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Protection against undercover cops

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In the middle of May, Jay King Jr. was leading demonstrations and violent confrontations at San Diego State and at the Naval Air Station in Point Loma. A few days later, Jay King brought his sick wife into La Mesa Hospital, but he wasn't Jay King at the time. He was

Special Agent John Paul Murray, Jr., on assignment from the San Diego Police Department. (The *Free Press* ran the interview between myself and the party who exposed "King's" cover.) King, or Murray, had been an influential outside agitator for MDM, the Black Panthers, SDS and other militant organizations in California for the past two years. For those two years, King, or Murray, was fomenting riots, burn-ins, bomb-ins. He led confrontations up and down California's coast. And all that while he was making book on all other SDS and MDM members, carefully documenting a secret file which he turned into the police department.

An isolated incident? Guess again! National TV recently broke a story in upstate New York. Hobart College is a long way from the University of California. It has little in common with that huge student factory. Yet a similar incident arose.

Early this year, a young man came to the Hobart College area. His name was Tommy the Traveler, and he passed himself off as an SDS weatherman. No one doubted Tommy the Traveler. No one checked up on him. He had long hair and a beard, and he smoked dope. A groovy cat, right?

A few days ago, three Hobart students were busted along with Tommy the Traveler for possession of marijuana, but he was on the streets in minutes. Some students and a lawyer did some checking. Tommy the Traveler, it seemed, was on special assignment, and still is, from the local sheriff's department! After the word was spread around, three other students were arrested— for provoking riots. Hobart College had undergone a student strike, and there was a violent demonstration. Tommy the Traveler was involved in the planning of this confrontation along with the three other students! They were now arrested on his words. Tommy the Traveler also supplied guns, fire-bombs, dynamite and other illegal equipment to be used by guerillas. The students were charged with illegal possession of these materials!

Does this sound familiar? It should. Jay King supplied the local MDM in San Diego and Oceanside with weapons, and a few hours later the Oceanside office of MDM was raided and two members arrested— for illegal possession of firearms!

Today, students at two schools face assorted charges ranging from illegal possession of guns to possession of dope and inciting to riot. Two outside agitators rest comfortably, no doubt secretly laughing at the simpletons who trusted them. Though their cover is now blown, they have done their work well. These two undercover agents have sown the seeds of fear, discord, suspicion. Who can you trust now?

Let us realize a number of things, and learn by this bad experience. First, let us realize that outside agitators come into an area to cause trouble and foment revolution, but soon leave you, the people who must bear the problems after they leave, in the lurch. Second, you openly trust and take into the strictest confidence any long-haired, bearded, dope-smoking freak without ever checking him out. He could be J. Edgar Hoover, but as long as he looks freaky, he's cool, man! Third, you are attracting undercover narcs and pigs by your actions, which in the long run, turn more people off than on.

Revolution aimed at a bank building never won a fucking thing. Burning and bombing downtown business areas has about as much

effectiveness in changing society as a snowball surviving in hell.

You want to make a real change? You want to cause Bank of America to fold? Instead of burning the Isla Vista branch of B of A, put all your money into it! Get everybody you know to put his money into it. Leave it there for one month. After that time, have everybody, en masse, pull his bread out of the bank. Watch it cause a run. Now imagine this effort happening in other branches of B of A all over the country! Everyone removing his bread at the same time. This is fighting economics with economic fire, not canned fire. And you can't be arrested for removing your funds.

As long as so-called revolutionaries run amuck in the streets, the police will continue to put undercover agents into the movement, and more people will be arrested, injured and killed. Because these revolutionaries do their bombing and firing, the public will allow further repressive measures to go on. You can look forward to illegal search and seizure, arrests and trials without proper legal procedure, even kangaroo courts. The conservatives have a lot going for them at the moment, and every revolutionary bombing and firing gives them further ammunition for their sick minds. Is it worth it?

The bank at Isla Vista still stands, while hundreds of people were beaten and arrested. Bank of America can afford to buy out Isla Vista, so setting one stinking branch of B of A on fire has no effect other than to unite pigs with right wingers. The next time you want to lead a riot, think carefully. Look at the other leaders. Do you really know them? And what will be the result of your actions? Real change, or anger in the streets?