



The Betty Letters

My Dear Grandchild,

It was, just about, as I predicted, prior to the holding of the Legislative Council Elections of September 12: The Pro-Democracy Camp would, like the motley bunch of bugs that constitutes this splinter group, be crushed by the Pro-Beijing Camp, the Motherland's loyalists – My Comrades! But the outcome of the Elections, actually, was even better than I, and my retinue, had hoped, because, now, Hongkong has a kind of zoo, sitting in the Legislative Council. Just look at four of the winners:

- 1. The Honorable (Long Hair) Leung Kwok Hung, who, upon learning of his success in the Elections, was quoted as stating: 'I think I might not be able to last four years because if I break the law due to civil disobedience, which I will when it is absolutely necessary, the Government of Hongkong will, definitely, push for a harsh sentence to unseat me in LEGCO ...'. This man, who calls himself a revolutionary, ran as a candidate for the New Territories East, the Geographical Constituency, where he amassed about 14 percent of the votes that were cast;*
- 2. The Honorable Chim Pui Chung, who, as everybody in Hongkong knows, is a felon, having been jailed for one year for forging documents. He is, now, to be a Legislative Councillor, representing the interests of the Financial Services Constituency. One could comment that he is well qualified to be in this Constituency because he knows a great deal about documents and money. He is, also, the man who claimed that all women are prostitutes;*
- 3. The Honorable Albert Cheng King Hon, formerly a talk-show host, who was beaten up by thugs, outside the studio, some years ago. But, when asked to identify his assailants, he stated that he could not remember. He is, now, to represent the Geographical Constituency of Kowloon East. One hopes that he knows where is Kowloon East; and,*
- 4. The Honorable Wong Yung Kan, a fisherman by profession, who was unopposed in his bid to be re-elected to the Agricultural and Fisheries Functional Constituency.*

Aside from the last-named Honorable one, Mr Wong Yung Kan, who is, really, quite a clever chap and, I am told, quite serious in his intentions, regardless of his lack of academic credentials, I wonder what kind of a dialogue would be forthcoming between the Chief Executive of Hongkong and any one of the first three Honorable ones on my list. With The Honorable Long Hair, I can imagine that the Chief Executive would be able to open a dialogue with, 'Good Morning, Honorable Long Hair', and, then, it would be The Honorable Long Hair who would bark out expletives and Marxist-Leninist dogma: 'Down with the Chief Executive!' That would be the end of that dialogue. With The Honorable Chim Pui Chung, the conversation would get off to a cracking start, with this colourful felon, seeming to make some sense, only to lapse into a question: 'Can you clear my name, Mr Chief? You want some shares in my company?' Turning, now, to the Honorable Albert Cheng King Hon, one has only to wonder whether or not he can remember the address of the offices of the Chief Executive and/or the

Legislative Council Chambers. If he can remember, the moment that the Chief Executive starts to make a point, he is likely to say: 'Shut up! I am talking, now. You have no right!'

Getting back to the statements of The Honorable Long Hair, you know that he is very wrong: There is no reason that the Government of Hongkong would want him out of the Legislative Council – because his presence there makes a mockery of the entire law-making process in Hongkong. Beijing knows that Hongkong cannot continue without its interference, in finance, in business, and in providing for the safety of the seven million human inhabitants of the territory. To make this point, vividly, all that Beijing has to do is to point to the calibre of some of the people, sitting as Legislative Councillors. Also, even with the half a million residents of the territory, marching through the streets on July 1, 2003, it has come to mean, absolutely, nothing. Even the leader of the so-called Hongkong democrats, The Honorable Martin Lee Chu Ming, with all of his dyeing of his hair in order to look like the top members of the National People's Congress, he is, still, banned from entering the Chosen Land (of the Chinese). I wonder whether or not he would be welcome in Israel, the Chosen Land of the Jews. It is a pity, actually, that Mr David Chu Yu Lin did not seek re-election in the Election Committee Constituency because that would have given even more colour to the zoo. Mr David Chu Yu Lin has the distinction of being the only Legislative Council member to propose a Bill in LEGCO – which received zero support from any other Legislative Councillor. But, I am told, he is very good at driving a Harley Davidson motorcycle and shooting off his mouth on occasions.

Yes, My Dear Grandchild, now that the election dust has settled, one can understand the reason that Hongkong needs a strong hand: The people of Hongkong are not ready for Universal Suffrage. They need the maternal attributes of me,

The Chief Lady of Hongkong

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