

## MIDDLE EAST

# Who's behind OPEC's 'price hawks'

The answer to the question, "Why are so many of the member countries of the oil-producing nations' cartel set on raising oil prices?", may seem to the naive observer to be one of "supply and demand" or some innate Hobbesian "greed" afflicting backward sheikhs. But these answers are nonsense, as should be obvious from the price-restraint attitude of the Saudis and others in the cartel.

In fact, however, the answer to the question is a simple one: many in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, in particular the Arab members but also Nigeria, Indonesia, and others, are under the gun of a centrally coordinated assault that is threatening their internal stability and sovereignty. Many of these governments feel compelled to appease that assault by adopting an irrational "anti-Western" posture. The forces mounting the assault: the conspiratorial Muslim Brotherhood, the shock troops for London's Dark Ages policy in the Middle East.

The Muslim Brotherhood's role in organizing the OPEC end of the current oil hoax is from recent events in Iran. It was the primitivist Brotherhood, operating through feudal networks in Pakistan and Iran and with international support from the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation and other London institutions, that put Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini in power and has been running policy in Iran ever since. Not surprisingly, it has been the Khomeini clique that has been at the forefront of jacking up oil prices, cutting production, and feeding a mood of "anti-Western" resentment throughout the oil rich Middle East.

Since their installation in power, the Khomeiniacs have threatened the governments of many oil-producing countries with being overthrown if they didn't endorse the primitivist "Islamic revival" policies worked out in Qom, Khomeini's seat of power. With the aid of the opportunistic Colonel Qaddafi of Libya, the London-run Khomeini forces have forced Algeria, Iraq, Nigeria and others into a "militant" posture that has fed into the oil companies' speculative binge and undercut the ability of proprogress forces in the advanced sector to organize an effective campaign for transfer-of-technology-based development projects for the developing world.

This holy war against progress received a major boost when the London-based Islamic Council of Europe late last month issued a call to Muslim peoples

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around the world to "liberate themselves by whatever means possible from oppressive non-Muslim governments." The Islamic Council is notorious as a command center for the Brotherhood's legions.

In the following report, *Executive Intelligence Review* will outline case examples of Muslim Brotherhood subversion efforts—in North Africa, Indonesia, and Nigeria—and will demonstrate, from the example of Iran's internal situation, how the Brotherhood creates and manipulates mass psychosis and policies of economic suicide in the leading institutions where they seize control.

Our report concludes with an account of the Muslim Brotherhood's establishment of the Muslim Students Association of the United States and Canada which is based just outside Indianapolis. There a large plot of farm land may be being readied as a Muslim Brotherhood terrorist training ground.

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## Cassette tapes attack technology in the Maghreb

In an interview last week with *Newsweek's* senior editor Arnaud de Borchgrave, Libya's President Muammar Qaddafi declared that he would halt oil sales to the United States unless Washington permitted the delivery of certain planes which have allegedly been paid for by the Libyan government.

The issue of the undelivered Boeing 747s and C-130s has bedeviled U.S.-Libya relations for the last three years and hardly constitutes the basis of a rupture in 10% of the U.S.'s oil imports. In reality, the mercurial Qaddafi's recent statements, which echo the same hawkish OPEC pronouncements from Algeria and Iran, reflect pressure from Muslim Brotherhood networks within OPEC which are seeking to provoke another oil hoax in the West. In control of these elements, albeit

on the "opposite side of the fence," are the London Royal Institute for International Affairs and British intelligence, together with the "Seven Sisters" oil companies, British Petroleum, Royal Dutch Shell and the U.S. oil multinationals which have contrived the current oil crisis.

Already wreaking havoc within Iran, the Ikhwan or "Brotherhood" is spreading like a cancer throughout the entire Middle East. And, although Qaddafi has outlawed the Muslim Brotherhood from his country, his fundamentalist, anti-Western pronouncements intersect with a growing resurgence of the Brotherhood's activities throughout the North Africa (Maghreb) region as a whole.

At this moment the populations of the Arab nations reaching from Egypt through Morocco are being bombarded with fundamentalist, Islamic propaganda, replete with the anti-West, antitechnology pronouncements which have brought the Iranian economy to a standstill. It is rumored that even in Algeria, whose economy has been regarded as a model for Third World industrial development, *maraboutism*—a form of Arab witchcraft—is on the upsurge among the peasant populations.

By introducing these feudalist notions among the peasant layers who remain estranged from the necessity of progress because of their economic and cultural backwardness, the Muslim Brotherhood is creating peasant hordes to be mobilized against the Maghreb nations' protechnology factions which are seeking to industrialize their countries. Under the severe pressure of this propaganda which is submerging the Maghreb countryside, Arab leaders who ought to know better have suddenly come out in OPEC and other organizations calling for a "showdown with the West."

### Cassette tapes attack Western technology

Khomeini's Muslim Brotherhood networks are represented most explicitly today by the blind Iman, Sheik Abdelhamid Kouchk. In touch with the key religious nerve centers of the Maghreb, the blind Imam's speeches are reproduced in cassette form from his mosque in Cairo and then distributed through his networks in Tunisia and Algeria.

Sheik Kouchk repeatedly attacks Egypt's President Sadat for his "modernization" policies. Claiming that Egypt's political elite is corrupt, Kouchk preaches that