

Is the CIA behind the China-bashing Olympics protests?

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Around the world, Beijing's hosting of the 2008 Olympic Games has become the target of unprecedented, well-orchestrated and extremely hostile mass protests.

Meanwhile, geostrategic realities, and historical and current parapolitical fact, suggest that the protesters and passionate activists (in <u>time-honored form</u>) have once again become the willing dupes, propaganda shills, and street bullies for "causes" created, fronted, and pushed by Anglo-American intelligence agencies (CIA, British intelligence, etc.) that continue to target a government (this time Beijing), in a host of long-term subversion and sabotage plans.

Tibet: imperial pawn

Behind the powerful din created by the popular and celebrity-embraced "Save Tibet," campaign is the fact that the CIA is behind the Tibet independence movement.

According to many reports, the Dalai Lama himself may be a long-time CIA asset. See <u>The</u> <u>Role of the CIA behind the Dalai Lama's holy cloak</u> and <u>The Tibet Card</u>.

In addition to being geostrategically situated, Tibet is also rich with <u>oil and gas</u>, and minerals — and this is just part of the larger superpower warfare between the US and China. See <u>Tibet, the "great game", and the CIA</u>.

The legions of pro-Tibet activists also seem largely unaware of the historical fact that the "holy land of compassion" has been a CIA pawn since the end of World War II. The infamous Tolstoi Mission sent CIA operatives into Tibet, with plans to establish it as a US military base, from which the US could control the entire Asian region. This activity flourished under the US-supported, opium-banked Nationalist Kuomintang regime of Chiang Kai-Shek.

When the Communists rose to power, the CIA trained Tibetans in guerrilla tactics to use against the regime in Peking, and thousands of Tibetans lost their lives in these battles. Who benefited? Who really gave the orders then — and who is driving the agenda now?

There is little doubt that Anglo-American interests continue to use Tibet, exploit the image of Tibet as a holy place under siege, and bamboozle naïve (and well-heeled) outside activists with slick marketing, in order to undermine Beijing.

Denunciations of Beijing's brutal crackdowns do not take into account the covert operations and outside infiltrations that triggered the crackdowns in the first place.

Outside forces behind Falun Gong

On the surface, and to uncritical eyes, practitioners of the practice of Falun Gong, a school of Chinese qi gong, are the innocent victims of horrific suppression by Beijing. In a situation parallel to the crackdowns in Tibet, it is also a fact that Falun Gong has been the recipient of years of vicious crackdowns and human rights atrocities across China.

But just as is the case with Tibet, there is more to the Falun Gong case than simple persecution. Outside political forces and corporate interests can be found pushing Falun Gong into increasingly political activities, including well-funded, well-organized, and ubiquitous worldwide protests against the Chinese Communist Party.

Among the foreign (predominantly Western) <u>Friends of Falun Gong</u>, we find the likes of <u>Mark</u> <u>Palmer of Freedom House</u>. Freedom House is a quasi-intelligence front created by the CIAconnected <u>Open Society Institute</u> of elite <u>George Soros</u>. In addition to Palmer, Freedom House has counted among its top management the former CIA Director James Woolsey, neocons Bernie Aronson and Diana Negroponte, super elite Zbigniew Brzezinski, former Clinton National Security Advisor Anthony Lake, Clinton Commerce Secretary Stuart Eizenstat, and the late Congressman Tom Lantos and his wife.

Freedom House is backed by the <u>National Endowment for Democracy</u> (NED), which former CIA agent <u>Philip Agee</u>, and many others have amply documented, is a US intelligence apparatus that has been a driving force behind opposition forces ("democracy revolutions") in many countries.

As pointed out by William Blum in his book, *Rogue State*, the CIA has created a host of "Trojan horses" such as the NED specifically to subvert foreign countries, under the guise of humanitarianism:

"The NED was set up in the early 1980s under President Reagan in the wake of the negative revelations about the CIA, in the second half of the 1970s . . . The idea was that the NED would do somewhat overtly what the CIA had been doing covertly for decades, and thus, hopefully, eliminate the stigma associated with CIA covert activities.

"It was a masterpiece. Of politics, of public relations and of cynicism.

"The National Endowment for Democracy was set up to 'support democratic institutions throughout the world through private, nongovernmental efforts' . . . In actuality, every penny of its funding comes from the federal government . . . NED likes to refer to itself as an NGO (non-governmental organization). The NED is a 'GO.'

