

Australia Dossier by Allen Douglas

Mass murder in Tasmania

Why did no one act to prevent the tragedy, when the killer's psychotic profile was well known to authorities?

On Sunday, April 28, twenty-eight-year-old Martin Bryant entered a cafeteria in Port Arthur in Tasmania, and ordered lunch. After remarking to a patron that "there are a lot of WASPs [white Anglo-Saxon Protestants]. Not a lot of Japs," he picked up his bag and walked toward the entrance. There, he opened the bag, produced a military assault rifle, and walked slowly from table to table shooting people, mostly in the head. Within a minute, he had killed 20 and injured 15 of the 60 patrons in the café. He pursued each person who tried to escape him, and gunned them down systematically. He chased one man onto a bus and killed him, then shot the bus driver. Others tried to hide beneath the bus. He climbed underneath it and killed them all. He fatally wounded a mother holding her baby; the surviving daughter ran and sought protection behind a tree—he chased her and shot her dead.

He finally retreated to a hotel where he holed up overnight, surrounded by hundreds of police. In the early hours of the morning, Bryant set the cottage afire, and emerged screaming, with his clothes alight, into the arms of waiting police. The toll, including three killed in the cottage, was 35 dead, and 19 seriously injured.

This hideous massacre is similar to the recent slaughter in Dunblane, Scotland, where a gunman walked into a primary school and killed 16 five-year-olds and their teacher. The media generally report such incidents as "a lone nut going berserk." The reality, in Dunblane and Tasmania,

is otherwise: In each case, the mass-murderer had a known history of aberrant behavior and propensity for violence, which were repeatedly "overlooked," until the day of the massacre.

There is one institution which specializes in the study of such incidents of "blind terror"—the Tavistock Institute in London. An arm of British intelligence since it started its psychological studies on shell-shock victims during World War I, Tavistock has also conducted precisely the kind of experiments necessary to create, and to manipulate, damaged personalities such as Martin Bryant.

Tavistock's studies show that a population struck by sustained terrorist incidents of this sort, is most susceptible to sweeping "paradigm shifts" in its former worldview, as happened in the adoption of the rock-drug-sex counterculture by U.S. youth in the 1960s, under the successive shocks of the assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, and Robert Kennedy, and the bloody images of the Vietnam War. This counterculture project was itself created by Tavistock, under the code-name "MK-Ultra."

A "sub-routine" of MK-Ultra, was "The Monarch Project," whose purpose was to create programmed assassins—"Manchurian candidates." Monarch, or related conditioning, leaves certain tell-tale signs in its victims: 1) multiple personality disorder, 2) bizarre sexual behavior, and 3) involvement in Satanic cult activity. The normal, healthy human personality could not be "programmed," without such degradation.

These elements, or strong indications of them, were present in the Bryant case; he also had repeatedly visited London—the world's command center for terrorism—and spoke with an English accent.

The following facts are noteworthy in this regard:

- Bryant's neighbor, John Featherstone, reported about him, "We knew in our minds there was something wrong about the fellow. He had three or four different personalities."

- Bryant was known for sleeping with a pet pig. On one of his frequent overseas junkets, according to the Sydney *Herald Sun*, "he brought back videos from Scandinavia featuring animal sex acts and bestiality."

- His favorite video was "Child's Play 2," about a doll that comes to life and commits serial murder.

Bryant was known to law enforcement long before his murder spree. He was suspected of having killed the heir to the Tattersall gambling fortune, Helen Harvey, who had more or less adopted him at age 15, and on whose farm he lived. Then, shortly after Bryant's father moved onto the farm, and started getting rid of Bryant's beloved menagerie, he turned up dead.

Police records show, according to an *EIR* discussion with an Australian law enforcement source familiar with the case, that Bryant had "a multiple killer psychotic profile," and had been arrested at Melbourne Airport at least once on suspicion of being a drug courier.

Since Bryant was known, was even rather notorious, to police and psychiatric sources, as a time bomb waiting to explode, the first questions to be asked are, who maintained the records on him, and why was nothing done about him? Did someone intervene to make sure no actions were taken?