

Tales of bloody horror from Iran

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"The corpse of a 19-year-old Mojahed, Akbar Poordarvish was seen by his family," the typewritten report before me read. "He had been arrested some time previously and the torturers had gouged both his eyes out. His chest was severely burned and then ripped open. Akbar's arms, too, were smashed."

The report went on: "Mansoorah Arabali: A girl student in the Isfahan University. Her breasts and loins displayed signs of severe burns; the neck, the right side of her face and the nails were all bruised under blows; the upper limbs were both severed from the trunk. She died under torture."

And further: "Ali-Morad Panahi: altogether he was given 9,000 lashes from the time of his arrest until he died. . . ."

"Hamid-Agha Ali-Seachani: Severe infection of mouth and lips as a result of hard blows; broken teeth; bruised face and forehead; signs of whipping on feet. Four shots were fired into his abdomen, but he was not shot in the head to prolong his agony before death."

". . . in the town of Oroomieh, a Mojahed's right arm was first amputated, for he was distributing leaflets with that hand. Then he was tied to a pole and in order to increase his agonies, the guards began shooting him in the legs first and slowly coming up to his chest. Then they refused to shoot the prisoner under execution in the head, thus leaving him to die slowly and with greater agony. . . ."

Further down, the typewritten report in my hands, supplying information on the state of affairs inside Khomeini's Islamic Republic of Iran, as you may have surmised by now, extensively documents the systematic rape before execution of female detainees:

"According to the religious decree issued by Khomeini, those women and girls arrested and imprisoned are automatically regarded as 'spoils of war' and become the slave girls of Khomeini's followers. This would then allow the torturers to rape them. Many women have been raped prior to their execution. One of the 'professional rapists' in the prisons is Hadi Ghaffari, a deputy in Khomeini's Majlis (parliament)."

According to a "religious opinion" promulgated by Ayatollah Montezari, the Koran considers it "indecent" to execute virgin girls. "Thus, on the eve of the execution, the

guards rape them to remove their virginity."

The report in my hands is a 326-page compilation of disparate typewritten statements smuggled out of Iran and hastily put together between two four-color paperback cover sheets made to resemble a book. It is titled *At War With Humanity: A Report on the Human Rights Record of Khomeini's Regime*. It contains a "partial list" of 2,594 names of Iranian individuals executed between June 20, 1981 and Dec. 15, 1981. It contains dozens of photographs of mangled, mutilated, bloodied, and torn bodies of what once were human beings.

The written testimonials and the agony-filled photographs go on endlessly to compose a grim documentary for just one chapter of the unfinished Khomeini story, from June 20 to Dec. 15, 1981.

The gas chambers are back

Now, almost three years and half-million dead later, a new urgent report is howling at us from the Iranian inferno: Gas chambers have been established in major Iranian cities. The source is an Iranian scholar who just escaped from Iran and presented his charges before French television on March 21, 1984. His charges are:

Contrary to U.S. State Department pious protests against alleged Iraqi use of "nerve gas" against Iranian troops, those Iranian patients now being treated in Western hospitals for chemical gas afflictions are the victims of the Khomeini regime's own gas chamber program. According to Dr. Parviz Pirnia, the Iranian scholar, the patients were contaminated as a result of the explosion of a chemical factory in the city of Marv-Dasht near Shiraz producing *cyanhydric acid*, which the Nazi's once called Zyklon B. The gas is produced for use in gas chambers which have been discretely in operation since 1980 for the primary purpose of eliminating political prisoners who are either too well known to be tried or too controversial to be jailed with other prisoners.

Too late to wash your hands

EIR approached Amnesty International and the World Council of Churches in an effort to goad them to action

against Khomeini's criminal activities. The response from Amnesty International Geneva offices was "We will not take political action against the Khomeini government. Even if we were around in World War II, we would not have taken action against the Hitler regime." Their London office stated: "The atrocities conducted by Khomeini do not come under the mandate of Amnesty International because they do not come under the 'prisoner of consciousness' definition."

