

# National News

## Haig will declare soon

General Alexander Haig will announce his presidential candidacy on the Republican ticket next week, according to press reports. Haig will rely on a "tough man" image to capitalize on popular rage over the Iran crisis and other crises now in the planning stage, according to information.

That Haig will make up his mind this week was stated by the communications director of the "Draft Haig Committee." Will he run? "I am convinced he will," said the spokesman.

Haig has been given strong press coverage recently, as the press levels stronger and stronger attacks on both Kennedy and Carter. Columnist TRB in the *Baltimore Sun*, for example, said that "once every few years" a military man runs for office, and now, "the time is ripe."

## Puerto Rican terrorists eye mainland

Puerto Rican terrorists who ambushed a U.S. Navy bus killing two and wounding five Dec. 4 could set off a wave of terrorism in the mainland United States, according to information in possession of *EIR*. The terrorism would include Iranian students, "new leftists" and others besides the Puerto Rican FALN terrorist group now operating in the U.S.

As *EIR* has reported, the National Security Council's "Iran crisis" is intended to have a "playback effect"—providing a credible pretext for "Khomeini supporters" and others to conduct terrorism that was planned for the United States well in advance.

The known supporting networks for terrorists in Puerto Rico—the Hispanic Commission of the Episcopal Church and the American Friends Service Committee—are also most prominently behind the FALN and other U.S.-based terrorist organizations. The AFSC has

been running a public campaign against U.S. naval operations on islands off Puerto Rico, the circumstance for the Dec. 4 terrorist attack.

## Ask recall of Chicago mayor

Chicago's political and financial stability is threatened by Mayor Jane Byrne, says an article appearing in the Dec. 4 Chicago Tribune, a large-circulation black newspaper. The article is entitled "We need to recall the mayor."

Firefighters in the city have authorized their leadership to strike because Byrne reneged on a campaign promise to grant them a formal contract. The Board of Education has not been backed by the mayor in its application for credit, and so the public schools are in turmoil, and teachers face payless paydays.

Transit workers are also threatening to strike.

The article's author, Bob Widerick, argues that the Illinois state legislature should pass a law giving Chicago residents the right to recall the mayor.

The streets of Chicago have been the site of mass leafletting recently by an organization called "Citizens for Chicago." The leaflets contain information on Mayor Byrne's connections to organized crime and casino gambling.

## Lodge: "We are for Bush"

Former Ambassador to the United Nations and 1960 Nixon running mate, Henry Cabot Lodge, recently told an interviewer of a strategy to make George Bush the media-designated "winner" of the early Republican primaries.

Lodge minced no words on what was planned in the backrooms: "I'm committed to a candidate. I'm for George Bush. George Bush will be the next President of the United States."

Can Bush take the New Hampshire

primary? "We think we can. We are doing everything we can so that he can." Lodge's "we" in past discussions has referred to the "Boston Brahmins," persons associated with the Boston World Affairs Council. When pressed to define "we" in the present context, Lodge declined either an affirmation or denial.

Can Bush take the Massachusetts primary? "We think we'll take Massachusetts," came Lodge's reply.

Former Republican presidential seeker George Romney has also announced that he's for Bush.

## Ask Iran Probe

Two prominent businessmen in New Hampshire, a state at the height of the political primary season, have added their voices to those asking for an investigation of U.S. government preplanning of the Iran crisis. Ralph Johnson, from Keene, N.H., president of the New Hampshire Association of Realtors and a director of the National Association of Realtors, and William Ryan, President of the New Hampshire Credit Union League Corp. and a director of the National Credit Union Association, have issued the following statement:

"I call on Congress to investigate the Foreign policy planners responsible for the crisis in Iran. In order to pursue the evidence that the crisis was premeditated and prearranged, Congress must ask:

1. Why Zbigniew Brzezinski, Ramsey Clark, Henry Kissinger and others collaborated with the international Muslim Brotherhood to establish the Khomeini regime in Iran and then trigger the seizure of American hostages.

2. Why the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) activated its energy rationing and monetary controls plan weeks before hostages were taken.

3. Why the policy makers who organized the crisis are the same people who insist that the American people must be forced to accept slashes in energy consumption and economic growth."

