

Bahram Nahidian blames LaRouche

The following is excerpted from an Aug. 11 interview with A. Bahram Nahidian, made available to EIR. Nahidian is the Washington, D.C. senior operative on behalf of the Khomeini regime.

Q: What causes remain for further Iranian student demonstrations in the U.S.?

A: There have been many media slanders against the Islamic revolution which anger religious students. The story that Ayatollah Khomeini has ordered all Catholics and nuns out of Iran is totally irresponsible. It is these sorts of lies that cause the students to demonstrate.

Q: What channels do you think can be established for communication between the U.S. and Iran?

A: You must understand that I do not care about the government of Iran, only Islam. To the extent that Iran is within the boundaries of the Islamic world, I am concerned about events within its borders. Sometimes we have been able to work with the present U.S. government, but it was necessary to demonstrate against U.S. imperialism when Henry Kissinger became involved in a coup against Iran.

Q: What might cause further demonstrations at this moment?

A: Many of the students are asking, how can we be quiet if our brothers are in prison in London at this moment? Still, it took 11 days to free the 191 student prisoners in the U.S. and it has only been 10 days in London.

Q: How would a decision like that be made with the current differences in Iran between President Bani-Sadr, whose base used to be the students, and the Ayatollah Beheshti?

A: I believe that the Ayatollah Beheshti is one of the greatest spokesmen in the Islamic world today. He is a man to whom I owe allegiance so long as he serves the interests of Islam.

Q: Why do you think you have been such a target of the media?

A: This I do not understand. I have lived in the United States for 20 years. I went to school here in Washington, D.C. And sometime ago I set up my rug shop to be able to talk to people. My current activities have been the same for the last 12 years. No one has ever complained before. Not the D.C. police, who make such an issue about me today, nor the federal authorities.

Q: It is not just the police who are making an issue about your activities. Did you see the half-hour broadcast by Lyndon LaRouche, a Democratic Party candidate?

A: No, I did not, but my friends told me about it. This is absurd, this idea that the Carter administration and the Muslim Brotherhood are collaborating together in some kind of plot. Such a man is dangerously mad.

Q: Most of the U.S. press ignores him. Why are you worried?

A: It is an embarrassment to the United States that such a man can run for President. Because of his *Executive Intelligence* journal, even the *Washington Post* has begun to talk about the Muslim Brotherhood.

Cambodian horror and the seizing of American citizens, but threatens the entire Middle East with regional war and instability with the great potential for superpower confrontation.

The recent Billygate revelations indicate just how firmly the Carter administration is wed to the Muslim Brotherhood and its puppet dictators like the Ayatollah Khomeini and Libya's Muammar Qaddafi.

Unless this alliance is immediately repudiated, Khomeini's assassins have a virtual license to kill their opponents here and abroad. We, the publicly an-

nounced targets of these assassins, urge you to repudiate the doctrine of an alliance with Islamic fundamentalism, which does not represent the true tradition of Islam. We urge you to support a crackdown on the Muslim Brotherhood and its agents.

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