Editorial

Time to act against the media!

The taking of American airline passengers hostage by Lebanese Shi'ite terrorists on June 14, inaugurated a wave of terrorism which constitutes an act of war against the United States by the Soviet Union through surrogates. Would President Reagan respond as this appreciation of events warrants, he would strike at the terrorists' Syrian/Iranian infrastructure, declare a national defense emergency, direct the production of 1,000 MX missiles this year, and place the Strategic Defense Initiative on a crash basis. He would then quickly find it his not unpleasant duty to ride roughshod over the U.S. Congress—in consultation, perhaps, with those 14 senators who did vote for the MX.

The same circumstances of national emergency demand that the President take decisive action against the New York Times, Washington Post, and major-network news media, including the jailing of parties responsible for "giving aid and comfort to the enemy." Those are the words used by Defense Secretary Weinberger himself, several months ago, to characterize a Washington Post article which wittingly revealed classified data bearing upon U.S. anti-satellite capabilities. Those are the words the framers of the U.S. Constitution employed to define Treason.

There is no "Freedom of the Press" to aid the nation's enemies, in peace time, let alone in time of threat to the nation's survival. To wit:

- Upon first report of threats to the lives of American hostages aboard TWA Flight #847, the United States' elite Delta Force anti-commando unit was deployed into the region. On June 15, NBC News led other media in disclosing the fact and location of the Delta Force deployment, compromising any contemplated live rescue operation in advance.
- ABC News has reportedly paid \$30,000 to the Al Amal militia now holding the hostages in "undisclosed" locations in Beirut, for an interview with the TWA pilot, during which terrorists held a gun to his head—in compliance with ABC's request!
- The pretext for Shi'ite terrorism against U.S. targets is alleged CIA involvement in a Beirut bombing

which killed many Shi'ite leaders in Beirut last spring. The terrorists' source of information on CIA involvement? An "exposé" in the Washington Post.

Such acts not only now endanger American lives. They have knowingly compromised U.S. military and intelligence capabilities. They are acts of treason.

This touches upon what President Reagan appears to have finally perceived as betrayal by the country's British and Israeli "allies." Israel, whose operational capabilities vis-à-vis Lebanon are controlled by Ariel Sharon's faction, is not only party to a deal with the Syrian controllers of the terrorists, to divide Lebanon into respective spheres of influence. It is party to a deal with the Soviet Union on Israel's prospective satrapal status in an expanded Soviet empire.

The British, led by Lord Carrington and his friend, Henry Kissinger, are the devisers of that "New Yalta" deal—to reduce American influence to "25% of its postwar extent" (Kissinger).

Who but these Anglo-American oligarchs, through such agencies as the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) in London, control America's news media, as they control and deploy traitors at the U.S. State Department?

Take, for example, the would-be ambassador to West Germany, State's European Affairs assistant, Richard Burt. He has not only worked for the Israeli Mossad in the past. He served an apprenticeship at IISS, and was then seconded to the *New York Times* where he leaked security-sensitive information repeatedly. Some have now charged that his nomination for the German ambassador's post reflects a policy of Secretary of State Shultz to nominate individuals who "do not agree with the President's policies." But let us come to the point: Shultz's policy is to nominate traitors, which Burt is.

The American people detest the American news media. Any action taken by the President against this treasonous media—why not begin by withdrawing Richard Burt's nomination?—would be thunderously applauded by the American people.