

cords, backed by Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood faction, the U. S. is stupidly tightening the screws on Riyadh.

"We have tiptoed around Saudi Arabia long enough," said Sen. Frank Church, the new chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Jan. 19. Because the U. S. supplies the Saudis with military hardware, Church continued, Washington "has the right to demand from them positive, affirmative support for the (Egypt-Israel) peace treaty."

Then, in open blackmail, Church stated that because of the "obvious potential threat which instability poses for the Saudi regime,

Israel separate peace, even if that means withholding the security and military apparatus that Washington has promised Riyadh.

Chiming in with Church were Zionist lobby Senators Javits and Stone, also on the Senate Committee. Javits insisted that the crisis over Iran means that an Egypt-Israel pact is of maximum importance; Stone demanded a congressional review of U.S. Middle East policy and threatened to revoke the F-15 jetfighter deal with the Saudis.

More egregious was Assistant Secretary of State Harold Saunders' delivery of the Administration's first direct criticism of Saudi Arabia. Saunders, the chief of the Middle East division at the State Department, stated outright that the U.S. is unhappy with the

lack of Saudi help in pushing through the Camp David peace accords.

Despite the pressure, the Saudis are standing firm. Last week, the former chief of Saudi intelligence was fired from his post as advisor to King Khalid because of his partiality to Egyptian President Sadat and the separate peace arrangement with Israel. At the same time, King Hussein of Jordan arrived in Riyadh on his way from Damascus, and reaffirmed Arab opposition to Egypt's pursuit of a separate deal with Israel.

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Khomeini's friends at Foggy Bottom

The centers of international support for the leader of the fanatic Moslem Brotherhood wing of the Iranian opposition, Ayatollah Khomeini, are individuals tied to the organizations and political circles around the late Bertrand Russell, as well as British-intelligence tainted elements in the U. S. State Department. These individuals are running support for Khomeini in cooperation with the Institute for Policy Studies, Georgetown University, and M.I.T. brainwasher Noam Chomsky.

Prominent among these supporters of Khomeini is former Attorney General Ramsey Clark. Clark was deployed to Iran last week to drum up support for the Ayatollah by elements in the State Department linked to Clark's former Deputy Attorney General, now Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher. Christopher's political pedigree is found in the joint Bertrand Russell-Aldous Huxley MK-Ultra drug proliferation project run in California. Clark is also connected to the West German Baader-Meinhof group and other "left" terrorist operations.

Another Iranian subversion agency associated with Russell is the Italy-based Lelio Basso Foundation, named after the late Italian politician in British employ who ran Trotskyist and anarchist networks into the Italian Left. Basso was also a 1960s member of Russell's anti-Vietnam War "War Crimes Tribunal." The Basso Foundation not only maintains close supervision of European agents extending into the Iranian opposition, but has sent special teams to Iran to coordinate work with the Khomeini people.

A recent Basso Foundation team was sent under the joint auspices of the U. S. Committee on Iran, a pro-Khomeini group run out of Georgetown University by Professor Thomas Ricks. The Committee's representative at the time, James Cockcroft, is a sociology professor at Rutgers University heavily involved in left-counter-gang and pro-terrorist activities.

One of the leading spokesmen for the U.S. Committee on Iran is Princeton University professor Richard Falk, a prominent figure in several zero-growth and counterculture political institutions. Falk has recently been in communication with Noam Chomsky, who has agreed to speak jointly with Ricks at a Stanford University seminar on Iran. The Stanford organizer for the seminar, physics professor Pierre Noyes, is also the Committee's leading organizer in California, and maintains steady contact with co-thinking European organizations.

Brzezinski's Islamic study script

National Security advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski has personally ordered U.S. intelligence services to prepare an in-depth "worldwide study" of the revival of Islamic fundamentalism. The study, according to the Jan. 20 *Washington Post*, was ordered "in the wake of the Islamic revolt that helped drive the Shah of Iran from his country."

