

# Goldwater 'Brainwashed'?

## Says Make Europe Rubbleheap

NEW YORK, June 5 — In a shocking and astonishing departure from his earlier positions, Senator Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) has publicly embraced official Maoist strategic doctrine, and has also proposed that Western Europe be sacrificed as a potential rubbleheap in escalated U.S. confrontations with the Soviet Union.

This represents a sharp about-face in Goldwater's viewpoint, which has emerged abruptly since his flight to Taiwan with Nelson A. Rockefeller to celebrate the funeral of Chiang Kai Chek. Some close associates of Goldwater have reported that he has, apparently undergone a profound personality change during the Taiwan reconciliation with his longstanding Rockefeller enemy.

The key features of Goldwater's statement, delivered June 3 on the floor of the Senate, are as follows.

"...We must remember that doctrinally Europe is also the home of fascism and communism. It was there that those creeds were not only formulated but put into practice. Communism still bedevils most of the world and causes most of our problems. Thus our European antecedents are not entirely without their flaws....

"...How significant would it be to us if the various European states became communist states? I might add that I regard the possibility of Europe becoming communist as more likely to arise not so much out of outright aggression by the Soviets, as by the impending failure of the European experiment with semi-socialist government....It seems to me that Europe is in the process of being outflanked by the USSR, especially in regard to the Southern flank, the critical Mediterranean Sea. In part we have contributed to this by such acts as cutting of military aid to

Turkey...and by our policy of playing both the Arab and Israeli sides of the street at the same time without enunciating a clear and simple Middle Eastern policy. A further complication could also arise when Marshall Tito passes from the scene. The Russians, because of the absence of any countervailing force, will be tempted to intervene in Yugoslavia and here will be a secure Russian access to the Mediterranean Sea...

"We of the U.S. may have more of a liability on our hands than an asset.

"Of all the concepts regarding Europe that I have enunciated here that of Europe held as a hostage against the U.S. is the most likely and the most dangerous. Perhaps we have forgotten, but the NATO Pact cites that 'an attack against one is an attack against all.' Ponder on the situation. The Alliance is not unified. It has not marshalled sufficient forces to mount its own defense by land and promises to do less in the future. There are strong forces in the Alliance that are antipathetic to the United States. Because of NATO's weakness, any war in Europe would inevitably mean the use of nuclear weapons. More and more assuming the role of the Alliances' nuclear mercenaries. Yet we are bound to this desperate and, I may say, militarily ineffective group of a boiler-plated agreement. Europe is impotent in terms of will and capability relative to Soviet might. This is what I mean by Europe being held hostage...

"The situation which is upon us now can and must be rectified if the NATO alliance is to endure. Without rectification the U.S. would be as well served in changing its automatic guarantees to NATO. This would give us the flexibility of choosing what actions we might take relative to the Soviet Union...

Again we must summon both our own (will) and allies' will toward vigorous defense of independence and liberties.

"If this is not done then Western Europe and NATO will become awesome liabilities...."

In the same address to the Senate, Sen. Goldwater continued: "...Politically Asia is more important to us than Europe. Europe's political originality seems to be of the past — both the good and the bad. I do not sense any groundswell of new ideas in Europe, although there may be repetition of what has happened before. In Asia, however, things may be different. When Mao Tse-Tung turned Karl Marx's theories upside down and made the peasant rather than the proletariat the raw material of revolution he initiated a momentous event. Some two-thirds, or more, of the world's people are peasant. Has Mao given to the enormous mass a rationale for their future? If he has, we have a startling phenomenon on our hands. It transcends anything that has happened in Europe in planetary significance both politically and especially strategically. Recent events in Asia would seem to bear out this contention at least in part, and this leads me immediately to the strategic significance of this Maoist concept.

"Let me deal first with peasants, not only in Asia, but of peasants generally. These past 30 years we have seen peasants at war in Asia. These folks have shown discipline, military skill, dedication, endurance and hardihood. We Americans perhaps know this as well as anyone. But only a tiny fraction of Asian peasants have been involved. The characteristics I have noted apply to China's peasants. We see therefore a potential for an enormous mass

to be mobilized for war of a particular kind, what Mao has called protracted limited war, similar to what we faced in Vietnam but of a grander scale. But another critical factor must be added to this new pattern, namely, nuclear weapons. I believe this bringing together of nuclear weapons and the enormous peasant mass in the strategy of protracted limited war is as potentially significant militarily as was the famous levee en masse of the French revolution which, when combined with Napoleon's genius, created a conquering force which made the world tremble.

"We must now note yet another important factor. The discipline and endurance of China's

peasants — and for that matter those of Japan and Vietnam also — is intrinsically rooted in their family system. It is not something brought about by communism. On the contrary, communism, as turned around by Mao Tse-Tung, exploits these ancient values. This discipline and endurance, therefore, is not something which is of fleeting significance but is a characteristic that will be around for a long time....

"...The second danger that could arise, if we turn our backs on Asia, is that after Mao's demise an almost opposite situation could arise. Along with Russian help, a pro-Soviet faction could take power in China. This would presage a time of great

turmoil and danger. But should an alliance between China and the USSR arise, this would represent the first — I repeat, the first — unbeatable alliance yet seen on this planet. Europe does not represent such an adjunct to the USSR, even under the best of circumstances."

Those familiar with Goldwater's attitudes and reasoning immediately prior to the Taiwan excursion are struck by the fact that such a set of statements do not correspond to his longstanding mental habits. This is not a Goldwater-type of "Cold War" argument; it is, however, a highly accurate parody of the sentiments and attitudes known to be expressed by Nelson A. Rockefeller during private discussions among his intimates.