

Khomeini's U.S. backers: what are they doing now?

by Susan Welsh

The Islamic Republic of Iran, ushered in on Feb. 12, 1979, was immediately greeted as "our friends" by President Jimmy Carter. As documented in the book *Hostage to Khomeini* (1980), Khomeini's takeover was prepared by top officials of the Carter administration and the New York Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). What are these traitors up to now?

They are plotting a "second Iran"—in the Philippines, orchestrating the destabilization of President Ferdinand Marcos just as they did against the Shah of Iran. **William Sullivan**, formerly U.S. ambassador to Teheran, is now promoting Philippine opposition leaders, working with **Cyrus Vance** and **Ramsey Clark**—both veterans of the campaign to install the Ayatollah Khomeini.

Zbigniew Brzezinski, Carter's National Security Adviser, was the driving force behind the promotion of Islamic fundamentalism as a "bulwark against Communism."

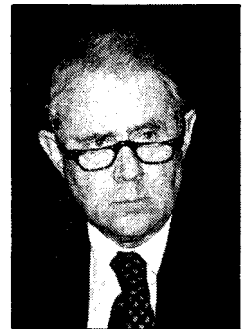
Today Brzezinski is continuing to promote this bankrupt policy, at the same time fostering the decoupling of Europe from the United States and a shift of U.S. policy focus to the Middle and Far East. Brzezinski is a fellow at Columbia University's Harriman Institute and at Georgetown University's Center for Strategic and International Studies. In a speech at Georgetown in September 1982, Brzezinski forecast the "disintegration of the Eurocentric world order" and called for the United States to "deemphasize the centrality of NATO."

Zbig gave the keynote address at a gathering of Afghani Islamic rebels hosted by the State Department Dec. 12, 1983—shortly after the murder of over 200 U.S. marines in Beirut by Islamic fundamentalist terrorists. Brzezinski called for supplying Afghani *mujaheddin* with "relatively simple weapons," as well as for U.S. support of "key Muslim countries." Another speaker at the State Department conference was Afghani rebel leader Farouk Azzam, who was effusive in his praise for Brzezinski's Islamic card policy. "We thank you Pakistan, and also Iran and those who are helping us, espe-

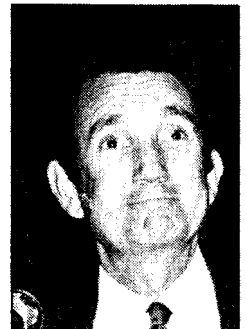


cially the United States," he said. "We are all one, we are all *mujaheddin*, we are all brothers!"

Cyrus Vance, Carter's secretary of state, is currently with the Simpson, Thatcher, and Bartlett lawfirm in New York. Vance is a senior policy adviser to the election campaign of Walter Mondale and Chairman of the Center for National Policy, the leading Democratic Party think tank cum strategy center. An advocate of the "nuclear freeze," Vance is a member of the East-West arms control commission of Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme—which was recently revealed to have received its political marching orders from a Soviet KGB agent installed in the Norwegian foreign ministry, Arne Treholt.



Ramsey Clark, the White House envoy plenipotentiary to Iran during Khomeini's rise to power, marched under banners reading "Death to America!" in a procession in Teheran demanding the overthrow of the government of Shahpur Bakhtiar, the moderate who preceded Khomeini. Clark met with Khomeini in Paris and issued the following extraordinary statement: "The Ayatollah Khomeini and I hope that the American people and President Carter will respect our wishes, and that the United States will not interfere through the army, through American advisers, the CIA, or through support for Bakhtiar and let the nation determine its own fate." Within hours, Khomeini was on his way to Iran to assume absolute power.



Clark was attorney general during the Johnson administration (1967-69); his number two man in the Justice Dept. was **Warren Christopher**, who as undersecretary of state in the Carter administration sent Clark to Iran.

Today Clark is chairman of the advisory board of the Fund for New Priorities, a group which is organizing the overthrow of the Philippine government of Ferdinand Marcos. (*EIR* will soon publish a full exposé of this plot.)

Active with Clark in the mobilization against Marcos is anti-nuclear energy fanatic **Richard Falk**, another veteran of the Iran project. A member of the Club of Rome, Falk authored the "human rights" section of the *CFR 1980s Project*, designating the Shah of Iran as a target for overthrow. He made numerous trips to Iran and remains close to Islamic fundamentalist groups throughout the world. Today Falk is active in the Committee Against Military Dictatorship (CAMD), which includes radical activists from El Salvador and the Philippines.