According to well-briefed Middle East analysts, the Brzezinski study is, in essence, nothing but a feasibility report for implementing what has been dubbed the "Bernard Lewis Plan," named after the British orientalist currently at Princeton University, whose profiling of Middle East sectarian differences set the stage for the Iran crisis and the spread of reactionary Islamic fundamentalism in the entire area.

Corralled into support for Brzezinski's British-inspired study, Carter Administration officials disclosed at a closed-door hearing of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Jan. 19 that "the existence of the request was considered highly sensitive by the Administration, because of the growing political impact of Moslem fundamentalism in many areas of the world. . . . Brzezinski is reportedly determined not to allow the political impact of Moslem fundamentalism in such potential crisis points as Pakistan, Afghanistan, Egypt and the Philippines to go unreported in the future. He has formally directed the intelligence community to produce an in-depth study of this phenomenon."

Falk accompanied Clark on his trip to Iran to meet with Khomeini's allies; also in the party was Don Luce of the Clergy and Laity Concerned.

In a recent interview, Falk proudly proclaimed his aim to be the disintegration of the Iranian army and "its takeover by the struggle movement." "This is why," Falk announced, "the Khomeini people refuse to join any coalition government. They want the Shah out so the Movement can splinter the army and take it over."

Ricks proclaims that the U.S. Committee on Iran is actively seeking to broaden its support base: "We'd like to work more closely with Noam (Chomsky), he's precisely the person we need. We also probably will get Dan Berrigan to help us out, and we're already working closely with the Institute for Policy Studies, through Michael Klare, their expert on military affairs. We have also done work with the Coalition for a New Foreign and Military Policy, through their heads Brewster Rhodes and Bruce Cameron of the Americans for Democratic Action."

The allies

Ricks, Falk, and others have identified several groups and individuals working closely with or parallel to the U.S. Committee on Iran and the Basso Foundation:

The Iranian Students Association. Ricks attended by invitation a Dec. 24-30 conference in California of the ISA, only days before the madcap ISA riots against the Shah's family in Beverly Hills, California.

The Young Muslims Organization. A subsidiary of the Muslim Students Association, the YMO has at its head Ibrahim Yazdi of Houston, Texas, a leading personal spokesman for Khomeini. The Committee has co-sponsored forums with the YMO and maintains close touch with it. The YMO also sponsors activities and forums for Shariat Rouhani, a relative of Khomeini

who has been pushing for support of Khomeini throughout the U.S.

A known proponent of the Yazdi operation is University of Pittsburgh professor Richard Cottam, a member of an Iran policy team headed by University of Chicago Mideast specialist Marvin Zonis which has legitimized Khomeini in the eyes of the U.S. foreign policy establishment. Zonis is closely associated with the head of the National Security Council Iran task force, David Aaron, known among U.S. intelligence experts as "the mole" in undermining U.S. capabilities in Iran.

Committee on Repression in Iran (CARI). CARI is centered in Britain, involving several Members of Parliament, and is coordinated by Fred Halliday, the expert on the Persian Gulf/Iran for the Institute for Policy Studies and the IPS's European affiliate, the TransNational Institute. According to Halliday associate and TNI coordinator Eqbal Ahmad, "Fred maintains regular contact with Khomeini." Ricks also confesses to being a close friend of Halliday's.

Committee on Artistic and Intellectual Freedom in Iran (CAIFI). Centered around one Benaheni, CAIFI has extensive ties to the Trotskyist International; CARI is its British counterpart. A top CAIFI supporter is ex-Bertrand Russell intimate Ralph Schoenman, who has spent much of the past several months in Iran.

American Friends Services Committee (AFSC). The AFSC sponsored a Sept. 30 anti-Shah "Peoples' Hearing" attended by Klare, Zonis co-worker James Bill of the University of Texas at Austin, a CAIFI Fourth International representative, and Ramsey Clark. Through such coordinators as pro-terrorist lawyer William Kunstler, the AFSC helps develop links between the Iranian Students Association and European terrorist organizations like the Baader-Meinhof gang.