

## **11/2 may be our new 9/11**

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has created a new program to train citizens in the local management of emergencies. The program, "Community Emergency Response Team" (CERT), appears to have representatives in small towns across the nation. Mark Erwin, "35 Days Till Disaster: Is an Election Day Faux-Terror Event All But CERTain?" (available on-line at [www.prisonplanet.tv/articles/](http://www.prisonplanet.tv/articles/)), offers evidence that points toward the extraordinary prospect of a government-sponsored "terrorist event" on election day that could decisively affect the election's outcome.

This is not the first time a possibility of this kind involving FEMA has been raised in this column. Erwin's article, however, casts new light on how a fascist regime might manipulate events to take over control of at least one state and preempt the role of Congress, the Constitution, and even the Courts (the big three "Cs, let us call them). His neighbor's son has begun participating in meetings of the local CERT program, which covers a wide range of emergency activities over its 35-day training sessions.

CERT-trainees learn CERT organization, disaster preparedness, disaster fire safety, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, and disaster psychology. The young man has received--free of charge!--a nifty backpack with a hard hat, reflective clothing for checkpoint/traffic control, a high-beam flashlight, eye guards, and other neat stuff. He told Mark that he would soon receive--also free of charge!--a special radio that puts him into communication with the country's emergency radio network.

Even more interesting than this neat stuff--free of charge!--is the 300-page CERT training manual and the CERT training schedule. On October 25th, which happens to

coincide with the second observance of the death of Senator Paul Wellstone, which lead to the takeover of the U.S. Senate by Republicans, they will receive training on "Terrorism and CERT". And on November 2nd, which happens to coincide with the US Presidential Election, the program concludes with a nation-wide "disaster simulation".

Mark thinks this cannot possibly be "merely a coincidence". Neither do I. Most of us are blissfully unaware that, on 9/11, the date of our great national disaster, we were in the midst of nationwide "disaster simulations" involving attacks by terrorists using aircraft, one of which was labeled "Vigilant Guardian". These "simulations" disabled normal responses--"standard operating procedures"--in relation to reports of aircraft being hijacked, since it had to be ascertained whether they were simulations or not.

Now, it may be all but unthinkable that governments could assassinate Presidents or Senators or that an administration such as this one would allow an attack upon the American people to take place, even with advanced knowledge. One might call that treason! Some of the same reporters who sounded alarms about the death of Paul Wellstone have sounded alarms about 9/11. In July 2003, for example, Christopher Bollyn published a piece in American Free Press, which may be found in archives at <http://www.denverspiritualcommunity.org/AmericanFreePress/AFPNewsJul03> with the title, "Deception, Lies, Secrets of the 9/11 Commission" (July 21, 2003), including the testimony of Bush's own Secretary of Transportation. On May 23, 2003, Norman Mineta testified to the President's commission investigating 9/11 under questioning by former Indiana Representative, Lee Hamilton. The crucial exchange is as follows:

"Mineta said he arrived at the Presidential Emergency Operating Center (PEOC) at 9:20 A.M. where he observed the Vice President taking charge:

"Mineta: 'There was a young man who had come in and said to the Vice President, *'The plane is 50 miles out . . . the plane is 30 miles out.'* And when it got down to, *'The plane is 10 miles out'*, the young man also said to the Vice President, *'Do the orders still stand?'*

"And the Vice President turned and whipped his head around and said, *'Of course the orders still stand. Have you heard anything to the contrary?'* Well, at the time I didn't know what all of that meant. And . . . .

"Hamilton: 'The flight you're referring to is the . . . .'

"Mineta: 'The flight that came into the Pentagon.'

"After some discussion of whether Cheney's orders meant shooting down the hijacked aircraft approaching the Pentagon, it became clear that there were no such orders to do so, which raised the question of what 'the orders' were:

"Hamilton: 'But there were military planes in the air in position to shoot down commercial aircraft.'

"Mineta: 'That's right. The planes had been scrambled, I believe, from Otis at that point.'

"Mineta is referring to two F-15 fighter jets from the 102nd Fighter Wing at Otis Air National Guard Base, near Cape Cod, MA."

Most Americans, no doubt, would have a difficult time imagining that the government could orchestrate an attack upon the United States, especially one that would result in the deaths of some 3,000 of our fellow citizens. Nevertheless, it does not take a rocket scientist to grasp that, if the Vice President's standing order was not "to shoot down the incoming aircraft", then it had to be "do not shoot down the incoming plane!"

Historians have already observed that 9/11 brought about a reversal in the political fortunes of the Bush administration, where virtually every political issue of the day--from the recession to unemployment to the trade deficit to the abrogation of treaties around with world and to his dwindling political standing--has been muted by fallout from 9/11. 9/11 has been used as an excuse for practically every action by the Bush administration since, from attacking Iraq and Afghanistan to the plunging economy.

My belief is that the fortunes of the administration have once again fallen so far that only an emergency transfusion can possibly revive them. Thus, the CERT's training schedule suggests that we should not be surprised if, on 11/2, we encounter a kind of "instant replay" of 9/11 along the following lines. Election day, with the late polls and early returns favoring Senator John Kerry, around mid-day a "terrorist event" takes place, probably involving a nuclear power plant and probably in California.

The state is immediately placed under control of FEMA, with CERTs trainees finding themselves not merely coping with a simulated threat but in the throes of a genuine one. The event, possibly at San Onofre, San Clemente, situated near one of our major Marine Corps bases at Camp Pendleton, would require mass evacuations and create enormous traffic jams. It would induce chaos and make voting virtually impossible.

The Governor of California, Arnold Schwarzenegger, who has expressed admiration for Adolf Hitler in the past, would backstop FEMA and explain how extreme situations require extreme measures. Voting would be terminated across the heavily Democratic southern part of the state, including Los Angeles County, but allowed to continue in other, more Republican, parts of the state. As the dust settles, the quite remarkable outcome would be California going Republican and the (re)election of George W. Bush.

No less an authority than Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld has reflected upon the virtues of partial and incomplete elections with respect to voting in Iraq. During his patented conversations with himself, he has affirmed that, while incomplete and partial elections may be "imperfect", when he asks himself whether they are better than no elections at all, he replies, "You bet!" And the same, no doubt, will be said of California. Elections are fine, you see, just as long as they have the right results!

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Jim Fetzer, a professor of philosophy at UMD, believes that fascism is about to enter a new age in the United States of America thanks to Karl Rove, Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld, and others, with a supporting case that includes the President of the USA.