

National News

Khomeini supporters clinch State Department deal

Prof. Norman Forer, head of the U.S.-Iran Committee for Reconciliation and associate of Mark Lane's, said in an interview made available to *EIR* that the Carter administration acted to release detained Iranian demonstrators after a series of meetings between his associates and the State Department. At his University of Kansas base, Forer trained many of the "students" now holding the hostages in Iran, and led a delegation there to "learn from the Iranian model" this year.

At a Washington press conference Aug. 7, Americans Ramsey Clark and Thomas Ricks admitted having contacts with Nahidian and his cothinkers, and denounced the press for revealing information about Iranian support of terrorism in the United States. Ricks, who just returned from Iran three days ago, said that he had met with Ayatollah Beheshti in Iran, and both Ricks and Clark admitted having contacts with the Department of State.

Anderson wants to take Democrats with him

Independent presidential candidate John Anderson has made it clear that if Jimmy Carter is the nominee of the Democratic Party, he expects to move a large chunk of the party into his camp. "It appears to us that Carter has the nomination locked up," said David Garth, Anderson's campaign strategist, last week. "If that is indeed the case, we want to make the love fest that's going to occur at the end of the convention as difficult as possible. More Democrats than you can imagine have said to us in the past days, 'If it goes to Carter, we're coming with you.'"

Anderson has met with Senator Edward Kennedy twice in the past 10 days, and said on Aug. 4 that if the Massachu-

setts senator is not the nominee of the Democratic Party, he will ask Kennedy to join his ticket as Vice-President. "That would substantiate the unity theme of my campaign," Anderson said.

After the two met Aug. 1, Kennedy told the press that "there are so many areas where there has been substantial agreement" between Anderson and himself. Anderson has also been meeting steadily with leading Democrats—Shirley Chisholm of New York, former Congresswoman Barbara Jordan, Governor Lamm of Colorado—and leaders of the Liberal Party in New York.

Polls released late last week and early this week by Gallup and ABC-Harris show that if the election were held now, Anderson would come in second to Ronald Reagan, with Jimmy Carter trailing in third place.

Tactical nuclear war made official policy

This week the Carter administration announced that the policy of limited nuclear war developed by Henry Kissinger, James Schlesinger and Reagan adviser Fred Iklé is official U.S. strategy. *New York Times* reporter Richard Burt, apparently writing as a conduit for national security chief Zbigniew Brzezinski, reported Aug. 6 that the President last week approved Presidential Directive 59, which states that the best way to prevent a major conflict with Moscow is to secure the capability of waging a prolonged but limited nuclear war. PD 59 calls for re-targeting U.S. missiles to hit Soviet military centers rather than population centers, and, in a bizarre wrinkle on the counterforce doctrine, to hit Soviet political leaders, in the belief that if the Kremlin leadership can be killed the Soviets will crumble.

PD 59 is based on a 1978 study by former Pentagon official Leon Sloss, who now heads the Washington office of the Stanford Research Institute, a think tank that pioneered in "postindustrial" doctrines. The Western European members of NATO are known to abhor the

doctrine, declaring that it would guarantee that their territory would become a thermonuclear battleground.

In explaining the policy, administration officials claimed that the U.S.S.R. is already committed to a limited nuclear war doctrine, despite repeated Soviet explicit rejections of such a strategy.

Steelworkers call for open convention

At the annual convention of the United Steelworkers in Los Angeles this week, over 500 delegates signed a petition initiated by Citizens for LaRouche calling for "an open Democratic convention to select a candidate other than Jimmy Carter or Sen. Edward Kennedy who is committed to rebuilding the U.S. steel industry and who can beat Ronald Reagan in November." Among the signators is former USWA president I.W. Abel.

The union's executive board had voted 26-0 last week to recommend that the convention endorse Jimmy Carter. With more than 70,000 steelworkers laid off due to Carter's policies, the rubber stamp was not automatic. USWA president Lloyd McBride, who initiated the endorsement, admitted that the union is "not very enthusiastic" about what he described as "a depression" in the U.S. economy, but hinted that Carter will come up with a steel rescue program. McBride did not comment on the prospects of Carter becoming a lame duck President incapable of carrying through on any deal. Instead, he and AFL-CIO president Lane Kirkland insistently warned the delegates of the dangers of Ronald Reagan.

U.S.-Iran links under new scrutiny

The White House, State Department and Justice Department illegally intervened in the law-enforcement process to secure the release of most of the 192 Iranian nationals arrested last week at a Wash-

ington, D.C. demonstration. According to Mark Lane, an attorney for the Iranians, the administration action came in response to threats from the Khomeini government that previous agreements with the White House on the release of the U.S. hostages in Iran would be broken off.