The Middle East office of the World Council of Churches answered: "We are playing it low-key on the Iran question because we are negotiating a trip there right now."

The complacent, smug bastards at the State Department, who planned and carried out Khomeini's elevation to power, won't even admit that there is a problem to be concerned with in Iran. The Soviet government, a party to the crime of installing Khomeini to power, also remains silent; the East German government has reportedly supplied technical assistance for the construction and operation of the Zyklon B factory. The West German government under Foreign Minister and Kissinger protégé Hans-Dietrich Genscher is engaged in major economic deals with Khomeini. The Israeli government, to its great shame, has supplied Khomeini with approximately \$500 million worth of military equipment in the last three years.

Those among our readers who have followed our coverage of the Iranian crisis since 1978-79 know who is hiding behind this gruesome, criminal conspiracy of silence. Henry Kissinger's State Department planned the destruction of Iran; Cyrus Vance's State Department carried it out; Alexander Haig's NATO Command enforced it; the senior chiefs of British Intelligence coordinated and controlled every facet of the operation—and still do. The "great families" of the Anglo-American establishment, the authors and inspirators of the Khomeini phenomenon, meant it to signal a return of humanity to a "New Dark Age."

There are a great number of so-called Americans who are to be held directly and personally responsible for what is going on in Iran today. Americans, more so than Khomeini, must and one day will be held responsible before courts of law for *gas chambers*. Americans, if justice be done, must and will be held responsible for the sadistic, slow executions of tens of thousands. Americans must be held and judged for the rape of virgins before their brutal executions. Americans such as Henry Kissinger, Cyrus Vance, Alexander Haig, General Huyser, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Bernard Lewis, Marvin Zonis, Richard Cottam, Ramsey Clark, Gregory Bateson, Ambassador Sullivan, and those who took orders from them.

Don't kid yourselves: No matter how the Department of State is trying to conceal the facts behind this drama; no matter how our own home-grown criminals are pretending not to know what human agonies their policy actions produced and are producing; no matter the Eichmann-like denials and protestations, the truth will come out.

And the truth, above all, is that the good name and honor

A call to patriots

Send us information on traitors inside or outside the government of the United States who are directly or indirectly supporting the Khomeini regime or are otherwise committing acts which are legally treasonous under the laws applying in a situation of declared war between the U.S.A. and Khomeini's Islamic Republic.

Many such treasonous individuals are known to have operated and still do operate in various branches of the government, including the State Department and portions of the Defense Department, the Treasury, and so forth.

They are in violation of U.S. law.

Your information, supplied to EIR, will lead to their eventual prosecution. Contact our offices.

From the time of Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.'s declaration of March 13, ascertaining that a declared state of war exists between the United States of America and the Islamic Republic of dictator Ruhollah Khomeini, until the conclusion of this matter, *Executive Intelligence Review* shall maintain a special staff which will compile and publish information on activities of individuals and institutions in the United States whose activities constitute treason as legally defined by U.S. statutes which come in force when a declared state of war exists.

We therefore call on all U.S. and Iranian patriots to come forward, either anonymously or eponymously, and supply us with information pertaining to treasonous or potentially treasonous activities of individuals or groups, including within the government of the United States, who are providing "aid and comfort" to the Khomeini government, by means of direct or indirect trade, supply of weapons, supply of information, financial support, or by any other means.

This information will, in verified form, be used to form the legal dossiers on such individuals and institutions and will be employed in legal actions at the appropriate time. Legal cases will be constructed on the basis of laws pertaining to treason in wartime and on the basis of the Nuremberg Statutes respecting crimes against humanity.

—The Editors

of the republic of the United States of America have been blotted for the world to see with the abominations of Khomeinism. The American people, too, not just their putative leaders, will have to share a good part of the responsibility. True, they did not know, they were not told the policy being carried out in their name. Their moral flaw lay elsewhere: They didn't give a damn.

