
National News

Rep. Hansen demands Congress investigate Iran terror

Congressman George Hansen (R-Id.) demanded on Dec. 13 a congressional investigation into the U.S. government's handling of the Iranian crisis. Two weeks ago, Hansen paid a visit to Tehran on a fact-finding tour, and sources close to Hansen reported that the purpose of his trip was to "get the goods" on the Trilateral Commission and the Council on Foreign Relations for their actions in Iran.

At a press conference at the National Press Club in Washington, Hansen compared the bungling and outright treason concerning Iran to the U.S. debacle at Pearl Harbor in 1941, and he said that now, as then, officials will have to pay with their jobs for the crisis.

Hansen especially singled out the danger resulting from the threat of Ayatollah Khalkhali, the head of the Muslim Brotherhood in Iran. "We are now told that Ayatollah Khalkhali, a high figure in the current Iranian government, has sent assassination squads throughout the world to search out and destroy the 'opponents of the revolution.' Dare we assume that this is an idle boast in view of the assassination in Paris of the shah's nephew? Does the threat extend to people residing in our own country, even to elected and appointed officials?"

Bush plans to exploit Iran crisis

A George Bush for President campaign insider outlined for *EIR* the intended impact of the Iranian crisis on the 1980 election. "The entire election campaign revolves on the Iran issue. Kennedy will be blamed as a traitor when the hostages are killed. His campaign will not survive the death of the hostages. Iran will not

hurt Carter, but he will be hit from all sides on the destruction of our intelligence capabilities. Bush will pick up this theme, as the expert" with intelligence experience.

Bush's strategy is to use the Iranian debacle to play up his credentials. He is a former director of the Council on Foreign Relations, a member of the Trilateral Commission, and a former CIA director. But as such, he was intimately involved with those circles responsible for bringing down the Shah of Iran and installing the Ayatollah Khomeini. The same circles, led by David Rockefeller and Henry Kissinger, were responsible for pressuring the Carter administration to admit the shah to the U.S.A., precipitating the Iranian "student" takeover of the U.S. embassy in Teheran.

Kennedy sheds liberal cover at Chicago CFR

A much-publicized speech before the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations on Dec. 10 was the occasion for Democratic presidential contender Edward Kennedy to shed the last layer of his well-cultivated cover as a liberal on foreign policy issues.

The Massachusetts senator was most vociferous in his Cold War stand against the Soviet Union. "We must deal with the dual danger of a Soviet arsenal of mounting weaponry and a Soviet policy of constant probing wherever they see opportunity and vulnerability," Kennedy told the council.

In other remarks that echoed recent policy statements of retired NATO Gen. Alexander Haig, whose candidacy for the White House on a GOP ticket is being mooted, Kennedy announced his support for a new MX missile system and the maintenance of the U.S. naval base at Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean. Both statements were policy reversals for the senator.

"The United States must never retreat in the face of rising Soviet power,"

he said. "This nation must never accept second place in national security." Some political observers have commented that Kennedy is making political hay over the Iran crisis, while hoping to conceal his longtime connections to former attorney general Ramsey Clark, Princeton University Professor Bernard Lewis, and others who were instrumental in installing Khomeini in power.

Hispanic American Dems meet in Denver

A new national Hispanic political association was formed in Denver Dec. 7-9 which promises to play an important role in shaping the political development of the nation's fastest growing minority.

Approximately 300 delegates, representing 10 states, with significant Hispanic populations, and Puerto Rico, voted to form Hispanic American Democrats. David Lizarraga, a southern California Democrat, was elected chairman.

From a minority which traditionally votes upwards of 80 percent Democratic, the convention brought together the greatest concentration of Hispanic leaders in the party outside of full party conventions. Included were Reps. Roybal (Ca.) and Garcia (N.Y.); Miami Mayor Maurice Ferre; New Mexico Lt. Governor Mondragon; over a dozen state senators and assemblymen from California, New Mexico, Texas, Colorado and New York; and Hispanic political appointees in Washington and several state houses. The keynote address was given by President Carter's White House liaison with Hispanics, former UNESCO Ambassador Esteban Torres.

Though the convention did not officially endorse any 1980 candidate, representatives of Carter, Kennedy, LaRouche, and Brown met privately with numerous delegates to line up or confirm support.

