

## Editorial

# Out in the open

President Carter is trying to keep alive the Ayatollah Khomeini regime in Iran—at least until the U.S. elections in November.

That shocking fact, now documented in the international press and well known in the corridors of the United Nations, represents nothing less than an act of treason against the American republic. Rather than support the Iraqi campaign to destroy the Khomeini regime, rather than encourage the Iranian exile groups to put together a credible opposition to Khomeini's Dark Ages clique, Carter is publicly declaring his support for Khomeini!

Carter's Khomeini connection, now out in the open, has been documented by *EIR* since the overthrow of the Shah. We have presented the evidence week after week demonstrating the roots of the mad Ayatollah's Islamic fundamentalism in the dark ages strategy spawned by British intelligence and carried out by the Carter administration.

After a few days of editorials in the nation's major eastern establishment media warning of the dangers of an Iraqi victory over Iran, Secretary of State Muskie openly admitted the alliance with Iran. The press had prepared the U.S. population for such an outrage. The *Baltimore Sun* was the most blatant: "We cannot retreat into neutrality. . . . The United States should be prepared to use its influence and leverage to prevent the disintegration of Iran, the one nation that can challenge Iraq's efforts to dominate the Gulf. The spectacle of this country even indirectly aiding a regime that has . . . held hostages . . . would be galling. . . . Nevertheless. . . ."

Three days later, on Oct. 3, Muskie made the policy clear: "There is absolutely no substance to any accusation that we were involved in collusion with Iraq in connection with this current fighting. There has never been any basis for it; as a matter of fact, there is a lot of basis for the opposite conclusion."

In fact, the United States, Israel and a handful of other nations are engaged in a massive international effort to prop up the Khomeini dictatorship

and to strengthen Iran's defenses against the Iraqi offensive. By all accounts, of course, it is too late for Khomeini. Given the present military situation, for all intents and purposes the Khomeini regime is already doomed. But President Carter—whose pious human-rights slogans and cynical geopolitical strategists like Zbigniew Brzezinski helped to topple the Shah and install the Khomeini gang—is now desperately anxious to prevent the collapse of Khomeini in the weeks remaining before the election.

In doing so, Carter is giving aid to a regime that is technically at war with the United States, a regime that is controlled by terrorist fanatics who still hold 52 American hostages. Even by the strictest definition, that is treason.

And the U.S. and Israeli support for Khomeini is not hidden. Writing in the *New York Times*, columnist Flora Lewis, reflecting official U.S. policy briefings, says: "Americans understandably would like to see the fall of an Iranian regime which holds our citizens hostage and proclaims unmitigated hatred for the United States. But the collapse of Iran would not be in America's interest.

"Israel has made the same assessment, despite the enmity of Khomeini's Iran. For Israelis, a strengthened Iraq remains by far the greater menace."

There is convincing evidence that the U.S.-Israeli alliance has crossed the threshold into direct outside intervention already. From all reports, the air raid that struck at the Iraqi nuclear power plants earlier this week was not launched from Iran—but from Israel! The Iranian army command has denied the attack, whereas Israel for months has been threatening to hit Iraq's nuclear facilities. The French daily *Le Monde* has already reported the suspicions of French intelligence that the Sept. 30 bombing was "made in Israel." If such reports are indeed true, it means that President Carter and the Israelis have already blundered terrifyingly close to the bring of World War III.

Other reports indicate that the United States



and Israel are shipping large quantities of military supplies and spare parts into Iran. Military sources in Washington believe that Israel may already be supplying unmarked Israeli jet fighter-bombers to Iran, while Israeli state-controlled radio says that during his visit to Washington, Pakistan's General Zia and Carter agreed to use Pakistani routes to resupply Iran.

As always, Carter's timetable reflects the election. Should Khomeini collapse before the November vote, the resulting debacle would fall on Carter's head—and probably give the election to Mr. Reagan. At the very least, Zbigniew Brzezinski's "Islamic card"—which relies on the power of the secretive Muslim Brotherhood as a weapon against

the Soviet Union—would collapse. For these and other reasons, Carter will try to postpone the inevitable collapse of the insane mullahs until after Nov. 4.

That date is incidentally the first anniversary of the taking of American hostages in Teheran.

Embedded in this ploy is more than just bad policy and international crimes. By supporting Khomeini, the Carter administration may be getting in over its head. Carter and Brzezinski are playing an extremely dangerous game. Iraq intends to win its war—and if Carter and Brzezinski will do anything to stop them, they might find themselves running smack into the Soviet Union in the world's most sensitive piece of real estate.