

New attacks planned by Khomeini's terrorist apparatus within the U.S.

by Terry Jones

Reagan administration officials confirmed Nov. 29 that the security red alert in Washington, D.C. that led to the sandbagging of the White House on Thanksgiving Day was triggered by information that Khomeini operatives in the United States were planning a Beirut-style car bombing. *EIR*, which has stressed the threat to national security represented by the U.S.-based Khomeinites since the days when the Carter-Mondale administration protected them, had put out that estimate of the extraordinary security measures several days earlier.

According to an article by Niles Lathem in the *New York Post*, the Secret Service acted on an anonymous letter sent to the FBI warning that pro-Khomeini operatives in Washington had held meetings in Virginia discussing the possibility of a car bomb. While newspaper reports did not name as the main suspect Iranian secret service agent Bahram Nahidian—controller of David Belfield, the assassin of anti-Khomeini leader Ali Akbar Tabatabai—other information released by administration officials confirms that the Nahidian network is responsible.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is on the spot. The FBI previously ignored reports of a plot to kill Tabatabai before his assassination in 1980, allowed the escape of assassin Belfield from the United States, and has let Nahidian operate in the Washington area since 1979 as a Khomeini agent. Sources report that Belfield is in Beirut, and was under investigation for the bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Beirut last spring, which killed the entire CIA intelligence team. Other Americans recruited from Nahidian's network are also reported involved in the terrorist attack on the U.S. Marines last month.

The long overdue Washington probe points up the urgency of a call made on Nov. 27 by *EIR* founder Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr., candidate for the Democratic Party presidential nomination, for an international economic blockade of Iran in order to destroy the outlaw dictatorship of Ayatollah Khomeini. LaRouche emphasized that the Islamic Republic

of Iran is not a state, but has become an international terrorist center.

Khomeini's regime, helped into power by the Carter-Mondale administration supposedly as an "Islamic card" to play against the U.S.S.R., is now an asset of the Soviet KGB and Swiss-based neo-Nazis who jointly run the deadly proliferation of Islamic terrorist groups such as the Lebanon-based Muslim Holy War group which massacred 298 U.S. and French troops Oct. 23.

The 'Islamintern'

Since Aug. 23, when the Assembly of United Islamic Movements (AUIM) was founded in Teheran, "Islamic" terrorists have looked to the Iranian capital as the official center of a global terrorist network. The AUIM "Islamintern," headed by Ayatollah Khomeini's designated successor, Ayatollah Montazeri, is reported to have up to 400 terrorist groups under its umbrella. The reputed power in the leadership is Ayatollah Khoinie, considered Khomeini's personal liaison to the movement, and a member of the leftist Followers of the Imam's Line (Imamis) who ran the 1979 hostage affair. The Imami group, which includes Iran's President Khameini, has extensive East German and Soviet connections; both Khameini and Khoinie were educated at Moscow's Lumumba University.

In response to the Israeli and French airstrikes on the terrorist headquarters of Khomeini's Islamic Republic of Baalbek in Syrian-occupied Lebanon, Khomeini has vowed to take direct terrorist action in France, Israel, and the United States. On Thanksgiving, Khomeini's Revolutionary Guard (Pasdaran) held a rally pledging Lebanese-style terror. A week before, a member of the Iranian parliament, Hojatollah Mavehedi Kermani, told a Friday prayer meeting in Teheran: "It is only the Hizballahi [Khomeini's Party of God] who will sit behind the wheel and blow up those places that must be blown up. And, thanks be to God, that is what they did." The same day Radio Teheran praised the Hizballahi in

Lebanon, "the sons and heroes of the Islamic movement," for the bomb attack on the Israeli military post in Tyre.

European sources report that suicide squads have been trained in Persepolis in northern Iran by North Korean military experts. Reports say that training courses were tested on criminals who had been condemned to death. They were subjected to brainwashing enabling them to drive trucks loaded with explosives into walls, with a camera recording their behavior. North Koreans are now able to train young Revolutionary Guards to become suicide commandos; thousands of these living bombs are said to be residing in the Mideast and Western Europe.

Islamintern operations in the U.S.

Estimates are that over 3,000 Iranians, Libyans, and Muslims from other countries including the United States have been recruited by the AUIM. Most of those targeted for the U.S. side of this recruitment are black Americans who are taken to Lebanon for training, then brought back to the United States for future operations. This operation has several components:

First, black criminal networks are informed that if they get into serious trouble, they can find havens in Libya or Iran, where their criminal expertise will be utilized for operations in Lebanon or other locations.

