

Editorial

Take out Khomeini!

It is now eight years since the back-to-the-Dark Ages "Islamic fundamentalist" movement of Ayatollah Khomeini was installed in power in Iran, under the aegis of the Trilateral Carter administration.

During this period, all arguments to the effect that one or another faction of the mullahs represents some potential "strategic asset" of the United States and Western Europe, have been massively, repeatedly discredited. The latest demonstration is the recent orgy of hostage-taking in Lebanon, gloatingly endorsed by the Speaker of the Iranian parliament Rafsanjani—the leader of the "moderates" according to the Reagan White House.

The truth is, as *EIR* has reported right from the start of the "Iranian revolution," that Khomeinism is pure evil, and civilized nations can have no other legitimate policy objective than to eliminate it at the earliest possible date. Certainly, the Khomeini gang makes no secret of its ambition to eliminate Western civilization.

Back on March 13, 1984, Lyndon LaRouche called for a "War Measures Act" and "Trading with the Enemy" provisions to be applied against the barbarian Khomeini regime. LaRouche wrote:

"Since the present dictatorship of Teheran has repeatedly declared that a state of war exists between it and the United States of America, this government of the United States must take certain legal measures and other actions responsive to the fact that dictator Ruhollah Khomeini has not only repeatedly asserted such a state of war to exist, but is engaged in acts of warfare against the United States, its citizens, their properties, and the persons and vital interests of allies of the United States.

"Therefore, all persons giving aid and comfort to the government of Iran and its agencies and accomplices are guilty of treason under the terms of our Constitution and relevant statutes, and must be detained and prosecuted accordingly.

"Moreover, there is massive evidence to the effect that the said dictatorship of Iran is engaged in crimes against humanity relatively more massive, more bestial

than those for which the late Nazi regime was indicted in the Nuremberg war-crimes proceedings. If this evidence is not disproven, the present dictatorship of Iran must be judged an 'outlaw' government, and a universal boycott deployed against all trade with Iran so long as the present dictatorship shall exist, and also against nations which violate such total boycott against the present dictatorship of Iran, and against all nations which conduct trade with such allies."

LaRouche further specified:

"All persons giving aid and comfort to the present dictatorship of Iran, or allies of that dictatorship, are to be apprehended, detained, and prosecuted.

"Any foreign nation which permits the supply of Iran, shall be subject to immediate and total boycott of all trade with the United States of America, and if such practice shall persist, no payments shall be made by the government, corporations or individual nations of the United States of America to the account of a government, corporation, bank, or person of a nation in violation of this boycott.

"Any law enforcement or other official of the United States, who impedes the implementation of these measures, shall be summarily dismissed from all authorities and duties of office, and shall be banned from all further employment with the government of the United States, and prosecuted.

"Upon discovery that any government has violated the orders so issued, all aid and courtesies except those of the barest diplomatic representations shall be suspended immediately and totally."

If the United States had followed Lyndon LaRouche's policy on Iran, instead of Ronald Reagan's, the West would have been spared the humiliation of Irangate and the imminent threat that it may lose vital political and economic interests in the Middle East through its policy of impotence. The only chance to avoid disaster is if the LaRouche policy is followed now. No matter what others say, the President of the United States and Congress must act now to take out Khomeini.