

Middle East Report by Judith Wyer

The Islamic-Marxist threat

New radical pressures against Saudi Arabia coincide with an effort to grab its investment resources.

Roger Garaudy, a former French Communist who is now a born-again Muslim, made an appearance at Georgetown University, on Oct. 18, to deliver a lecture on "Islamic Marxism." Garaudy, who is associated with a Franco-Swiss neo-Nazi backed network of Muslim radicals, is said to be the frontrunner of an effort to convert U.S.-based Arabs and Iranians to Islamic Marxism.

Garaudy's visit, which also reportedly included appearances at the Smithsonian Institution and George Washington University, is only the beginning of a new Islamic-Marxist crusade in the United States.

Under the sponsorship of the terrorist-linked Detroit Palestinian lawyer Abdeen Jabara, another delegation is expected in the United States soon. Backed up with Libyan funding, the delegation will be led by the Melkite priest Hilarion Capucci, a gunrunner to Palestinian guerrillas; George Hawi, the head of the Lebanese Communist Party; and Abdullah Saade, the head of the neo-fascist Syrian Parti Populaire (PPS).

Lebanese sources say that the aim of these Islamic-Marxist zealots is to bring the radical U.S.-based Arab and Iranian networks together in a bid to challenge the Saudi royal family in an Islamic-Marxist jihad. Jabara is well known for his militant opposition to the Saudi royal family.

There is a group of operatives working with Jabara and certain inter-

ests at Georgetown's Center for Contemporary Arab Studies who, along with their sponsors, have been identified by the *EIR* in a report series: "Prospects for Instability in the Arabian Gulf," "Anglo-American Designs on the Arabian Peninsula," and the soon-to-be-released "How the Soviet Union is Playing the Muslim Card."

Among those involved are the Washington-based Institute for Policy Studies and allied Middle East Research and Information Project. Those, in turn, are under the control of certain KGB-connected British intelligence operations including the American Friends Services Committee, the Holland-based Transnational Institute, and the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation.

It is precisely this apparatus which played a substantial role in installing the Khomeini dictatorship, which has recently increased its threats against Saudi Arabia and neighboring oil-exporting states.

But these networks represent only the tool for ousting or destabilizing the Saudi regime. The beneficiaries of such a scheme are neither Islamic or Marxists, but are to be found instead in the banking houses of New York, London, and Zürich.

Whether by overthrow or through terrorizing Saudi King Fahd, these bankers are said to be ready to grab Saudi Arabia's estimated \$150 billion deposited abroad to help bail out the

debt-strapped monetary system. U.S. Treasury Secretary Donald Regan will visit Saudi Arabia and its neighbors at the end of the month to request greater investment in the United States. With reduced oil income, Riyadh has been less willing to hand over the cash.

The Soviets are well aware of new opportunities to make good its bid to extend its influence into the Persian Gulf, playing the same Islamic-Marxist card.

Not long after becoming the first Soviet of Muslim descent to be named to the Politburo last year, Geidar Ali Reza Aliyev publicly stated that there is no contradiction between Islam and Marxism. About that same time, Garaudy is reported to have made his conversion. Recently, the Syrian-born Maarouf Dawalibi, a Saudi courtier, has been proselytizing for Islamic-Marxism. He was seen at the Geneva U.N. conference on Palestine in September making efforts to convert Palestinians into his Islamic-Marxist movement.

There are a number of ardent Islamic-Marxist zealots within Ayatollah Khomeini's inner circle, including Ayatollah Khoini. The East German-trained Khoini was the ringleader of the captors of the U.S. hostages and the leader of the Iranian pilgrims to Mecca, where he has attempted to stir up anti-Saudi violence. It is the so-called leftists such as Khoini who are pushing for "kamikaze" attacks on Saudi oil installations.

Since the beginning of October, there have been new indications that the Saudis are in trouble. There are signs that a similar human rights campaign like the one the Carter administration used to undermine the Shah of Iran may be thrown at Saudi Arabia. One signal was an unusual front page *New York Times* article Oct. 17 on Saudi mistreatment of U.S. prisoners there.