Second, black Americans are being actively converted to Islam by pro-Khomeini Muslim Brotherhood networks such as that represented by Washington D.C.-based Bahram Nahidian. Once converted, they are urged to go to Teheran, or on a pilgrimage to Mecca, after which they are taken to Iran for military and guerrilla training, and given on-the-ground experience in Lebanon.

While not on the front lines, their training includes the use of high-powered artillery, including hand-held rocket launchers, and special operations such as the infiltration of U.S. military compounds and theft of hardware from U.S. military bases.

The training program in Beirut was established over two years ago. At that time, black and white Americans affiliated with the **Weatherunderground** and the **Black Liberation Army**, including **Judith Clark**—who was later involved in the Nyack, New York, Brinks armored car robbery—went to Beirut and met with Khomeini and PLO representatives to set up the program. Along with **Daoud Salahuddin**, a.k.a. David Belfield, the assassin of anti-Khomeini leader Tabatabai, several black criminals from the FBI's most wanted list are working in the Beirut operation.

The same black Muslim networks are heavily involved in building up terrorist capabilities in the United States, including the massive theft and storage of high-powered weapons from military arsenals here and in Europe. This coincides with the terrorist build-up of arms and safehousing capabilities for the 1984 Los Angeles summer Olympics.

One feature of this buildup is the current bank robbery spree in the U.S. South by a newly reconstituted New World

of Islam, working closely in this with the BLA and Weatherunderground. It is believed the money is to be used by the Weatherunderground to build an extensive safehousing infrastructure for the Olympics.

Olympic terror 'team'

One of the main groups coordinating the terrorist actions planned for the Olympics has been identified as **Team International**, an organization set up solely for that purpose, based in Beirut, and run by **Sami al-Banna**, the reputed nephew of Abu Nidal who heads the Black September organization. Al-Banna was recently a New York-based Columbia University graduate student in engineering. He travels frequently between the East and West Coast of the United States, and then to Lebanon to coordinate Team's activities.

In October 1982, after the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and the rout of the Arafat-run PLO, Al-Banna met secretly in New York City with Nayef Hawatmeh of the Democratic Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DPFLP), with a Columbia University-based professor linked to the Italian Red Brigades, and with representatives of other terrorist organizations, to set up Team.

Reportedly, one of its main controllers is **Archbishop Philip Saliba**, head of the **Antiochan Orthodox Church** for North America. The Antiochan Church is effectively although not formally a branch of the Russian Orthodox Church, the actual controllers of the Soviet KGB. Saliba heads a network in the United States known as the **Englewood Group** for its meeting place at Saliba's home in Englewood, New Jersey. *Investigative Leads*, EIR's law-enforcement bulletin, has shown the Englewood Group to be a coordinating body for Mideast-based terrorist networks in the United States.

Saliba is also a secret member of the Syrian Socialist National Party (SSNP), a neo-Nazi party calling for the establishment of a "Greater Syria." The SSNP is allied with the Communist Party of Lebanon in attempting to smash the Arafat faction of the PLO. Over the last year, Saliba has all but resigned from his official church activities, instead traveling frequently to the West Coast to pull together Mideast terror networks. One of his main contact points is the head of the Unitarian Church in Los Angeles.

Saliba's Latin American counterpart, based in Mexico City, is **Archbishop Chedrawi**, a secret member of the Lebanese Communist Party Central Committee, and connected to the Abu Mrad banking family in Mexico—the same family that bankrolled the terrorist 23rd of September League and PFLP cells in Mexico. Networks from the 23rd of September League are sponsoring terrorist training camps in parts of Mexico, including the Yucatán, where international terrorist brigades are known to be in training for the Olympics.

Among the organizations identified with Team International are the PFLP, the DPFLP, the Armenian ASALA (now headquartered in Khomeini's Teheran), the Mexican 23rd of September League, the Italian Red Brigades, the German Baader-Meinhof, and the U.S.-based (Puerto Rican liberationist) FALN. Several sources have reported that one of the

cutouts between Team and the FALN and BLA is **Lena Habab**, Al-Banna's ex-wife and former New York head of the Organization of Arab Students at Columbia University.

