OBSERVATION

TUNG CHEE HWA: THE EPITOME OF THE CLOSET COMMUNIST

Everybody has an understanding of the term, 'Closet Queen' (C.Q.).

He is a person, who is, perhaps, married with a couple of children, who, one day, has a sexual encounter with a young man with whom he has come in contact -- and then decides that he prefers 'having it off' with young men.

But he keeps it to himself and pretends to be 'straight' – a heterosexual.

The Irish poet and playwright Oscar Wilde was a closet queen, who came out of his closet to fornicate with Lord Alfred Douglas, the son of the Marquess of Queensbury, at a time when such sexual behavior was contrary to the Criminal Code of England.

But how many people have heard of the 'Closet Communist' (C.C.)?

The Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC) has an outstanding example of the 'closet communist' in the shape of the somewhat frog-like physiognomy of Mr Tung Chee Hwa.

Mr Tung Chee Hwa appeared, up until he was 'elected' Chief Executive of the HKSAR, on July 1, 1997, a shining personification of capitalism.

Most people who met him, back in 1990, would have said, something along the lines: 'That capitalist is going places.'

But, today, he is the epitome of a communist, as molded by the Government of the PRC.

Whether or not Chief Executive Tung Chee Hwa is a member in good standing of the Chinese Communist Party (C.C.P.) is not known, but if one's actions are to be considered sufficient as an entry fee to the Chinese Communist Party, then, by now, Mr Tung Chee Hwa should be entitled to receive the Platinum Communist Award (P.C.A.) for his example of how a good communist should behave.

There can be no question of Chief Executive Tung Chee Hwa's loyalty to the cause of communism because he makes no bones about the fact that he detests pro-democrats, at least, most of those pro-democrats of the HKSAR.

One may assume that the 2 outspoken leaders of the pro-democrats in the HKSAR, Ms Emily Lau and Mr Martin Lee, Q.C. (or should that be S.C. -- Senior Counsel – in today's legal parlance of the HKSAR), are not very good friends of Chief Executive Tung Chee Hwa; and, it is doubtful that either of them would ever be invited to a 'do', hosted by the Chief Executive.

One wonders whether or not, being a closet queen is as rewarding as being a closet communist.

Another question: What is the more frustrating – to be a C.Q. or a C.C.?

Or, are the former Q.C.s the most frustrated of all?

If his wife has her way and Chief Executive Tung Chee Hwa steps down, casting off the purple mantle of communist royalty, one may speculate as to whether or not he will re-enter his closet, and reappear as a shining example of a capitalist.

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