

The mind of Oliver North

Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. shows how the young lieutenant colonel was the victim of the foolish policies of Bill Casey and Ronald Reagan.

"John Rambo," disguised as Lt. Col. Oliver North, finally realized his ambition, to face down a collection of Washington politicians before the TV cameras, to tell the world what his experience in Vietnam "was all about."

Throughout, what the audience experienced was a TV movie special, with repeated flashbacks to North's bitter memories of his Vietnam experience, interrupting the scene in the room where Sen. Daniel Inouye's joint congressional committee was hearing the testimony.

It was said, that Ollie North would go into the committee hearings swinging, determined to take President Reagan off the hook of suspicion of wrongdoing in the "Contra" affair. For the most part, North appeared to do just that. Ollie was strong on the principle of constitutional powers; that was useful, and right. The problem North ducked, was the fact that his own, Reagan's, and Casey's policy in the Contra affair stank.

In the end, hoping to clear the President through North backfired. Putting that unhappy Vietnam veteran on the stand, brought up in North hateful memories of those politicians in Washington who send men into battle, but who abandon them, leaving them hanging out to bleed and dry, when the lure of political opportunism becomes too strong for the weak personal character of the typical Washington official. Obviously, deep in Ollie North's mind, Ronald Reagan was just another one of those politicians. Something inside North impelled him subliminally to thrust Ronald Reagan back into the target-area of suspicion.

For most television viewers around the nation, for the moment, Oliver North was the folk-hero of the day. He stirred up bitter memories in Vietnam veterans. He also stirred up a similar feeling in many other Americans. Vietnam is a bitter memory of betrayal by the "politicians" in Washington. Most Americans today, for one just cause or another, feel bitterly betrayed by "those politicians in Washington," by "the Establishment." The desire to hit back at the establishment is a broad, deep, and surging current within the population of the United States. For these Americans, North's public appearance before the joint committee was the best spectator sports event of the year, and most among the spec-

tators were rooting for Ollie.

The euphoria over Ollie North will pass, as the dirty side of the Contra operations, including the drug-running into the United States, claims the spotlight. There will be those fans who root for Ollie North for decades to come; but for the majority of Americans, North's moment of triumph as a mayfly hero of the Contra affair, is perhaps a matter of no more than a few more weeks.

Contra drug-running aside, all decent Americans feel sympathy for Ollie North. Those of us who know, know that North is a perennial victim. He was a victim of Vietnam policies. He was a victim of former CIA Director William Casey's calculating follies. He was a victim of a naive, stubbornly ideological President who too rarely thinks through what he is authorizing. Ollie North entered the committee hearings laden not only with honorable decorations, but also the bitter realization that since his graduation from Annapolis, his career had often been that of "Mr. Expendable," "Mr. Professional Scapegoat."

If I am ever in a position to do so, I will put my hand to assist in bestowing justice upon this well-meaning, tragic victim. Ollie North is Goethe's Faust. His misguided sense of opportunity for power and glory, his credulity, was his pact with Mephistopheles. He is paying the price of his error, but we must save Ollie North, like Faust, from his own folly, because we must give no victory to Mephistopheles over the soul of a single human being.

Ollie North will fade, as the sordid truth about the Contras comes to light, but the impact of what has happened during and surrounding these hearings will not.

Put aside Ollie North as the "John Rambo" of the popular Washington soap-opera. Look at North as a Marine who earned his honors as a junior officer in Vietnam, who never should have been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel, who had no qualifications for the position he occupied in the National Security Council staff but that of professional scapegoat. Look at Ollie North as a product of the incompetence of strategic policy-making under the guidance of such influentials as the late CIA Director William Casey.

Let us see the essential folly as Bill Casey's, and let us

view Ollie "John Rambo" North as a parody of Casey's follies. Let us see Casey's blunders through the mind of Ollie North.

What Marines remember

Among knowledgeable Marine Corps officers and others, Secretary of State George Shultz is bitterly, justly hated, for what happened to the Marines sent into Lebanon.

