with a diatribe against U.S. weakness. The United States continues to act as an imperialist power, says Wei Guoyan, noting that "even on the small matters like the medium-range missiles and FSX fighters, the U.S. still has the final say."

But, warns Wei, "although it is still prosperous in economic affairs, it has been turned from the world's biggest creditor nation into the biggest debtor nation. It looks powerful in appearance, but *weak in reality*. All these are *indisputable facts*" [emphasis added].