Christiania: fascist enclave in Denmark

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West Germany is not the only target of Weimar-style, deliberately created fascism among youth. In Denmark there exists a laboratory for that purpose which has affected all of Europe.

Christiania was formed in October 1971 when drug addicts, anarchists, environmentalists, criminals, and hippies led by a hard core of "squatters"—not unlike those who formed the first generation of Baader-Meinhof terrorists—stormed the abandoned Baadsmands-straede Garrison. Since then, Christiania has existed under total government sanction and dubbed "an alternative life-style social experiment."

In reality, Christiania is a center for the distribution of dangerous drugs, such as heroin and hashish (7 tons sold annually), LSD, mescaline and various amphetamines. It also serves as a large safehouse for terrorist units striking throughout Europe. Finally, it is a breeding ground for "greenies," homosexuals, pederasts, sodomists, prostitutes, and other hardened criminal elements seeking refuge from the law.

When law enforcement closed in on Baader-Meinhof terrorists Knut Folkerts and Christian Klar, the two were in possession of Danish passports believed to have come from Christiania.

Christiania was created as a pilot project of the British-based Tavistock Institute. The Tavistock Institute is a specialty house for the British Secret Intelligence Service which coordinates psychological warfare, social control, and behavior modification operations throughout the world. Operation Phoenix, one such Tavistock Institute project, was the operational name given to the dissemination of deviancy in a fashion designed to "normalize deviancy" among broad layers of populations. This project was, in part, funded by the U.S. Ford and Rockefeller Foundations.

The corresponding project initiated in the U.S., dubbed MK-Ultra, specifically coordinated the spread of the drug counterculture and was responsible for the creation of, for example, the Haight-Ashbury experiment. The British-created European Group for the Study

of Deviance and Social Control presently operates as a primary vehicle through which "radical criminologists" effect the normalization of deviancy.

At the Oct. 31 meeting of the Nordic Council, Justice Ministers from Finland, Sweden, Norway, and Iceland demanded that "Christiania," a 47-acre "free town" in the heart of Copenhagen, Denmark be shut down. The ministers condemned Christiania as a center of the Scandinavian drug trade and reported that it was a main topic at the Council's meeting. Swedish Justice Minister Carl Axel Petri, in a nationally televised statement, reported that Christiania was responsible for at least 80 percent of the hashish available in southern Sweden.

Before this statement and exposés by the European Anti-Drug Coalitions, Christiania was hailed throughout Europe as a model "social experiment" in which every individual participating has the freedom to "do his own thing." That experiment was expected to spin off dozens of "Christianias" across the globe, including the United States.

Previous attempts to shut down Christiania, including a Danish Supreme Court ruling ordering Parliament to do so, were blocked by its political protectors in the Danish royal family and the Socialist International-controlled wing of the ruling Social Democrats.

In a 1973 Danish Parliamentary debate over the fate of Christiania, leading Social Democrats acted to protect it. Social Democratic Defense Minister (currently Foreign Minister) Kjeld Olesen attempted to refute statistics demonstrating that Christiania's existence corresponded to a dramatic rise in violent crimes. Olesen then defended Christiania as cost-effective: "Without the existence of Christiania, a great part of the squatters would be under treatment in state mental hospitals, special schools and homes, or in one of our detoxification clinics. . . ."

Through this governmental support mobilization, Christiania has become a semi-official city with a resident hard-core population of 900 to 1,500 (in the summer months). Immediately prior to the recent meeting of the Nordic Council, the Danish Parliament was proposing to make Christiania a separate municipality, complete with a city hall and postal zip code.

Christiania already has its own "police force" called the Rainbow Army. The "Army" has an auxiliary force, called the "resistant networks," that numbers 40-50,000 youths from the Copenhagen metropolitan area, mobilized through a telephone-chain structure. A special unit of Christiania's Rainbow Army, the Black Detail, is an assortment of criminal goon squads which since May I has put 16 plainclothes detectives into the hospital. The European Anti-Drug Coalitions, which have launched an international campaign to close down Christiania, have been targeted with threats and physical assaults from Christiania "residents."

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