"Hey, soldier! Up and at 'em! Prepare to kill and be killed." Then, "Whoa, boy. Keep the fighting down while we're waiting for the negotiating team to be sent in." Then, "Hey, boy, take down those sandbags. Put away those machine-guns and rocket-launchers covering our position. Don't issue ammunition to the sentries. Must keep up a peace-loving appearance. The State Department and the negotiating team insist."

A sentry hurls his unloaded piece against the oncoming suicide-bombers' truck laden with explosives. "Boom." A lot of Marines were dead. They weren't really there to fight as assault troops, which Marines are excellent at doing. They were assigned to be sitting ducks, by George Shultz's State Department. "Sure, we were kicked out of Lebanon, but, thank God, we did it all the State Department's way."

For a Marine officer, Lebanon was Vietnam all over again, doubled in spades.

The Ollie Norths, and many others, have a long list of reasons to despise the diplomats and those amoral politicians in Washington who send brave men to die, and then abandon them to bleed and dry in the desert winds.

These Marines of ours are not killers, not impersonal robots; they are young citizen-soldiers. They train to place themselves at risk for the sake of a mission which they are told is in the service of the vital interests of our nation. Then comes the State Department. Dead men's buddies ask the diplomats, "What about our mission?" The diplomat's honest reply would be, "Your mission in Vietnam was to help Henry Kissinger organize the China Card," or, "to help George Shultz continue Alexander Haig's work of sabotaging the Reagan Plan for Middle East peace."

The Ollie Norths of the United States are filled to their eyeballs with embittered memories, for which I, for one, do not blame them. Their bitterness is justified; unfortunately, their knowledge of the correct, alternative strategic doctrines is generally zilch. It is not their fault; men like Bill Casey never told them what the alternatives should be.

That incompetence—the reckless amateurism which prevailed so often under Billy Casey's approach to strategic problems—is the subject to be viewed through a peek into the mind of Ollie North. A man like North, so visibly ignorant of the rudiments of political intelligence, of strategic issues, and of the ABCs of conduct of irregular warfare, should never have been placed in so sensitive and difficult a position as that to which North was assigned in the White House. Sometimes, as in the assignment of North, Casey's performance

was politically, strategically, strictly amateur night.

The proper subject of Contragate is U.S. policy for conducting irregular warfare within the context of the imperial aggression by the Russian empire's Bolshevik dynasty. The subject is understanding and beating Soviet Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov and the military brains concentrated in the Soviets' Voroshilov military academy. Bill Casey never explained that to Ollie North; probably, Casey never understood this subject himself.

Neither Ollie North, nor Bill Casey ever really understood the Bolshevik strategic threat, and neither ever learned the ABCs of irregular warfare. Face the fact, that all that Ollie North said about both the Contra operation itself was a mixture of lies, strategic stupidity, and babbling ideological buncombe. Ollie North knew no better. Bill Casey should have known and told North, had Casey himself really understood the genius of that OSS's Bill Donovan whom Casey so much admired.

Bill Donovan was governed by a dedication to a national mission. Bill Casey had more modest goals, using a tissue of loopholes in the design of Executive Orders 12333 and 12334, through which he could march a virtual secret government of the United States. Bill Donovan built an instrument designed to fulfill a national mission; Bill Casey assumed that if his team were solidly entrenched with the power of a secret government, that, then, any mission which might be chosen could be pursued without effective opposition from within government.

Bill Donovan thought big; in comparison, Bill Casey thought small. I know. I was there. I was sold out, betrayed by Bill Casey, because I put the vital interests of the United States above the irresponsible, sometimes contemptibly petty choice of policies which Casey's apparatus chose to adopt for the intelligence community at that particular point in time. I admired and liked Bill Casey on certain accounts, but he had a terrible flaw, and we are all—including Ollie North—paying for Casey's calculating follies today.

That is the proper subject of inquiry in the Ollie North case.

Irregular warfare

Don't go too far in blaming Casey. U.S. strategic policy has stunk ever since the wartime conferences at Yalta and Potsdam.

I don't say that President Harry S. Truman was a coward; I think what might appear to have been a cowardly backdown to Stalin, at Potsdam and in the Berlin crisis, simply meant that Truman was a seasoned machine-politician way over his head in world politics, and very, very badly advised by Averell Harriman's Establishment cronies.

