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# Chinese-model genocide: how it's happening in Iran

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Almost as soon as the Iranian revolution had secured its bloody grip on Teheran in 1979, speculation began on which country would become “the next Iran.” Throughout the Muslim world, country after country found itself being compared to Iran. Turkey, Egypt, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, the Philippines, Algeria: self-proclaimed specialists in Islam issued forecasts with alleged insights into the qualification of each of these countries to become an importer of the perverse gospel of the Ayatollah Khomeini. Outside the Muslim world, states such as Mexico were often mentioned as places in which “the Iran treatment” would topple governments.

Such reports are not idle speculation. The gentlemen behind Khomeini and the Islamic Republic of Iran do indeed intend to export the Iranian revolution. During the entire decade of the 1970s, the Club of Rome, the Aspen Institute, the human rights organizations, Amnesty International, and the Brandt Commission developed a strategy for dealing with what they euphemistically called “overpopulation.” Committed to prevent the industrialization of the developing sector, the Club of Rome and its associates sought a method to bring about the elimination of one billion people in the so-called Third World. That could only be accomplished by effecting a reorganization of society in the developing sector away from the city-building, urban industrial outlook which had captured the aspirations of the broad mass of the population; in its place must be put a society organized along the lines of the feudal Chinese civilization. This development model came to be called the “China model,” applied with grim efficiency by the Pol Pot regime in Cambodia.

Thus, Iran—in order to better test the viability of this strategy—was turned into a life-size laboratory for experimentation in the application of the “China model.” As incredible as it may seem, everything that has occurred inside Iran was the result of a carefully controlled process of dein-



Fanatical followers of the Ayatollah Khomeini in Teheran.

dustrialization, ruralization, and systematic elimination of the productive capacity of what, until 1978, had been one of the most prosperous nations in the developing sector. Sociologists, social psychologists, specialists in psychological warfare, and cultural anthropologists in the employ of the Club of Rome and the Aspen Institute have minutely studied the daily disintegration of Iran's economy—and the concomitant expression of insanity by its population—to determine whether or not the experiment was a success.

### **A life-size laboratory**

The final results are not yet in. But, as exemplified by University of Chicago Professor Marvin Zonis—a well-known Iran expert for Anglo-American intelligence with a special expertise in psychology—the very people who participated in the creation of the Khomeini regime are now monitoring reports of its progress.

The following report by the *Executive Intelligence Review's* Middle East specialists documents first, the devastation wreaked on Iran by the eighteen months of rule by Khomeini and the mullahs; in that short time, the development course of an entire nation has been reversed. Second, we document the political mechanism that stands behind the economic czars of the present regime, as typified by President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr. There is little doubt that Iran under the "China model" has been brought to the very brink of collapse, mass

## **In this section**

This Special Report was researched and written by Robert Dreyfuss, Judith Wyer and Mark Burdman, under the direction of Mr. Dreyfuss, *EIR's* Middle East Editor. Mr. Dreyfuss and his staff have gained international prominence for their prescient analyses of the Iranian destabilization, beginning before the February 1979 revolution that brought "Islamic fundamentalism" to power, and featuring *EIR's* November 1979 publication, "The Secret Behind the Ayatollah Khomeini," which created a stir among influential government and other circles around the world.

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starvation and executions—genocide. Nor is there any doubt that such a result is the deliberate policy behind the Anglo-American oligarchy as represented by the Club of Rome and its appendages.

### **Ideological reorientation**

If the Iranian experiment proves successful, the lessons learned there will be applied throughout the developing sector to implement the “New Dark Ages” strategy of the Anglo-American elite.

So far, there is no doubt that Iran has proved at least part of the case: namely, that a modernizing nation committed to growth and high-technology development, from steel plants and nuclear power to modern agribusiness and computerized communications systems, can be reduced to chaos almost overnight. What is not yet entirely proven is that the population of that country can be easily broken from their commitment to that outlook. For that, the conspirators in Iran require the imposition of an *ideological* reorientation in the psychology of a population.