## Briefly

● **SPY SCANDALS** in Britain are about to spill into the U.S.A., judging by articles appearing in British newspapers. The *Observer* says Ernest Henry, a German-born Russian diplomat, controlled British agents Philby, Maclean and Blunt before Philby et al. defected to the U.S.S.R. Henry also recruited Soviet agents in America in the late 1940s. James Angleton, a former CIA official, has mentioned former director William Colby, and David Aaron, former aide to Vice-President Mondale in this connection.

● **GOVERNOR GALLEN** of New Hampshire was the recipient this week of a \$2 million grant from Jimmy Carter, reports the *Boston Globe*. The money—delivered suddenly in the middle of the primary season—will go to building a public transport line between Concord and Boston.

● **JOHN CONNALLY'S** campaign staff has gone through a reshuffle, say sources. Connally hired a cost-efficiency expert who fired 20 members of Connally's Washington staff. Connally had 160 staffers in the nation's capital. The saved dollars will go toward his media campaign.

● **JIMMY CARTER** is acting more like a Republican than a Democrat, the Kennedy and Brown people are charging in New Hampshire. Carter's fiscal austerity and other anti-social program postures are not good Democraticism, his opponents say. How official Kennedy and Brown intend to make the charges is another question; the New Hampshire Democratic Party state constitution says that anyone can be a member of the Democratic Party—no matter of what political or philosophical persuasion.

## Baker Campaign In Reverse Gear

Just as most presidential candidates are gearing up for the primaries, Senate Minority Leader Howard Baker's campaign for the GOP nomination is going into reverse gear.

Baker has scaled down his campaign drastically, deciding to concentrate all his efforts on Iowa and New Hampshire.

During the past two weeks, most of Baker's leading advisers have deserted. The first to leave was Donald Sundquist, his campaign manager. Sundquist was followed this week by the rapid-fire resignations of Bernie Windon, Baker's political director; Chic Cudlip, his schedule man; and William Savard, director of his campaign in Iowa.

Those remaining are not optimistic. According to Wyatt Stuart, Baker's new campaign manager, "We are running into difficulties in New Hampshire and Iowa, and it's late, damn late."

Baker's campaign began to deflate soon after "straw votes" in Maine and Florida in which Baker "did less well than was expected." Baker has made it clear he is conceding the South to his opponents, a move which is seen by many to aid the campaign of the liberal George Bush. Bush needs to gain southern support; Reagan and Connally's southern constituencies are already well staked out.

## Kennedy praised in Iran, Soviet Union

The Dec. 4 San Francisco television statement by Senator Ted Kennedy labeling the Shah of Iran's regime "one of the most violent in history" has won ire from Americans, but praise from the leaders of Iran and one faction within the Soviet Union. Iranian Finance Minister Abolhassan Bani-Sadr and Central Bank head Ali Nobari both hailed Kennedy for enhancing the chances for a "compromise," and signs were held

aloft in Teheran reading "Teddy for President."

A Dec. 5 commentary by Soviet writer Petrov in *Pravda*, cited Kennedy and former U.N. ambassador Andrew Young as two American sources who support investigation of the Shah's "crimes against the Iranian people." The Petrov citation came in the context of an article backing the Khomeini regime's complaints against the Shah, while criticizing the hostage-taking as such.

Meanwhile, the United Nations Security Council voted 15 to 0 to condemn the hostage-taking action.

## Call for Investigation of Iran Set-Up

Ralph Greene, secretary-treasurer of the Federal Printers Union #713 in Washington, D.C. called Dec. 4 for a congressional investigation of high U.S. official complicity in the Iran crisis. Greene said:

"The recent actions of Iranian strongman Ayatollah Khomeini are deplorable to every American. They must be halted and the American hostages released. However if we are to avert the horrible consequences of war and oil shortages we must point the finger at the real perpetrators of the crisis.

"Based on evidence available in the public domain, it appears entirely possible that high government officials in the United States such as Zbigniew Brzezinski and Cyrus Vance; such as 'respected advisers' Henry Kissinger, David Rockefeller, and Ramsey Clark, and the controllers in the United States of the Muslim Brotherhood, must take the blame for the crisis in Iran.

"This scandal must be investigated before there is any further loss of life. Therefore, I call upon the United States Congress to undertake an official emergency investigation into the domestic actions of the following individuals: Henry Kissinger, Clovis Maksoud, Thomas Ricks, et al. of the controllers of the Muslim Brotherhood in the United States."