In the Potsdam conference, Truman was simply in over his head. In the Berlin crisis, sending the U.S. armored unit through to Berlin would have compelled Truman to understand, that although the U.S. military forces were vastly

outgunned by the Soviets in the theater, the Soviets could not have shot back, because they were in no position to start a war with the United States. Truman might have had the personal nerve to order the U.S. armor to move, had he grasped that point. He evidently didn't grasp that point, and bought the idea of the Berlin airlift instead.

Truman's Berlin blunder belongs in the category of honest mistakes in judgment, as far as Truman himself was concerned. He tried to correct that error later. Unfortunately, that error in strategic judgment on Berlin, helped to establish the pattern of step-by-step U.S. backdown to Soviet imperial advances, which has been our strategic diplomatic system of policy-making ever since.

Casey's failure was that he became part of the system established with the Yalta and Potsdam agreements; he tried to play within that system, rather than working to change it. He was a skilled technician, a manager, a coordinator, with very little statesmanship in him, with little manifest ability to comprehend the long-term strategic consequences of his short-term expediencies. He played the game for short-term effects, within the system, and that became his habituated response to every situation.

Much greater blame belongs to influentials such as John J. McCloy, Harriman, than Casey. Leo Cherne or Jay Lovestone are much more the architect of our disasters than Casey even came close to being. Casey's fault is that he was shortsighted, opportunistic, and opposed anyone who said, "Hey, fellows, our problem is the system of strategic diplomacy established at Yalta and Potsdam. As long as we define our intelligence missions that way, the United States is going to continue to lose the larger strategic game." That was the reason Casey fouled up, and it is Casey's foul-ups which are the limited subject under immediate consideration here.

The system is called "crisis management." This is what an embittered Ollie North, and other soldiers left hanging out to bleed and dry, should have understood, if they wished to know what really happened in Vietnam, or Lebanon, or Central America.

We have an armed adversary. That adversary is the Bolshevik dynasty of a Russian empire which has been subjugating peoples ever since Ivan the Terrible. This Bolshevik dynasty, the spiritual heir of Fyodor Dostoevsky and Maxim Gorky, is absolutely committed to conquering the world as soon as possible. It believes that Moscow has a mystical destiny to rule the world forever. This Muscovite has a deep, centuries-old hatred of Western Christianity—the hated "Roman religion." If a Russian doesn't believe that, is not absolutely committed to that, he is not a Muscovite, he is not a Bolshevik. There are no peace-loving Muscovites.

Bolshevik society today is a military cult. Bolshevik culture was designed by Dostoevsky and Gorky, as an imitation of the military cult of Mithra superimposed upon an indigenous Muscovite character-type known as the "Old Believers," or Raskolniki. The Bolshevik imperial ideal is the model of the Babylonian and Persian empires: a master-race, organized as a military cult, ruling over a worldwide collection of assorted colonies, satrapies, and client-states.

This Bolshevik culture recognizes nothing but a combination of raw power and the political will to use that power. The notion that a Western nation, or bloc of nations, could negotiate a rational system of global peace-keeping with Moscow, is a masturbatory fantasy of credulous Harvard graduates. We can avoid war with the Bolshevik dynasty military forces only under three conditions:

1) That we surrender, and join the ranks of the captive nations of Eastern Europe.

2) That we do not invade Russia.

3) That we maintain sufficient power and matching political will to persuade them of far greater assured destruction—especially of Holy Moscow and the Muscovite Rodina—than they are willing to risk, should they push us to war. They are brutish, calculating bullies, who take no avoidable risks beyond those they are committed to accepting.

Bolshevik military power is a central feature of Russian imperial plans for early world-conquest, and is currently being mobilized for the launching of total war against the United States, unless we prevent this war by surrendering. This pre-war mobilization, designed by Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov and his collaborators of the Soviet General Staff—the Voroshilov military academy—is called *perestroika*. Their intent is to be prepared to launch an attack on the U.S. by about 1992, although they appear to be slipping some of their target-dates so far.