"In a multitude of ways, the NED meddles in the internal affairs of foreign countries . . . In short, NED's programs are in sync with the basic needs and objectives of the New World Order's economic globalization, just as the programs have for years been on the same wavelength as US foreign policy.

"The NED, like the CIA before it, calls what it does supporting democracy. The governments and movements whom the NED targets call it destabilization."

An <u>analysis conducted in 1999</u> (during the Clinton administration) offers a glimpse of the NED's role behind a long list of "democracy" fronts — including Tibet independence and

Falun Gong. Just imagine what this list looks like today, in a time of war, spearheaded by the Bush-Cheney milieu.

For legitimate reasons, Beijing clearly suspects US and CIA involvement behind Falun Gong. Denunciations of human rights offenses committed against Falun Gong, however legitimate, are one-sided if they do not also take into account the funding and co-opting of the group by outside political forces.

Manipulation behind Darfur

Similar to the "Save Tibet" movement, the "Save Darfur"/"Stop Darfur Genocide" movement has become a worldwide cause celebre, embraced and trumpeted by a host of Hollywood celebrities and headline-loving political bigwigs, and aggressive activists. While this cause is continuously promoted by propaganda, and one-sided "Hotel Rwanda" type fare, the real geostrategic game being played in Africa is being largely ignored.

China and the US are just one of many nations whose political and corporate interests are battling over which controls the <u>energy spoils</u> in Darfur, and the entire horn of Africa.

It is not just China doing business there. In fact, the Western oil companies have engaged in far more aggressive activities, for many years more.

Darfur is <u>brimming with covert operations</u>, and Anglo-American military-intelligence involvement behind tribal warfare, elections, cross-border military skirmishes, and massacres is undeniable.

In other words, there is a "great game" being played in Africa, just as there is one being played around Tibet. Through propaganda, China is being made into the single arch-villain.

Off-target passions, easily manipulated

Virtually every government on the planet is guilty of human rights abuses, and these abuses deserve to be exposed and protested. But to simplemindedly (and, with more than a little racism thrown in) protest China, based on human rights "causes" created, manipulated, and co-opted by Anglo-American intelligence propaganda is to fall directly into the hands of the exponentially greater violators of human rights all over the world: the United States and its allies.

Indeed, activists and protesters all over the world must ask themselves whose side they are really on, and to whose orders are they marching? The vast majority of both pro- and anti-Chinese protesters fail to acknowledge the complexities underlying their pet causes, or the corruption poisoning the situation from every side.

Far from actually alleviating any suffering in Darfur, Tibet or within China itself, activists are being guided into deepening the suffering; assisting the Anglo-American empire's own plans to destabilize and conquer (energy-rich and strategically situated) Africa and (energy-rich and strategically situated) Tibet, and politically hamper Beijing.

China is the target of <u>long-term US military and political aggression</u>. A full-blown superpower conflict is underway. China is being simultaneously used as the labor engine for the world's capitalist economy, while being geostrategically and militarily encircled. China is also in the process of being financially seized and gutted by the World Trade Organization. Every move

made by the Beijing government, particularly for its own stakes in oil and gas, have been violently contested by the Western powers.

China's attempted rise to the world stage, out of decades of isolation, is headed off by rapacious US-led machinations. Today's anti-Chinese Olympics protests are simply the latest manifestation.

It is no surprise that US presidential aspirants Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama have jumped on the anti-Chinese Olympic boycott bandwagon, joining the worldwide anti-China propaganda noise. It is now politically expedient for all of the presidential nominees, as well as the Bush-Cheney administration, to hammer at Beijing, without bothering to mention the true complexities of US-China politics.

It is tragically ironic that the predominantly Western/developed market-based "Save Tibet" and "Save Darfur" activists and anti-China protesters have done relatively little, if anything to "save themselves."

Compared to the militant zeal expended against China, relatively little passion or outrage has been aimed at the Bush-Cheney administration. These "activists" would rather focus on "saving those poor Tibetans and Africans," even as their own human rights, liberties, material assets and well being have been systematically ripped away, by an openly criminal administration that (with the help of a corrupt Supreme Court, Congress, Wall Street, the Federal Reserve, etc.) enjoys absolute unchecked power.

The "Save Tibet," "Save Darfur," and "Help Falun Gong" movements are as deceptive as the "war on terrorism." The "causes" are controlled by Anglo-American intelligence apparatuses and/or co-opted by them, in order to provide the masses with the propaganda justification for wars and intervention, and resource conquest.

The CIA's "mighty Wurlitzer" has never been more deafening, and the masses are dancing to its tune.

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