

# The Muslim Brothers plot 'holy war' in America

## I. Eyewitness report on the MSA conference

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While most Americans were enjoying the long Memorial Day weekend, rural Oxford, Ohio, was the scene of some strange and treasonous goings-on.

In the isolated setting of Miami University, 3,000 members of the Muslim Students Association (MSA) gathered together from all over the United States and Canada to call for jihad, or holy war, against the West, the Soviet Union, and virtually every government of the Muslim world.

The occasion was the 18th Annual Convention of the MSA.

Headquartered in Plainfield, Indiana, the Muslim Students Association operates as the North American branch of the Muslim Brotherhood—that creation of British intelligence responsible for the Khomeini takeover in Iran and for fundamentalist uprisings elsewhere in the Islamic world.

The Muslim Brotherhood brand of Islam is a deliberate perversion of the humanist content of Islam. Outlawed over the past several decades in most Muslim countries, the Muslim Brotherhood cult surfaced in the United States with the establishment of the MSA in the early 1960s. Today, the MSA, working through an array of front organizations and business ventures, operates as a training center and safehouse for terrorists and assassins who are recruited from the ranks of religious but naive Muslim students in the United States. The recruits are brainwashed into accepting the MSA-Muslim Brotherhood worldview that the nation state and nationalism must be done away with as concepts and creations of the “decadent West,” and as obstacles to the re-creation of the mystical “oneness” of the Muslim people.

Convened on May 23, the four-day MSA conference was marked by religious fanaticism that frequently crossed the thin line into frenzy. Speech after speech, document upon document, identified the MSA as the U.S. branch of the Ikhwan al-Muslimun and the Jamaati Islami, the Arab and Asian stems of the Brotherhood, respectively. Profuse praise was expressed for Hassan al-Banna, the founder of the Ikhwan; Maulana Maududi, the founder of the Jamaati Islami; the Ayatollah Khomeini, and other Islamic revivalists whose aim is the deliberate perversion of the humanist content of Islam. Speech after speech called for the destruction of nationalism and the nation state, for the restoration of the Caliphate, for the establishment of “Islamic governments,” for jihad. Frenzied cries of “Allahu Akhbar”



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(“God is Great”) and Khomeini chants punctuated each speech. Clapping was banned at the outset of the conference as “a custom of the West.”

The highly charged atmosphere was heightened by the participation of a host of international guests and speakers who were flown in for the convention from Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Iran, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, India, Great Britain, Trinidad and Tobago, and even Japan. Among them was the head of the Jamaati Islami in India.

Also among them were two representatives from Iran, both high officials of the Iranian government and both admitted to the United States by the State Department despite the ban on visas to Iranian nationals. The two officials were Jamshed Hakko, the governor of the province of Azerbaijan, and Mozaffar Partowmah, an adviser to President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr. Both Hakko and Partowmah were active for many years in the MSA and, together with Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh and his predecessor, Ibrahim Yazdi, founded the MSA’s militant Iranian wing, the MSA-Persian Speaking Group, or MSA-PSG. Until November 1979, Partowmah was director of information and public relations for the MSA.

In rabble-rousing speeches interrupted repeatedly by roars of “Allahu Akhbar” and pro-Khomeini slogans, Hakko and Partowmah stressed again and again that the “revolution in Iran is only the beginning.”

“The revolution in Iran is guided by Allah,” declared Hakko. “It is not limited to Iran. It has opened the way

for all Muslims in the world, to all oppressed people, to show them that they can do whatever they want to do. It is the will of Allah that we fight, and win—or die as martyrs in jihad.”

Partowmah echoed Hakko, stating at one point that “the goal of the revolution in Iran is to establish Muslim rule on this earth.” He concluded by reading a statement from Bani-Sadr to the MSA conference that exhorted “Muslim youth all over the world, including North America,” to rally behind Khomeini and the cause of the Islamic revolution.

### Terrorists on display

The Iranian call to arms was made even more dramatic by a large display area, complete with oversized portraits of the Ayatollah Khomeini, dozens of photos of Iranian martyrs, and reams of revolutionary literature. One booth was manned by a contingent of zealots belonging to the Iranian mujahidin and loyal to that brand of “Islamic socialism” pushed by Dr. Ali Shariati, the leading ideologue of the Iranian revolution.

Although the most elaborate, the Khomeini display was not the only one of its type. The MSA convention hall harbored a plethora of terrorists and insurgents, all demanding jihad against one country or another. At one display booth, a group of underground Syrian Freedom Fighters, or mujahidin, were calling for the overthrow and assassination of “the dictator, lackey, butcher and infidel” Syrian President Hafez Assad, and the assassination of Iraq’s Saddam Hussein. In conversation, they

proudly identified themselves as the Syrian arm of the Ikhwan and boasted of the degree to which they have destabilized the Assad regime.

Another table featured a motley crew of Afghan rebels calling, in the name of Allah, for jihad against the Soviets in Afghanistan and, for good measure, in Soviet Turkestan. The ringleader of the group was Muhammed Afzal, the head of the MSA Relief Fund, one of the many funding conduits of the Brotherhood in this country. In the past year, the MSA has doubled its official income, largely as a result of donations into such operations as the "Afghan Relief Fund" and the "Syrian Relief Fund"—the "corporate" names of the Afghan and Syrian rebels.