U.S. immigration officers charged Aug. 6 that "higher-ups" had ordered them not to verify the names and legal status of many of the Iranians released from detention in upstate New York.

In a front-page article Aug. 7, the *Washington Post* reported that huge funds are being conduited into American channels from Khomeini to support the activities of the Muslim Student Association and Bahram Nahidian in Washington. The money, the *Post* reports, is "sent here from Iraq through diplomatic pouches, international couriers, and foreign banks, and also raised through the sales of hashish and heroin." The article quotes Nahidian as saying "I am not an agent of Imam Khomeini," and it goes on to discuss the role of the Islamic Guerrilla Army in supporting terrorism here. The story follows *EIR's* exposé last week on Khomeini's U.S. networks.

Hulan Jack commends LaRouche alternative

Former Manhattan borough president and 40-year Democratic Party leader Hulan E. Jack released a statement Aug. 4 which reads in part:

"I am greatly impressed by the posture projected by Lyndon H. LaRouche in his campaign for the high office of President of the United States. I choose to compliment him on his persistent determination to ferret out the facts which have plunged America into a catastrophic economic debacle, notwithstanding our overwhelming technological and scientific development. . . . LaRouche's emphasis on building a positive relationship with the world community through industrialization and export, rather than through a simplistic attempt to wield military might, has been a re-

freshing alternative. . . . If the United States is to regain the greatness that was and should remain our national heritage, there will have to be at the highest level of government an uncompromising individual, Lyndon LaRouche, who will fearlessly promote full and equal opportunity for all of our citizens without regard to minority labels, and whose focus will be to build a great and productive America second to none. . . . Industry, labor, business and the sciences and government must form a consortium to guide this nation to its greatest destiny. . . . For all these things, I admire Lyndon LaRouche's efforts.

Congressmen vote with their feet against Carter

The Democratic leadership of Congress, for the most part, appears to think that the safest place to be during the Democratic National Convention is as far away from New York City as possible. Aside from House Speaker Thomas 'Tip' O'Neill who'll be the convention chairman and House Majority Leader Jim Wright of Texas and a few odd Senators and Congressmen, the majority of Democrats in the Congress will not attend their party's convention.

Staying away will be such notables as Sen. William Proxmire of Wisconsin, the House Banking Committee chairman; Sen. Frank Church of Idaho, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee; and Indiana Sen. Birch Bayh, who is heading the panel investigating Billy Carter's Libya dealings. The House stayaways are equally impressive: Rep. Clement Zablocki of Wisconsin, the Foreign Relations Committee chairman; Rep. Melvin Price of Illinois, who heads the Armed Services Committee, and Rep. Al Ullman of Oregon, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

Aides to the stayaway congressmen and senators generally proffered the line that "the Congressman [or Senator] feels his time could be more fruitfully spent in the home district [or state]." But in the past, most members of Congress have attended their party's convention.

Briefly

● **JOE DEVANY**, an uncommitted delegate from Texas, issued an appeal this week for all delegates to support Minority Report #5. This report will come before the National Democratic Convention on Aug. 11. Adoption of the minority report would enable delegates to vote their nomination choice. Joe Devany said he has checked with the Jackson, Kennedy, and LaRouche headquarters, and they are in agreement with him. Devany is a former chairman of the Dallas County Democratic Party and a State Committeeman on the Texas State Democratic Executive Committee.

● **ELLIOT ABRAMS**, one of Sen. Daniel Moynihan's top policy advisers, spent several hours at Reagan headquarters in Washington, D.C. this week "arranging various political deals with the Reagan campaign," a source at the Coalition for a Democratic Majority reported Aug. 6.

● **RICHARD HOLBROOKE**, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia, has yet to make public the full contents of his visit last month to Peking. However, the Chinese press reports that the International Biogas Conference took place in China while Holbrooke was there.

● **RICHARD ALLEN** "won't make it to the White House even if Reagan does," in the words of one Republican Party power broker. A scandal regarding the foreign policy adviser will soon hit. It may relate to Lockheed Aircraft's foreign handouts.

● **BILLY CARTER** and Jimmy Carter's relations with Libya go back to Jimmy's days as Governor of Georgia, according to investigative journalists there. During that time, word has it, the Libyans invested heavily in cotton and textiles, and some of this money found its way into the Carters' hands.