We have a few years to turn that situation around, to put the United States under the leadership of a President whose strength of political will is feared in Moscow. Therefore, I am—except for Pope John Paul II—the single person most hated in Moscow today. Moscow has already demonstrated in action, that it will do almost anything to induce the government of the United States, including desperate efforts to negotiate irreversible "zero option" concessions from President Reagan, to prevent me from becoming President in January 1989. If that fails, they will move to have me eliminated physically.

Under my kind of leadership, we must put the Western world through a genuine economic recovery mobilization, such that we have the power to match political will at whatever point the Soviet *perestroika* war-mobilization operation has reached its objectives. If we succeed in that, we shall avoid war.

Soviet irregular warfare

However, Bolshevik strategy is not based upon regular warfare means alone. The heart of Bolshevik pre-war strategy is irregular warfare.

Irregular warfare means the use of every method, ex-

cepting one's own regular military forces, to undermine, or even conquer an adversary. Irregular warfare includes subversion of culture and religion, as the Russian Orthodox Church is being used today to corrupt Western church bodies. It means political corruption of Western governments and political parties. It means undermining the economic strength of the West in every possible way, including takeover of raw materials regions in Asia, southern Africa, and elsewhere. It means recruiting from among "environmentalists" to conduct political operations against our high-technology economy, to organize riots, to conduct acts of sabotage, assassinations, and paramilitary lethal force, as in West Germany, France, and Italy. It means guerrilla warfare, to bleed us and our friends dry, and to weaken us in every way possible.

If we lose the irregular war, as we have been doing for about 20 years, we will surely lose regular warfare when Moscow chooses to launch its general-warfare attack.

Central America is a theater of irregular warfare.

The chief irregular warfare assets of the Russian empire in Central and South America include not only Communist Party cadres. They include strange religious cults, the so-called "environmentalists," all sorts of terrorist bands, including fascist ones. It means, chiefly, international narco-terrorism: the interface between drug-runners and terrorism or outright guerrilla warfare. Every major drug-running organization in Central and South America today, including the friends of Robert Vesco, is a Soviet asset.

Ollie North was fighting on the wrong side in that irregular warfare against the Russian empire's penetration of our hemisphere. Not because he intended to help Moscow, but out of sheer stupidity, a stupidity which Bill Casey shared.

I have been eyeball-to-eyeball with Bill Casey, North, and others on this issue—the chief cause of the legal harassment against me today. I know whereof I speak, chapter and verse. Bill Casey wasn't really as stupid as some might think I am suggesting, not by a long shot. The trouble with Bill, on this issue, is that he did not wish to know. It would have interfered with the financial interests of some of his cronies and assets. He made himself stupid, so as to avoid a clash between serving the avarice of some among his cronies, and his sense of patriotic commitment. He didn't know, because he did not wish to be told.

Eighty to ninety percent of successfully fighting guerrilla warfare is culture, religion, economic civic action, ordinary law-enforcement, and political measures. Ten, or at most 20% is lethal conflict. Get the pimps, whores, prostitutes, black-marketeers, and kindred riffraff off the streets, as was not done in Vietnam, or you lose the war to the insurgents. As a rule of thumb, the amount of the guerrilla forces regularly deployed, is about one percent of the total human political and logistical infrastructure upon which the continuing conduct of insurgents' guerrilla warfare depends.

Anyone who speaks of Nicaragua and the Contras—or,

perhaps, better, the Maricontras—as Ollie North did, obviously does not know his relevant orifice from his elbow about winning irregular warfare. The problem is not Nicaragua, it is the entirety of what you call "Latin America," from our Rio Grande border down to Cape Horn. While silly Ollie North was playing bloody tiddly-winks with a bunch of Contra drug-runners on the borders of Nicaragua, the policies of the U.S. State Department, President Reagan himself, and Bill Casey's intelligence community have been transforming the entire region from our Mexico border to Cape Horn into

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a happy hunting-ground for Soviet coordinated bloody insurgency and local wars among nations.

I list some among the nations in this region, which I know are on the verge of being destroyed by Soviet operations, aided by the stupidity of Bill Casey's intelligence community.

