

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-

first-strike policy

wash networks created the arms control movement for the purpose of artificially restraining scientific growth.

"The question is why, why did they reject this chance to avoid war? The answer is because the Soviets want to break U.S. military capabilities. The Soviets are preparing for war. In fact, they are not worried about the deployment of the Euromissiles. The real question is what the purpose of the massive Soviet buildup of intermediate range nuclear missiles is, and I present to you that this massive force is to be deployed against U.S. submarine capabilities. If we are correct about this, then the United States does not now have a deterrent capability against the Soviet Union! The only sane policy for the U.S. is to engage in the most rapid possible development of beam defense technologies.

"These were the points we intended to debate with Mr. Vitaliy Churkin," Zoakos said. "His decision not to show up was not a local decision. Whatever 'reasons' his government had for canceling are obviously more important to them than refuting our charge that the Soviet government is on a deliberate confrontation course. The current Soviet policy is to induce terror in their opponents. This tactic had a name in 1937-38: *Schrecklichkeit*, Hitler's attempt to terrorize his intended victim into capitulation, into appeasement. In particular, they are trying to terrorize Europe to split with the United States. They are counting on their friend Lord Peter Carrington becoming the new Secretary-General of NATO to push this appeasement through."

Dr. Bowman pleads Soviet case

When Mr. Zoakos had concluded, an individual jumped up from the audience and said that in the absence of an official representative of the Soviet viewpoint, he would be happy to represent the opposition to LaRouche's views.

Identifying himself as Dr. Robert Bowman, the head of the Institute for Space and Security Studies, and formerly head of the Air Force division responsible for space research, he was allowed, in the interests of open discussion of these critical issues, to address the gathering for 20 minutes.

Dr. Bowman proceeded to outrage most of the audience by asserting that "it is my absolute firm conviction that all our military policies must be devoted to one overriding national goal—the prevention of nuclear war"—not defense of the nation, but "survival" and "the prevention of nuclear war." He blamed the United States for the "arms race." He

conceded that defensive beam technologies are imminently feasible, but undesirable because of a string of vulnerabilities he listed—all of which have been disputed by scientists who, unlike Bowman, are familiar with current research. "Star Wars systems would only accomplish one thing—get us into a war we do not want. Like it or not, our security is in the hands of the Soviet Union. These systems only make sense in terms of a country going for a first strike, and they give the ultimate incentive to strike first," Bowman said, giving the Soviet argument.

With the debate format thus reestablished, Zoakos observed, "You have just witnessed how the *Schrecklichkeit* strategy works. Mr. Bowman, you are frightened, frightened to face reality as it is. What I said is that the Soviet Union, *right now*, is on a thermonuclear confrontation course. Read Ustinov in *Pravda* of Nov. 21. He has declared the complete and total war mobilization of the U.S.S.R. And the Soviets are about to deploy the weapons systems you so deplore, so what you say makes no sense. The question remains: what if we do not go for these weapons and the Soviets do? Why are the Soviets not even willing to engage in arms control discussions on these systems? I am not talking for the U.S. government; I am talking for the LaRouche policy." He referred to LaRouche's private talks with the Soviets from early 1982: "We did not say the U.S. should develop these systems outside of cooperation with the Soviets—this became necessary only when the Soviets rejected our policy."

At this point, the audience of 170, all of whom had remained from the beginning when a press release was read detailing the sequence of events surrounding the Soviet official's challenge to debate and his last minute back-down, jumped in with an hour of lively questions, giving Zoakos an opportunity to elaborate the historic and scientific basis of the LaRouche program.

At 10:30 p.m. the new Fusion Energy Foundation film on "Beam Defense" was shown to answer more of the technical questions on these systems. The debate was filmed in its entirety by NBC-TV News and C-SPAN Cable Network, which will air it twice in early December.

It was the second time in a week that Robert Bowman had pleaded the Kremlin's cause in public. "I don't want beam weapons if they were perfected and worked today; I don't want them if they don't cost a penny; I wouldn't take them if you gave me \$150 million!" Dr. Bowman told an audience of defense specialists in McLean, Virginia on Nov. 27, in reply to a presentation on the strategic necessity of beam weapons by the FEF's Dr. Uwe Parpart-Henke.

Robert Bowman belongs to what the *New York Times* calls the "shadow cabinet," the arms control specialists who have built their careers around defending MAD and the reasonableness of Soviet arms negotiators, and are now actively sabotaging the President's beam weapons policy. He is affiliated with Delta Force, a project of the Stanford Research Institute which recruits career military officers and weapons scientists into group sensitivity sessions to "get in touch with their feelings."