When the oligarchical-controlled mass media drew the population's attention to Iran momentarily, it was only to sell them the story of how the "American-controlled Shah" was causing misfortunes to his country by being "pro-American." And the cheap sentimentality which our liberal mass media know only too well how to induce in a population which wallows in banal indifference, led our population to accept the proposed policy: "Let's get out of Iran." We left, to leave behind an inferno.

Moral indifference

Now the same oligarchical liberals are making the same appeal, "Let's get out of Europe." Let's "not give a damn" about Europe, as we did not "give a damn" about Iran. Such an oligarchical operation would succeed if the banal indifference of the American population toward the fate of the world continues. If our people fail to summon up a capacity to wage war against Khomeini and what Khomeini represents, if they fail to be moved by the anguished, bloody *cri du coeur* of mangled Iran, it will have lost its moral fitness to survive, and it will not survive. The Nazi American liberals,

led by Kissinger and his patrons, have caused us to lose our friends in the developing world, such as Iran of old; they are now causing us to lose our allies in Europe. Based on a continuing inability of the people of the United States to organize a moral opposition to Khomeini, they might well cause us to lose our own republic.

When you decide to conduct yourself on the basis of the fact that a state of declared war exists between the United States and Khomeini's Iran, review in your mind's eye the dismembered, disembowled, and raped corpses of Iranian victims, who were not even allowed the right of a quick, private death agony. You will not be able to redress this wrong—ever. But what will you do about the morally responsible perpetrators, the smug bastards of the U.S. Department of State and their masters and patrons, the impeccably mannered Eastern Establishment, the Harrimans, Bundys, Cabot Lodges, and the others?

Win this war first. And then educate yourself about what kind of justice you must enforce upon these fellows, what kind of justice which would heal such huge, gaping moral wounds.

LaRouche declares state of war between U.S. and Iran

On March 13, U.S. Democratic presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche declared that a state of war presently exists between the United States and the lunatic regime of Ruhollah Khomeini. The Khomeini regime has made declarations and has committed acts of war against the United States. The government of the United States must take the legal and other measures, including the cutoff of trade and the prosecution of U.S.-based supporters of the outlaw regime, responsive of this fact, said LaRouche.

Among the hostile declarations of the Khomeini government against the United States are:

- The President of the Islamic Parliament, Hojatolislam Rafsanjani, stated in February that "the Islamic Republic is waiting for the opportune moment to destroy the White House on the heads of Ronald Reagan and company."

- On Feb. 15, the Assembly of United Islamic Movements, Iran's terrorist umbrella organization, held a meeting in Teheran at which escalating terrorist operations in North America were planned.

- Regarding the attacks on the French and American barracks in Beirut, attacks for which Iranian terrorists were largely responsible, Iranian President Khomeini stat-

ed on Oct. 24, 1983 that "a powerful and dynamic move has been organized by the Lebanese faithfuls in the north, south, and Beirut itself . . . the occupying . . . forces must be expelled from the country. . . ."

- An Iranian justice ministry communiqué praised the attacks: "Thanks to God, the bases of tyranny of America and France over Lebanon have collapsed, and an important number of mercenaries of imperialism and Zionism are dead in the ruins of their palace of tyranny."

- On Nov. 11, the Iranian media called the bombings "a well-deserved" punishment. A nation has the right "to inflict decisive blows by all possible means on intervention forces and on aggressors to end interference in their destiny."

- On Aug. 5, 1983, Khomeini stated: "The reactionary rulers [in Saudi Arabia] oppose anti-American policies. . . . 'Death to America' and 'Death to Israel' should be chanted at Hajj [Pilgrimage] ceremonies [in Saudi Arabia] which will be a means for awakening an uprising of the oppressed nations of the Islamic world against world arrogance."

- On July 13, 1983, Khomeini told a group of Islamic ambassadors to Iran: ". . . the United States is in very great danger in the region. Unfortunately, its economic and political power increases daily. This problem should be solved by Muslims and if we officials do not solve it, the Islamic nations will not put up with it for even a moment. We believe it is impossible to fight Israel without fighting the United States."