

Khomeini returns to Iran

London is using chaos to begin a 'new dark ages'

The religious opposition leader Ayatollah Khomeini returned to Iran this week after a near 15-year exile. Speaking to the millions of Iranians who turned out to see him, the Ayatollah minced no words in his attacks on the government of Shahpur Bakhtiar or the thousands of foreign technical assistants the Shah has called into Iran to expedite his industrialization programs.

Khomeini called upon the Iranian masses to "cut off the hands" of all foreigners in Iran in keeping with reactionary Islamic law — an awesome remainder of what a huge step backward Iran will take if Khomeini's Islamic government replaces Bakhtiar. Iran will become the first example of a "New Dark Ages" plan for the world economy, a plan that a faction of the British oligarchy associated with the late Bertrand Russell is actively promoting.

Fueling speculation on oil

But more, London is using the Iranian crisis as a trigger for global economic warfare against the newly formed European Monetary System. The aim is to eliminate the threat the EMS represents to the continued power the City of London financial machine has for centuries enjoyed.

It is no coincidence that Khomeini's

arrival in Iran was timed with a crisis-mongering statement from U.S. Secretary of Energy James Schlesinger that the cut-off of Iranian oil exports, as a result of militant labor strikes, will plunge the world into another energy crisis like that of 1973. Schlesinger and his London conspirators plan to enforce the International Energy Agency Emergency Sharing measures by no later than early March. This would make the major industrialized nations vulnerable to IEA economic control through the dispersal of fuels.

London's British Petroleum and its sister company, Royal Dutch Shell, are also using the constricted oil markets to lead an international speculative binge, driving the price of oil on the open market to as high as \$18 a barrel. This is nearly \$5.00 over the OPEC price even after the January price rise of 5 percent.

London press conduits are spreading rumors of impending financial panic within the Eurodollar market as a result of quickly depleting Iranian reserves. Over the last four months, Iran's reserves have dropped by nearly half in order to service debt and maintain vital domestic functioning and imports. The Jan. 29 **Financial Times** notes that already one Dutch lending institution has reclassified Iran as a credit risk.

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What the international press has not reported in detail is that many of Khomeini's "advisors" in Paris are known collaborators of British intelligence and the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation, along with circles of existentialists and environmentalists associated with Jean Paul Sartre, Pierre Vigier, and the Institute for Policy Studies.

Prior to Khomeini's arrival in Iran, Iranian Prime Minister Bakhtiar told the press that he felt that Khomeini's associates in Teheran were "more reasonable" than those in France, implying that he and the powerful Iranian military felt Khomeini might be more amenable to reaching a peaceful agreement if he were in Teheran. Just at the point where the remote chance of an agreement is within reach, Iran has been plagued by an upsurge of armed guerrillas reportedly not under Khomeini's control. If Khomeini backs off, the Iranian military can be expected to clamp down on such terrorists, which Arab sources confirm are under the direct control of London's closest ally — Israeli intelligence.

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