

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE MINUTEMEN

In June 1960 a group of ten sportsmen leased a small lake in Missouri and organized a duck hunting club. The next Sunday they started building duck blinds around the lake. Someone mentioned the current international crisis and another man said jokingly, 'Well, if the Russians invade us, we can come up here and fight on as a guerrilla band'.

It would have probably ended right there but one of the members who had special forces training remarked that it might not hurt Americans to know a little more about defending themselves if this war ever degenerates to a last ditch stand. The next Sunday he brought along some of his training manuals that were read with interest by the other members. Slowly the joke turned into a serious project.

Most books on guerrilla warfare have been written by persons with deep political convictions and we found that as we studied strategy and tactics we also became increasingly concerned with the world political situation.

To a group of average Americans it came as a shock to suddenly realize that in the seven-teen previous years the communists had succeeded in taking over 17 sovereign nations. We were surprised also to learn that only one had been taken over by military conquest. The other sixteen were lost to communism by internal subversion or negotiation. We began to wonder why and by what right two presidents of the United States agreed to turn over to the communists several independent nations in Eastern Europe and considerable territory belonging to our Chinese allies without ever asking the people of those countries who they wanted to be governed by.

This was a case of ten average Americans gradually waking up. Gradually beginning to doubt whether or not our own government had done everything that should have been done to stem the tide of communist conquest.

At first we tried to learn the answer from the printed literature of other conservative organizations and by inquiries to our Congressmen and Senators. Still we didn't feel satisfied. Therefore, we decided to start out on a six months project. Each one of us took some particular phase of the problem as his object for special study. We really dug for the facts. Each one of us spent all of that six months reading, studying, researching the libraries and joining various other organizations to learn what their proposed answer to the problem might be.

We also began infiltrating various left-wing organizations to see what makes them effective and how it is that the communists can dupe so many otherwise sensible people into doing their work for them.

Later we held a four day meeting to exchange information and during which we came to the following conclusions:

1. Our diplomatic war against communism has already been lost by bunglers or traitors within our own government. Our enemies have been strengthened through unnecessary lend lease and foreign aid arrangements. Our traditional allies have been snubbed and alienated from us. By subscribing to and translating newspapers from several foreign countries we learned that other nations of the free world do not trust the leaders of American government to protect even their fellow Americans from communism.

2. This diplomatic war has been and continues to be lost by appointed government officials beyond the reach of public opinion.

3. We cannot win a diplomatic war against communism abroad until we first establish a genuinely pro-American government here at home.

4. We also decided that a pro-American government could no longer be established by normal political means. In this one respect our conclusions differ from those of most conservative movements. There has not been one presidential election since World War II where the American public has had an opportunity to vote for a real American. There have been times when the candidates were built up by big public relations campaigns that sold them to the American people but when they were once in office they failed to act in their nation's best interest. Even the defeated candidates for president have shown by subsequent events to be little or no better than those elected. In each case the people have merely had an opportunity to vote for whoever they thought might be the lesser of two evils... usually a choice between two 'internationally minded' members of the CFR.

5. The minority vote blocks, controlled labor unions and corrupt political machines so completely monopolize the American political scene that there is no chance for the average American citizen to regain control of his own destiny at the ballot box. All the media of mass communication are effectively

controlled by the enemy so they can make the people think whatever they want them to think. Even if we could awaken enough Americans to the true facts and get out the vote for a really patriotic candidate then we must expect from past lessons that those votes would be stolen.

6. Having come to these conclusions we decided that any further effort, time or money spent in trying to save our country by political means would be wasted and that we would be better off spending these limited resources on something that actually had a little chance of victory.

7. We learned that the leaders of most other conservative organizations privately agree that it is politically impossible to elect a conservative government. Many of them, however, continue to hope that they can build up 'public opinion' into such a strong force that it will prevent our elected government officials from actually selling us out to the enemy. Here again we concluded that further efforts to alert public opinion would be largely wasted. A politician cares nothing about public opinion except as it may bring him votes or lose him votes. If he has enough votes guaranteed by labor, political and minority interests, then he doesn't give a hoot about public opinion and will not be restrained by it.

8. In this short review we cannot start to even summarize the facts, data and logic which brought us to these conclusions. In fact, we did not want to accept these conclusions, but we felt they were forced on us by the facts. We concluded that the American people are moving inexorably toward a time of total control and frustration such as must have been felt by the people of Budapest and East Germany when they finally staged their suicidal revolts.

Therefore, the objectives of the Minutemen are to abandon wasteful, useless efforts and begin immediately to prepare for the day when Americans will once again fight in the streets for their lives and their liberty. We feel there is overwhelming evidence to prove that this day must come.

Suppose even that we could somehow win by peaceful political means. Is it logical to assume that a group of people who have come this close to conquering the world will give up and withdraw simply because they lose an election? If we do not fight them, then they will certainly fight us.

The 1960 annual report of the Committee on Un-American Activities states:

'Events of the past year have provided convincing evidence that the American people cannot rely completely on this country's armed forces to protect themselves from communist domination and slavery. Certainly this statement is truer now than the day it was written.

Most people unfamiliar with the past accomplishments of underground warfare would certainly conclude that the American people would stand little chance of fighting through to ultimate victory if our armed forces were defeated or turned over to the United Nations-- perhaps, even to fight against their own country. Events indicate just the opposite.

History offers many examples of far larger and better equipped armies that were finally defeated by guerrillas. They can fight on for years, even for generations. Guerrilla bands can fight in the cities, country, forests, swamps, deserts or mountains. They are everywhere and yet nowhere. They strike without warning and vanish without a trace. They take away with them the arms, food and ammunition they will need to fight again another day.

History also proves another surprising fact: With each increase in the power and destructive potential of the conventional weapons of war, guerrilla warfare becomes more effective rather than less effective. One of the reasons for this is easily seen. The more powerful an army's weapons become the further away the enemy must be before they dare to fire their weapons at him. The more a nation relies on these big weapons the more defenseless they become against infiltrators, saboteurs and double agents within their own ranks.

Another reason for the surprising strength of underground warfare is that it utilizes the people's full defensive potential, men and women, young and old, fighting in the territory they know best-- fighting for their own.

The Minutemen are not interested in any activity that simply awakes a few people while the mass of the population remains hypnotized in front of their television sets or which elects an occasional patriotic congressman while our enemies elect their stooges by the dozens. We believe that anyone who will study the situation carefully and who is willing to face the facts must admit that such activity is useless.

Neither are we defeatists. We have no idea of fighting a last ditch stand. We have a strategy which we believe can be effective and which can lead ultimately to victory. Only one thing is essential. You must start preparing NOW! Our future battle will be won or lost before the first shot is fired.

We do not want lukewarm members. We are an organization of people willing to make any sacrifice necessary for our country. Anyone else that really feels this way about it is welcome to join us.

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