

Middle East Report by Robert Dreyfuss

On the trail of the Muslim Brotherhood

Information just received by EIR has the clandestine society running scared.

At a secret meeting convened late last month in a town in the eastern United States, several prominent Arab Christians gathered together to pledge themselves in unholy alliance with the Muslim Brotherhood—the society of Muslim fundamentalists responsible for the Khomeini takeover in Iran and for the attempted Iran-style dissolution of virtually every sovereign nation in the Middle East.

Informed Arab sources have passed this—and other—sensitive intelligence about the Muslim Brotherhood along to *EIR*, intelligence that, when published in detail later this month, will blow the lid off the Brotherhood, its collaborators, protectors, and benefactors, and its wide-ranging international operations.

For example:

- *EIR* has uncovered the intricate, overlapping network of business fronts and illegal money-laundering operations belonging to the Muslim Students Association (MSA), the Muslim Brotherhood's "long arm" into the United States. For years, the MSA has built up these numerous fronts through which are run millions of dollars to finance such MSA activities as paramilitary training, gun and drug running, and on-the-ground terrorist operations both in the Islamic world as well as throughout the West.

- *EIR* has pulled together the inside story of the MSA's secret

Documentation Center, set up in Indiana to operate as the computerized command center of Muslim Brotherhood activities around the world.

- *EIR* has gotten the goods on "who's who" in the MSA leadership, a leadership dominated by a group of exiled Egyptians, Jordanians, and Syrians, all of whom were thrown out of their respective countries because of their illegal Brotherhood activities. Later they surfaced in the United States, which under the Carter administration has become a "safehouse" for them and their operations.

In May, the MSA held its 18th annual convention in Oxford, Ohio, which was attended by numerous groups of Islamic fundamentalists calling for the overthrow of their respective governments. Featured as speakers at the convention were two high-level Iranian government officials: Jamshid Hakju, governor of West Azerbaijan; and Mozaffar Partowmah, an adviser to Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr. That Hakju and Partowmah were allowed to enter the United States, despite the ban on travel to and from Iran by President Carter, pointed to the likelihood of collusion between the MSA and the Justice Department's Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization. *EIR*'s investigation of this incident caused an uproar in Washington.

In addition to intelligence on

the MSA and its modus operandi, the *EIR* is in possession of information that sheds light on the larger strategic operations of the Brotherhood. According to reliable Arab sources, the Muslim Brothers "are aiming at the Soviet Union, capitalizing on the hope that within the next 20 years the Muslim Soviets (one out of every three soldiers) will do away with the socialist regime." This operation against the Soviet Union is designed to run parallel to a similar operation, already in place in Iran, against "the West" and what they call "Westernization" in general.

Coordinating this operation out of Europe is Salam Azzam in London, the home base of his Islamic Council of Europe. Azzam is working with his brother Abdel-Rahman Azzam, the former secretary of the League of Arab States, and Muazzam Ali. *EIR* has also uncovered an extensive network of Americans operating out of New York, Dallas, and other U.S. cities who are working on some basis with the London crew.

Sharing Azzam's Arab League and Muslim Brotherhood connections is none other than the current Arab League ambassador to the United Nations, Clovis Maksoud. Maksoud, a Christian with ties through marriage to the Muslim Brothers as well as well-cultivated links to the Jesuits, has recently escalated his activities on behalf of the Brotherhood. He is working in coordination with Lebanese Ambassador to the United Nations Ghassan Tueni as well as with the spiritual leaders of the Arab American community.

Details on this, and more, will appear in an upcoming issue of *EIR*.