

## Just a Conspiracy

In the July 1964 *Bulletin*, Mr. Welch pointed to the primary vulnerability of the enemy with these words,

What we face is a conspiracy. In fact, it is extremely important for all of our members to realize that this is just a conspiracy. If I could be pardoned for putting it so bluntly, I should like to say: Get it through your heads!! *This is just a conspiracy.* There is no ideological wave supporting these criminals, except what they have artificially created as a pretense and a weapon. There is no superpower behind all of this frightening front which they present. There is no solid substance inside the thin and glittering shell of power with which they dazzle and demoralize the opposition....

And all you have to do to defeat *any conspiracy* is simply to expose it. The fact that its members have to carry on their operations as a *conspiracy* shows that it cannot stand the light of day. This is why Joseph McCarthy was a far more dangerous enemy to the Communists than even Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.... The one and only thing they cannot stand is *exposure*; or any "sufficient understanding" of what they are doing and how they are doing it.

And Mr. Welch concluded in the December 1964 *Bulletin*: "The eventual outcome of this battle hinges on just one thing: Our ability to convince enough of the American people, soon enough, that this enemy is a criminal conspiracy."

## Hidden Difficulties

In addition to the enemy's obvious weaknesses, there are weaknesses over which we have no precise knowledge because of the secrecy inherent in a conspiracy. The 1939 U.S. Army infantry training manual, page 39, referred to a similar situation in combat: "*The enemy has invariably difficulties of which we are ignorant. To us his position may appear favorable, while to him it may appear des-*

*perate. Only slight extra effort on our part may be decisive.*" [Emphasis ours.]

There are many developments which point to hurdles the Insiders must overcome in order to carry their plans for world domination to completion. One example was the need to change their proven, decades-old formula by tearing down the Berlin Wall in 1989 and giving "former" communist countries a face-lift. Another is the current difficulty they are having in getting IMF aid through Congress. The scandals surrounding their current front man, Bill Clinton, have certainly created enormous challenges to keeping their agenda moving forward. The Conspiracy bluffs, but the bluff doesn't always work, as we saw in 1997 when the Establishment's desperate support for Anthony Lake was insufficient to propel him into the directorship of the CIA.

## Our Next Moves

Restricted vision generally ignores the impact of what organized resistance has already set in motion or will initiate in the months ahead, while there still is time. For example, who among us could have foreseen the overwhelming May 20, 1998 House vote to block the Clinton Administration's funding of a UN standing army?

Who can assess today the impact of programs the Society's leadership will launch over the next 12 months? What will be the impact of a new round of plans based on accumulating experience? What will be the impact of new leadership acquired throughout our organization? Each of these factors has potential to play an important part in molding the future.

To be sure, it is tougher in many ways to reach the leaders among the generation of Americans who are now in their 20s, 30s, and 40s than it was thirty years ago. The Conspiracy has had its destructive impact on the foundations of this generation because of its influence in education, religion, entertainment, the media, etc. But there are still many more good people than bad. We are working on the challenge and developing new approaches for reaching out to the good Americans we need in this fight. Who is to say we are not on the

verge of making major breakthroughs in opening doors to the right people?

Moreover, we are finding that some of the old techniques still work very well. They merely need to be applied with greater diligence. Consider, for example, the positive impact of extended gift subscriptions to *The New American* in awakening interest and support in previously "innocent" Americans. The opportunities before us for building the necessary educational army are immense.

## Future Opportunities

And there will be new opportunities as yet not imagined. We must be strong enough to uncover them and seize them when they appear. Writing in a letter included with the *Bulletin* of October 1966, Mr. Welch noted:

The Communists are now visibly and brazenly beginning to close in on the remaining freedoms of the American people. As this has happened in every other country, there has inevitably and finally been a sharp awakening of the people as to what was taking place. But it has always been too late. There was no place for the newly awakened patriots to go, no absolutely positive leadership to which they could turn. There have been only confusion, cross purposes, false guidance, frustrations, despair and — eventually — surrender. A hard core of anti-Communist strength, under unwavering direction, could have saved many countries from Communist subjugation as — up to now — it has saved Spain and Formosa and Rhodesia from attempted subjugation which was already in process. In the Communists' strategy they simply cannot allow The John Birch Society to become such a rallying point. But it is certainly our duty, *and may well be our destiny*, to assume that responsibility in the months and years immediately ahead. We do not see any other group on the horizon with any chance of doing so, and neither, we believe, do you.