

Middle East Report by Robert Dreyfuss

Mossad faction plans Iranian pogrom

Israeli intervention there could be a pretext for a NATO showdown in the Gulf.

Warning signals are emanating from Ayatollah Khomeini's Iran that a major international incident is about to be triggered by a mullah-dictated terror campaign against Iran's 50,000 Jews.

Iranian sources warn that this campaign will be highlighted by a Khomeini declaration that Iran's Jews are being held as "hostages" until Israel reverses its recently announced decision to annex Jerusalem. These sources forecast that such an edict might be followed by Israeli "Entebbe"-style raids into Iran, or joint Israeli-U.S. military actions against Iran, or both.

Two recent developments suggest that this forecast is plausible. First, earlier this month, the *New York Post* leaked a report that Khomeini was on the verge of promulgating an edict requiring Jews to wear special identity insignia; while this report has not been officially confirmed, it is regarded seriously in émigré Iranian Jewish circles. Second, this week the sole Jewish member of Iran's Parliament, Eshagh Farmandpour, was stripped of his Parliament seat following a tirade against him by former Foreign Minister Ibrahim Yazdi, a leading member of the international Muslim Brotherhood organization who lost his government position last year in large part because of *EIR* exposés linking him to British intelligence.

What has surfaced publicly,

however, is only a small component of the fate awaiting Iranian Jews. The real story is much uglier, and traces back to the designs of a faction in Israel's Mossad intelligence agency which seeks to use Iran's Jews as sacrificial pawns to achieve larger immediate geostrategic ends.

This Mossad faction, which maintains close ties to Prime Minister Menachem Begin, traces back to the old 1930s Zionist Revisionist Party of Begin's mentor Ze'ev Jabotinsky. It is committed to engineering a drastic shift in the strategic climate in the Middle East-Persian Gulf arena. In league with the Chinese and a grouping in British intelligence, faction members are determined to stage a configuration that will ensure a Warsaw Pact-NATO confrontation in the Gulf region in the immediate period ahead. They are using their assets in Iran, such as Islamic Republican Party head Ayatollah Beheshti and Ibrahim Yazdi, to create a pretext for Israeli military moves into the Gulf, with or without U.S. and British participation.

The process by which Beheshti has become an accomplice in Mossad operations was indicated by an Iranian source this week.

According to this source, over the past two years Beheshti has inherited the mantle of chief Iranian representative to a very important English Rite of Freemasonry lodge in Hamburg, West Germany, the

city where Beheshti spent most of his years in exile from Iran. This Hamburg lodge was one of the two the English Rite selected in Europe for intelligence operations in the 18th and 19th century, the other being in Calais, France.

In the late 19th century, the Hamburg lodge brought into its fold Jamal al-Afghani, the generally accepted founder of the modern "Pan-Islamic" movement. Following al-Afghani's death, a certain Tarizadeh assumed the role of chief Persian intelligence operative at the Hamburg lodge. Tarizadeh was also the chief agent of British Petroleum in Iran on through the 1950s and 1960s, when he was president of the Iranian Senate. Upon his death, Tarizadeh was succeeded by Jaafar Sherif-Emami as chief Iranian member of the Hamburg English Rite lodge. Sherif-Emami served as the Shah's Prime Minister during the crucial early 1960s when Ayatollah Khomeini was first activated by the British and Israeli intelligence circles. Later, in 1978, Sherif-Emami was one of the last prime ministers to serve under the Shah, and is now considered to have aided Khomeini's assumption to power in February 1979 by weakening the Shah's resolve to outflank Khomeini.

With Sherif-Emami now in exile, the Hamburg lodge mantle has fallen on Beheshti, a long-standing protégé of Tarizadeh. It was, after all, the English and Scottish Rites of Freemasons which in the two centuries leading up to the appearance of Zionist founding father Theodore Herzl, concocted the ideology which later became known as "political Zionism." Experiments in pseudo-Islamic cultism were part of the same operations.