Extremists on Both Ends Tell How to Blast the Middle

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The so-called Radical Right has joined the so-called Radical Left here in the latest revolutionary gambit: publishing instructions on how to blow the so-called Establishment Middle

to smithereends.

The current issue of "Attack!...' the newspaper of the ultra-rightwing Arlington-based National Youth Alliance carries an article entitled "Why Revolution?", accompanied by detailed instructions and diagrams on how to make a dynamite bomb out of a thermos bottle.

The newspaper promises more instructions and diagrams in future editions.

"Blood and Chaos?"

"The time has come when we must wake up and realize that the policeman on the street corner and the congressman in Washington are no long either our guardians or our servants—they are the guardians and servants of the system," says "Attack!" in language barely distinguishable from that of many radical left journals.

"We do not need to reason with the monster," it continues. "We need to put a bullet into its brain and hammer a stake through its heart. If that means blood and chaos...then, by God, it is better that we get on with it now than later."

Until now, the radical left in Washington has been considerably ahead of the right in the business of publishing and distributing information on urban guerrilla weapons and tactics.

In two editions last October and November, the underground "Quicksilver Times" published a pair of "how-to" manuals giving elaborate instructions on the manufacture of a wide variety of explosive devices, booby traps and homemade guns.

"Manual With Love"

The manuals feature instructions about jellied flame hand grenades, steel pipe pistols, nitroglycerin formulas, automobile accelerator bombs and an altimeter switch designed to detonate explosives in an airplane at a designated altitude.

"We have crossed a bridge from the old style of underground newspapers featuring mainly commentary on local, national and international events presented in a radical perspective, to the dissemination of revolutionary how-to information," said the "Quicksilver" with publication of the first manual.

"Study it. Share it. Make copies of it," said the paper which says it has a circulation of about 20,000. "And above all, be careful. Part of learning to care for each other is to learn to care for ourselves. We send this manual with love."

"Patriot" vs. "Enemy"

The NYA newspaper, "Attack!" which says it has a circulation of 30,000 and is operated primarily by former American Nazi Party functionaries William Pierce

and Robert A. Lloyd III, says it will "endeavor to provide the patriot with the same information which is already in the hands of our leftist enemies," NYA president Louis Byers estimates NYA has 4,000 members in the nation.

In describing the easily concealed thermos bottle bomb, "Attack" says, "Skillful use of this important weapon alone, by a mere handful of intelligent terrorists, can virtually cripple any major city in America—at least temporarily."

It is "no longer possible to cure the system—to bring Frankenstein's monster to heel—by constitutional methods," it says at another point.

The "Quicksilver Times" is more cautious.

No Violence

"It is still time for exhausting the last futile avenues open under the system," it says, "... but it is also time for arming individuals, collectives and organizations with preparatory self-defense information that no longer will be available when the present society changes over to fascism and state censorship rules publicity."

"Quicksilver" staff members say they consciously couched publication of the manuals in "self-defense" language and consulted with an attorney first about possible legal liability under various federal statutes prohibiting advocacy of violence.

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"There's not one word that advocates violence in our paper," said "Quicksilver" staff member Terry Becker in an interview. "We're always careful to avoid that. But at the same time, everybody knows what our paper is.

Congress Proposed

"It's not illegal to disseminate information on how to blow things up," he said.

Civil liberties attorneys generally agree. So do investigators for the Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, where a proposal aimed at curbing "Quicksilver Times" style manuals was studied last year.

"There is nothing we can do," said one Subcommittee staff member this week. The proposed legislation, introduced by the late Sen. Thomas Dodd (D-Conn.), died in Committee last year and has not been re-introduced.

Becker would not say where the "Quicksilver obtained the two Times" manuals, but the paper described one of them as a docu-"captured enemy ment." It is entitled "Underground Manual Number 3," followed by the name Nick Parados and the date 1970. The other manual is called "Improvised Munitions Handbook" with no name or date.

Specialists Silent William Pierce who is editor of "Attack!", would not pinpoint the origin of the thermos bottle bomb diagram and instructions but said it is "approximately the same information that is available in military field manuals . . . Many of the manuals are classified, but they are still available."

Explosives specialists in both government and private industry here were reluctant to evaluate the "Quicksilver" manuals or "Attack!" diagrams.

"If they're a little bit mixed up in their instructions, we sure don't want to set them straight," said Scott Waffle, press spokesman for the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division of the Internal Revenue Service. "We don't want to give them a training course."

Becker says there has been a steady demand at the "Quicksilver" office for reprints of the manuals, but he would not estimate the number of such requests. "Just lots," he said.

He said his organization had printed "extras" of the manuals in anticipation of such requests. Manual "Defensive"

Requests have come from both "movement people" and "straights," he said. "They were all very polite."

Becker defined the weapons and devices in the manuals as "defensive." Asked how that definition applied to an altimeter switch for blowing up airplanes in flight, he said, "When an airplane is being used to drop bombs on you, then whatever action you take against it is defensive."

"Quicksilver's" note accompanying its second manual concludes: "We print this document in a spirit of anticipatory self-preservation, not as an incitement to violence."

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