

1984 is Happening Now – Part Three

*The right to be let alone is the most comprehensive of rights
and the right most valued by civilized men.*

—Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis,
Olmstead v. United States (1928), 277 U.S. 438, 478

Private Eyes

Are watching you.

They see your every move.

—*Private Eyes* by Hall, Pash, Allen & Allen

Well, here we are in another period of terror-freakout, but this one has been ramped far beyond that of the early 1950s Communist scare due to the World Trade Center bombing of 1993, the Murrah Building bombing, and 9-11.

The spooks, the international spying, the ideological mind games between the alleged free-world and Communist blocs, the bomb shelter mindset, the air raid drills, and the Cold War pseudo-drama of a half-century ago have given way to violence and the killing of innocents on our soil.

It is interesting that the Murrah and 1993 WTC bombings were supposedly sting operations run by Federal law enforcement agencies that somehow went horribly wrong.

Interesting, too, that no Federal law enforcement agents headquartered in the Murrah were not in the building that fateful morning in April 1995. Unfortunately the children in the day care center were.

Now in the wake of, not a Red Scare, but a radical Islamic scare, the masses have again been psychologically massaged into believing that bad guys lurk around every corner, behind every bush and tree, on every flight, in libraries, and anywhere within the depths of a convenience store operated by swarthy foreigners.

To deal with this daunting specter, the Amerikan government has unleashed a barrage of programs designed to help fight terror. However, the real long-range objective of these programs is not to root out terrorists, but to condition people to spy on one another, which is a common trait of all fascist regimes, most notably those of Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin, Mao.

But, hey, why should we worry? After all, fascism can't happen here.

Going a bit back in time, let's remember that the first snitch program these clever Thinkmeisters ever created was TIPS (Terrorism Information and Prevention System). Don't you love the cleverness of these anagrams? The following verbiage was excerpted from the www.citizencorps.gov website as it appeared in early 2002:

“This reporting system is being developed by the Department of Justice in coordination with several other federal agencies, including the Office of Homeland Security, the Department of Labor, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and FEMA, as a part of Citizen Corps. The program was announced in concept in January 2002 for the stated purpose of creating a national information sharing system for specific industry groups *to report suspicious, publicly observable activity that could be related to terrorism* [italics my emphasis]. The program is scheduled to be operational in the fall of 2002 as one of the new Citizen Corps programs.”

Apparently the whole idea of TIPS—from the anagram’s connotation to the program’s descriptors—was so repugnant to the population that the program was pulled from the website sometime prior to November 2002.

However, while the program’s title *TIPS* vaporized, the snitch spirit lived on, repackaged as part of this program:

Highway Watch (www.highwaywatch.com), whose objective requires its participants—transportation infrastructure workers, commercial and public truck and bus drivers, and other highway sector professionals—to be specially trained *to recognize potential safety and security threats and avoid becoming a target of terrorists* [italics my emphasis].

Specially trained to recognize potential safety and security threats.

Just say it plain. Snitch.

To demonstrate the ineptness of our Office of Homeland Insecurity, though, let me pass on the following anecdote:

A fellow employee explained that her brother, an over-the-road truck driver from Rochester, New York, took the Highway Watch workshop. No problem there. However, when he went to fly down to Florida to visit his sister, he found he was on the “No-fly List,” a person of interest.

You can’t make this stuff up.

Then we have the snitch program that can be found at www.usaonwatch.org. One of the program’s objectives is to conduct “eyes and ears” training sessions with local businesses to teach employees, “who are out in the community,” to peek and listen in on whomever they suspect might be terrorists, most likely their neighbors.

Another beauty is the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) Program found on the website: www.policevolunteers.org. Information about the program is curiously vague, but it does state that its goal is to “enhance the capacity of state and local law enforcement to utilize volunteers.”

To do what? Snitch? I’d have some respect for these volunteers if they were paid for their snitching. Then they’d be informants, professionals. But to do it for free?

And what is inherently insidious about this program is that it is prone to attract creeps—like those residents in deed restricted communities, who, once they are bestowed with a degree of power as, say, board members on homeowners associations, tend to misuse their new-found authority and wind up bullying others.

But perhaps the most frightening outcome of these snitch programs is the tone of posters displayed in train cars of the Maryland Rail Commuter Service. (These can be viewed at www.mdrails.com/Marc.html.)

Not only does the poster militantly command its passengers—“The MARC Marshals”—to “Watch, Ride and Report,” but it also employs a motif that is classic 1930s Communist propaganda artwork.

Was this some bad joke pulled off by a public relations firm? Or are the masses being blatantly conditioned to snitch for the good of The State?

Although there seems to be no shortage of amorphous volunteer organizations, one in particular uses language strangely similar to that of a bill in Congress that has a rather odd past.

The organization in question is AmeriCorps’ National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC), whose ideology seemingly blurs the lines between what is volunteer work and military service: “A 10-month, full-time residential program for men and women between the ages of 18 and 24” . . . that . . . “combines the best practices of civilian service with the best aspects of military service.”

The bill on The Hill whose language is similar to that of the NCCC is the Universal National Service Act of 2005 (H.R. 2723), which makes the pronouncement that “it is the obligation of every citizen of the United States, and every other person residing in the United States, who is between the ages of 18 and 26, to perform a period [15 months] of national service.”

Consider the semantics here. The statement first mentions “every citizen,” then “every person.” It’s not until the last clause that the qualifying age of 18 to 26 appears. This construction almost makes it sound like everybody will be doing compulsory service.

And that’s for a reason.

Because the time is coming when everyone in Amerika will be pressed into compulsory service, which will be, not for a 15-month period, but lifelong. The *volunteer* stuff being bandied about now is just conditioning.

By the way, H.R. 2723’s age specification of 18 to 26 years of age directs itself to the eligibility of men and women for military service. And that is why I remarked that this bill has had an odd past because it is, in essence, back-door draft legislation that underwent a name change.

Originally titled the Universal Military Service Act, this bill is still very clear about its purpose: “To provide for the common defense by requiring that all young persons in the United States, including women, perform a period of military service or a period of civilian service in the furtherance of the national defense and homeland security.”

Our clever legislators switched out the word *military* and replaced it with *national*.

Why did they do that?

Because they’re lying to you. They’re using their mainstream propaganda machine to tell you there are no provisions for a draft, when, in reality, they’re attempting to sneak this bill through, all the while hoping—probably rightfully so—that none of us are paying attention.

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