Mexico. The key Soviet assets in Mexico are centered in an alliance between the National Action Party (PAN) and the local communist party, the PSUM. Although numerous among the supporters of the PAN as simply fools, the PAN was historically the Nazi-sympathizer Party of Mexico, led today by people of that same general persuasion, including raving anti-Semites such as the old Nazi fellow-traveler José Conchello who was an honored guest at the 1984 Republican nominating convention.

Mexico's economy has been nearly destroyed by the conditionalities which the Reagan administration began to impose on that nation beginning October 1982. Bill Casey's intelligence community has been backing the PAN.

Central America. Narco-traffickers are the key Soviet potential here, closely linked via Belize and other routes with the local, Cuba-linked terrorist bands.

Panama. Bill Casey's intelligence community is working closely with the drug-trafficking faction here, relying upon political factions tied to one Arnulfo Arias, an aging former member of Hitler's Nazi Party, personally recruited by Adolf Hitler. The key assets of Bill Casey's and Bill Colby's crowd include Cuba-linked factors inside Panama, such as the recently ousted nut-case, Colonel Díaz Herrera.

Colombia. Now, it really begins to become nasty.

The Soviet assets in Colombia include all of the terrorist bands, including the M-19, the FARC, and the terrorists funded in part by Armand Hammer's business operations there. All of the principal drug-runners of Colombia are Soviet assets, linked to the Warsaw Pact drug-runner operations chiefly through Bulgaria's Kintex and Cuba.

The Soviets have estimated, that they have sufficient armed forces to begin a guerrilla war, but that these guerrillas lack the political breadth of support needed to sustain a continuing guerrilla warfare. Therefore, in Colombia, as in Peru, Soviet strategy is to assist in bringing to power a right-wing military dictatorship, whose bloody, iron rule, will swing large sections of the population over to support for the guerrillas—the Sandinista syndrome for Nicaragua. The U.S. government is giving political support to this coup faction at this time, with the silly U.S. ambassador to Bogota personally implicated, as well as agents of the AFL-CIO Interna-

tional Department.

Venezuela. The planned destabilization here is tied to the planned operations in Colombia, including the possibility of a Colombia-Venezuela border conflict. The U.S. State Department and intelligence community are bungling here as in Colombia.

Peru. The aim is to isolate and destabilize President Alan García to the degree that a military coup occurs, after which the Soviet-directed narco-terrorist Sendero Luminoso will obtain a favorable political base for sustained insurrection.

Brazil. U.S.-dictated IMF "conditionalities" are destroying the economy and social stability of this country, with Soviet agents in place for relevant actions.

Argentina. An effort to provoke a military coup is key to the plans of a Soviet government with an already-established foothold in the country. Here again, Bill Casey's intelligence community is entirely on the wrong side.

During the summer of 1982, I elaborated a master-plan for U.S. government action in response to a debt-crisis which I then knew to be imminent, *Operation Juárez*. The implementation of this plan is key to defeating Soviet penetration of the hemisphere; it includes all the essential, non-lethal features of an irregular warfare defense of the hemisphere. All of the necessary political options for implementation of this operation were in place during summer and early autumn of 1982.

The Reagan administration, out of stupid motives of simple greed, went in exactly the opposite direction, opening the gates of Hispanic America and Brazil to Soviet subversive penetration.

During 1985, I participated in devising and testing a plan for neutralization of guerrilla forces in Central America. This featured certain modest amounts of economic assistance to the nations of Central America, and emphasized total interdiction of the drug-growing and drug-trafficking in the region, as a method for drying out the political and logistical support for the terrorists and guerrillas. This plan was received sympathetically in some quarters of our government, but more recently the practice of our intelligence community has been to seek alliances with some factions of the drug-traffickers, as we see in the case of the Contra drug-running.

Ollie "Rambo" North has learned precisely nothing about fighting irregular warfare from his experience in Vietnam, or since. Perhaps out of honestly blind stupidity in this matter, he has actually been helping to promote Russian subversion of the hemisphere.

You can not run the monetary and economic policies which the Reagan administration has adopted, and which Billy Casey's intelligence community has been supporting, without losing the irregular war to Moscow. Winning war is not so much killing, Rambo-style. Winning war is winning the peace, preferably before the shooting begins.

"Rambos" can never understand that. Casey could have, but he refused to do so.

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