Political observers noted a surprisingly subdued Kennedy presence, in the leadership of a minority often viewed as solidly lined up with the Kennedy camp.

Kennedy floor leaders admitted that the endorsement from Chicago's Mayor Byrne and Kennedy's campaign statements on Iran had hurt him and that the race among Hispanics is up for grabs.

San Francisco elections: defeat for 'Jonestown machine'

The results of the Dec. 11 elections in San Francisco, Ca. are in and it looks like the voters are wary about being represented by politicians with ties to the People's Temple of Jim Jones.

By a margin of 3 to 1, District Attorney Joe Freitas lost to his opponent, Arlo Smith. Freitas was the subject of a 50,000-run leaflet issued by the nonpartisan Citizens for San Francisco on Dec. 5. Freitas, reported the leaflet, had hired Jim Jones, president of the People's Temple, to investigate charges of vote fraud in the Moscone-Barbagelata mayoralty race.

Incumbent Mayor Diane Feinstein won her election bid against Quentin Kopp with 54 percent of the vote. Citizens for San Francisco are reportedly investigating the possibility of fraud. Feinstein too has ties with the People's Temple cultists. The mayor's most prominent black supporter with a machine to get out the vote is State Assemblyman Willie Jones, a close friend of Jim Jones.

NSC plans Persian Gulf invasion

The "highest circles in the administration have already decided on the destruction of Iran's navy and air capabilities and the introduction of sufficient force into Iran to effect the partition (between the U.S. and U.S.S.R.) of that nation," said a source close to former NATO Commander Gen. Alexander Haig.

The presidential okay for such an

operation is guaranteed, said the source, based upon a National Security Council profile of President Carter as a "religious fundamentalist." According to the profile, "Carter is a fundamentalist nabob. He will never deploy violence unless violence occurs against Americans. ... The hostages have been written off by the highest circles in Washington. ... The hostages are already dead. ... When he is made to see that, Carter will be gotten to intervene."

These same circles concede that this might trigger World War III. Said our source, "Iran will be partitioned. We think the Soviet Union is interested in partition. If the Soviet Union doesn't accept this, it could mean World War III."

Congress Panel finds 'no barrier' to fusion

After two days of deliberations and expert testimony, the House Science and Technology Subcommittee on Energy Research and Production's Fusion Advisory Panel concluded Dec. 11 that there are "no scientific or technical barriers" to the development of fusion energy by the 1990s. The panel further found that the only existing impediments to the U.S. fusion effort were "lack of funding" and "the current Carter administration policy" to delay fusion development for another 40 years.

Congressman Mike McCormack, the chairman of the Energy subcommittee, put it this way: "The technology is available today to develop magnetic fusion ... in the 1990s, about two decades earlier than the current Department of Energy plan.

"Fusion has been perceived only as a long-term energy source," McCormack said. "Recent successes in the fusion program oblige us to change that view." Fusion is not just another energy source, McCormack said, it is the only energy-dense source which can provide unlimited, cheap, and clean energy.

Briefly

● ANTHONY SOLOMON, Undersecretary of the Treasury for Monetary Affairs, called for the imposition of IMF controls over the U.S. economy during hearings conducted Dec. 12 by Senator Adlai Stevenson's sub-committee on international monetary affairs. "... The Fund's examination goes beyond narrowly defined exchange rate policy to encompass the broad range of economic policies affecting balance of payments adjustment. The IMF has begun to implement the new surveillance arrangements."

● PRESIDENT CARTER announced on Dec. 12 his intention to increase the military budget five percent over the rate of inflation for the fiscal year and a five-year military plan that would see defense spending increases of 4.5 percent above inflation each year. Spending would go toward development of the mobile MX missile and completion of the rapid strike forces.

● THE DEPARTMENT of Public Utilities in Massachusetts announced on Dec. 11 that it will require an investigation of the financial health of the Seabrook, N.H. nuclear project, before allowing the state's municipal electric light companies to invest in the project. The decision was made on a motion by State Attorney General Francis X. Belotti and indefinitely delays the implementation of a proposal by Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Co. to purchase a 5.6 percent share of the Seabrook facility.

● SEN. EDWARD KENNEDY held a \$1,000 a plate dinner at the Park Plaza in Boston on Dec. 12 with 500 people attending. The money was there, but as the *Boston Globe* ruefully conceded the following day, it was like "betting on one horse among several," and the crowd was reported to be "very fickle."