As examined in a previous *EIR* report, (“The Aquarian Conspiracy’s Road to Orwell’s 1984,” May 13, 1980), the key to the Anglo-American oligarchy’s ability to bring about the needed shift is the “attitudes” and belief structures of a target population. These must be changed by careful manipulation of the ideological weaknesses in the psychological profile of the citizens of a nation-state, in a way that opens up their susceptibilities to an anti-industrial revolution. In Iran, the cult aspects of the radical Shi’ite beliefs—studied by British intelligence specialists for a century or more—were used to mobilize ignorant and backward peasants as shock troops of an army whose watchword was anti-Westernization.

For Iran, the command center of the Islamic revolution was the network of the Muslim Brotherhood (*Ikhwan al-Muslimun*). Established in 1929 by the British Secret Intelligence Service in Ismailia, Egypt, the Ikhwan grew rapidly and extended itself into branches in many other Muslim countries, including Iran. Everywhere, its ideology resurrected the ancient cult practices of pre-Islamic Arabia and, from the Islamic period, the Ikhwan drew upon the works of the reactionary anti-science current of Al-Ashari and Al-Ghazali. Since its beginning, the Ikhwan has been used by the British to countervail against the advocates of industrialization in the Islamic world, equating “technology” with “the West” and then suggesting that some sort of “Islamic technology” appropriate to that part of the world is all that Muslims can aspire to. In the United States, the front group of the Ikhwan is the Muslim Student Association, out of which virtually the entire present leadership of Iran is drawn, including Sadegh Ghotbzadeh, Defense Minister Mustafe Chamran (who is also

the chief of SAVAMA, the secret police), Ibrahim Yazdi, and others.

In other countries, it is the same. In Mexico, for instance, Jesuit priests and the feudalist Monterrey group have developed a “Liberation Theology” assault against the “materialistic” nature of Mexican society, using ancient cult practices of Aztec culture as the organizing principle for rallying support for the “China model” there.

### **The Aspen role**

The Iran Project of the Aspen Institute, which convened the 1975 international conference in Persepolis, Iran, was probably the single most important among the ongoing efforts to prepare the nation of Iran for the Islamic revolution. Given its commitment to bringing about a shift in attitudes from the “material” to the “spiritual,” the Aspen Institute was involved in nearly every aspect of sponsoring the revolution. But what is not widely known is that at the very pinnacle of government and the Pahlavi court in Iran were leading officials who collaborated directly with the conspiracy to topple the Shah.

Since his fall, the Shah has expressed his shock and surprise that one of his closest associates and former schoolmates, General Hossein Fardoust, who was given responsibility for preparing the Shah’s daily intelligence brief, was secretly a supporter of the Khomeini revolution and now occupies an important post in the SAVAMA, Khomeini’s secret police.

But by the same token, leading Iranians such as Sayyed Hossein Nasr and Hushang Nahavandi—and even the Shah’s wife, Empress Farah herself!—were intimately associated with the conspiracy, whether wittingly or unwittingly, and it was they who opened the doors for the Bani-Sadr regime. In fact, Empress Farah, the Shahbanou, provided millions of dollars in research grants to Roger Garaudy, a French leftist with links to the Club of Rome and his chief associate: Abolhassan Bani-Sadr!

### **The results to date**

In a series of exposés since 1979, the *Executive Intelligence Review* has provided exclusive information on the international apparatus that toppled the Shah. While Henry Kissinger—whom the naive Shah still befriends—asserts that Iran’s revolution was the result of “too-rapid industrialization,” in fact, what happened in Iran was the result of direct Carter administration support for a British-directed operation to destroy Iran for reasons having to do with “geopolitical” policy. As early as February 1979, *EIR* warned what would be the result of the successful consolidation of power by the Ayatollah Khomeini and his associates. In the following, we present the sum of that result so far.