

Editorial Comment

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Washington's devout faith in Islam

Two developments have added urgency to the call first made in this column a fortnight ago, that Congress begin an immediate investigation of the Muslim Brotherhood and of the prominent traitors in the United States who are backing it. The investigation must go after the foreign policy planners—Cyrus Vance, Henry Kissinger, Ramsey Clark, and Zbigniew Brzezinski—who not only brought Khomeini to power but who also engineered the former shah of Iran's entry into the United States, knowing it would result in the seizing of U.S. hostages in Teheran.

The most dramatic new development, perhaps, is the open avowal of Iran's lord high executioner, the Ayatollah Khalkhali, that assassination squads under the command of the Iranian branch of the Muslim Brotherhood have been sent to the United States and Western Europe to carry out attacks against a "hit list" drawn up by the regime of the Ayatollah Khomeini. Khalkhali stated that "even the people who inhabit the White House" are on the list. No idle threats: Khalkhali's remarks were made as he claimed responsibility for the Paris murder of the nephew of the former shah of Iran.

The second development has to do with the administration's irresponsible antics in connection with the Middle East crisis. As our *Economics* story documents, Treasury Secretary G. William Miller was kicked out of Saudi Arabia last week for excellent reasons. Yamani, speaking on behalf of the Saudi government as well as his own office, rightly accused the Carter administration of subjecting the Saudis to the same pattern of attempted destabilizations which the administration conducted at the outset of its destabilization of the shah's government.

It may seem astounding, given Khalkhali's boast that the Muslim Brotherhood is a terrorist

organization (as this review has long maintained) and his threats to President Carter and his family, that the White House and State Department are limiting their response to "increased security measures." The appropriate reaction would be to launch a fullscale investigation of the Brotherhood's activities in this country and, as Democratic presidential contender Lyndon LaRouche advised Carter nearly a month ago, to make it clear that any harm to the U.S. hostages in Teheran or other U.S. lives will result in the ruthless hunting down of the Muslim Brotherhood everywhere, as an international outlaw organization akin to the Nazis.

As recently as Dec. 6, at a White House press briefing, Carter spokesman Jody Powell was pressed by a reporter on why National Security Advisor Brzezinski seems to support the Muslim Brotherhood. His response: "In terms of East-West conflicts, the administration believes that those who have devout faith in Islam would find the materialism and atheism of Communism to be repugnant to them."

Now, the same "devout faith in Islam" is to be wielded against Saudi Arabia—not, certainly, in the interest of overcoming the feudal structure of that nation but to ensure that a fanatical dark age horde will end once and for all the Saudis' commitment to modernization and economic development. "The real target of this operation is the United States itself," as presidential candidate LaRouche told a New Hampshire audience Dec. 7. "The idea is to create an energy crisis in the United States to implement the next phase of the administration's energy austerity policy. The other targets—and this is being openly stated—are France, West Germany, and Japan. The policy is to bring down the economies of our Western European allies by cutting off their oil."