The Team operation is interfaced with the Mondale-linked Institute for Policy Studies (IPS) terrorist command center in Washington, D.C. The only printed evidence of the existence of Team is an article by Al-Banna in the spring 1983 issue of *Race and Class*, the "journal for black and Third World liberation" published by the Transnational Institute, the Third World arm of IPS. Al-Banna's article, "The Defense of Beirut: Report from the Front Line," gives an extensive insider's report on the military defense of Beirut as it was being invaded by Israeli forces.

Other persons associated with *Race and Class* and identified as part of the Mideast terror networks include: Ibrahim Abu-Lughod, based at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois; Eqbal Ahmad of New York City; and Nubar Housheer, who works for the Palestinian Red Crescent Organization, and acts as an liaison between the PFLP and ASALA.

Taking over the U.S. Black Muslims

The U.S.-based Black Muslim movement, previously heavily factionalized, is now in advanced stages of consolidation into one apparatus under the direct control of Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran, along with Muammar Qaddafi of Libya. The new apparatus is to spearhead radical operations in the United States, including terrorist activities, to destabilize the Reagan administration. Circumstantial evidence accumulated in November points to the possibility that this network may be at the center of an assassination plot against President Reagan.

The focal point has been the reconciliation of the traditionally moderate American Muslim Mission of Wallace Deen Muhammed with Libya's top asset in the United States, Louis Farrakhan of the Nation of Islam. This coup, which was in the works for several months, has been so successful that during November, Wallace Deen Muhammed relinquished his position as the Iman of all the AMM Masjids (mosques) in the United States, and has merely maintained control over the Chicago masjid.

The reconciliation was announced in a joint statement by Farrakhan and Wallace Deen Muhammed in which they declared their intention to work more closely together. Sources in the AMM say that the merger was accomplished due to the intervention of "outside foreign Muslim forces," i.e., Khomeini and Libya's Colonel Qaddafi. The sources also say that there is every intention of bringing the Pan-African and black nationalist networks into a new working alliance with the Muslim apparatus.

Munir Umrani, the foreign affairs editor of the *AMM Journal*, who is not Muslim, has stated, "It seems as though Reagan is dying to shake his big stick. But I tell you, Third World countries are getting fed up, and particularly the world community of Islam. I think to everyone's surprise, Islam is finally coming together and will not let itself be torn apart by Reagan or anybody else who is out to destroy it."

CONFERENCE REPORT

Soviets refuse to deny

by Dana Sloan

Fusion Energy Foundation strategic analyst Criton Zoakos spoke to an overflow crowd of 170 at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., Nov. 29, after a Soviet Embassy spokesman who had challenged Zoakos to a debate on President Reagan's beam weapons program, pulled out of the debate at the last instant.

The missing Soviet diplomat, Embassy Second Secretary Vitaliy Churkin, had vehemently objected to Zoakos's public charge on Oct. 26 that the Soviet Union is threatening a first strike against the United States to stop American beam weapons development. Churkin was fully involved in planning the debate until he was ordered out of it hours before it was to start. Zoakos is a spokesman for Lyndon LaRouche, Jr., the Democratic presidential candidate recently attacked in *Izvestia* as the most dangerous proponent of the Reagan defense policy.

Zoakos told the standing-room-only crowd of military, diplomatic, business representatives, and Georgetown students, that the government of the Soviet Union is in a total mobilization of its economy and population for a thermonuclear war which could be prevented by cooperation with Reagan's generous offer of March 23 for the cooperative development of defensive directed-energy beam technologies. The Soviets rejected that offer, however, because, as they made clear to LaRouche and his representatives personally at the time, they did not want to see the invigorating effects these war-avoidance technologies would have on the U.S. economy.

Zoakos noted that Mr. Churkin's last-instant pullout, citing "reasons" he refused to specify, was highly unusual.

"We do not yet know the complete significance of their refusal to challenge our charges. We have said that they are on a deliberate confrontation course, willing to risk thermonuclear showdown and, in fact, prepared for a first strike, though miscalculating that the American government and people will prefer strategic humiliation when faced with the imminent possibility of war. I believe Mr. Churkin holds no personal grief against me, but rather that this is a manifestation of the Soviet view of Mr. LaRouche, their view of the danger posed to their current course by his policy proposals."

There is no justification for this Soviet attitude, Zoakos charged; it is based on their agreement with Bertrand Russell's Pugwash Conference networks that technological development in the West must be halted. "In fact, these Pug-