During the convention, Ahmed Shah, a representative of the Afghan rebels, read a message from Professor Saiyaf, the president of the Islamic Alliance for the Liberation of Palestine. "The Afghan mujahidin have chosen to liberate Afghanistan and install an Islamic government based on Islamic law, or Sharia—or failing that, to end their lives," the message read.

Another corner of the convention hall was manned by a crew of fundamentalist adherents of the Said Nursi movement in Turkey. They called for the destruction of Turkey as a modern republic and its transformation into an Iran-style "Islamic" state. The MSA leadership is working closely with the Nursi fanatics.

In March, the secretary general of the MSA, Mahmoud Rashdan, traveled to Turkey to meet with top Nursi leaders in an effort to bring about a rapprochement between the Nursis and the National Salvation Party, which is the political party of the Muslim Brotherhood in Turkey. Rashdan's on-site agent for this operation is Oguzhan Asilturk, the secretary general of the National Salvation Party and a Nursi as well. According to Rashdan, Asilturk is working overtime to bring together such fundamentalist groups in Turkey as the Nursi and the Salvationists "so that Turkey's future could be built on her Islamic heritage."

Repeatedly throughout the conference, the audience was exhorted to abandon all hope of political solutions and to make jihad against all the "isms" in the world—capitalism, communism, modernism, imperialism, Westernism, and nationalism.

One of the most fervent presentations was given by MSA Secretary General Mahmoud Rashdan. Like a number of speakers before him, Rashdan attacked Kemal Atatürk, the nationalist founder of the modern Turkish republic who has become the model for those Third World leaders committed to the development of their nations.

Rashdan bitterly denounced Atatürk for his "cynical" and "satanic" efforts during the 1920s and 1930s to develop Turkey into a modern, industrialized republic.

He charged Atatürk with "stifling Islamic aspirations in Turkey"—an allusion to Atatürk's ruthless campaign to eliminate the Muslim Brotherhood and all forms of religious fanaticism in Turkey as the prerequisite for economic development. Rashdan then attacked "all the Atatürks of today"—Hafez Assad in Syria, Saddam Hussein in Iraq, and others. He denounced the recent increasing closeness of relations between Iraq and Saudi Arabia, and concluded by declaring the Palestinian question to be an "Islamic cause" that cannot be resolved through diplomacy or political means. "May Allah liberate Palestine through the blood and through the jihad of true Muslims from all over the world," said Rashdan.

### **Target: the Nation of Islam**

In addition to spawning reaction and revolution throughout the Muslim world, the MSA is running several domestic operations, including the infiltration and subversion of Wallace Deen Muhammad's World Community of al-Islam in the West.

A concerted effort has been launched by the MSA to win over whole sections of the Black Muslim movement. One of the vehicles for this recruitment effort is the MSA's Islamic Teaching Center, located in Indianapolis. According to the Center's director of the Department of Correctional Facilities, Brother John Sullivan, the MSA is running a big prison recruitment drive and is coordinating its activities closely with the Federal Bureau of Prisons, which looks to the MSA "as its prime connection into the American Muslim community." "If the Bureau of Prisons has any problems, any questions about anything to do with Muslims or Islam, the first thing they do is call us at the MSA," Sullivan reported.

Law enforcement officials are beginning to investigate the possibilities that the MSA, through its chain of command, was involved in deploying professionally trained killers into the recent Miami riots. According to reliable sources, MSA activist Bahram Nahidian, a Washington, D.C. rug dealer from Iran, was involved in the Miami riots. Nahidian, who is known for his terrorist connections, allegedly conduits guns, drugs, and dirty money through his Washington, D.C. business and other outlets. Recently, according to sources, he set up a secret shooting range in Maryland for terrorist training purposes. He is reportedly working with Stokely Carmichael and several sects of the Black Muslim community, including the radical Hanafis and the Sunnis. Investigations are now underway to determine the accuracy of reports that his protégés had surfaced in Miami as professional rooftop snipers.

Additionally, the MSA is reported to be expanding its networks into the Cuban exile community, recently swelled by the influx of refugees from Cuba.

## II. What is the Muslim Student Association

In a lonely field outside Indianapolis, Indiana, on a 123-acre abandoned farm, a swarm of terrorists, drug-runners, assassins, and brainwashed fanatics is building an empire headquarters from which, its insane organizers hope, they can command an army that will subvert and destroy the governments of the Muslim world from Morocco to Indonesia.

The organization is the Muslim Students Association, the U.S. branch of the Muslim Brotherhood.

Driven out of the Middle East and the Arab world by responsible statesmen, including the late President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt, for being witting agents of British and Israeli intelligence, the leadership of the Muslim Brotherhood—in the 1950s—relocated first to London, Geneva, and several British satrapies in the Persian Gulf. Since the late 1960s, the Muslim Brotherhood—or the Ikhwan al-Muslimun, as it is known in Arabic—has gradually infiltrated key portions of its leadership into the United States. Now, the Ikhwan, with conspiratorial stealth, has begun to establish an operational headquarters in Indiana for its worldwide cult.

To expose the Muslim Brotherhood is, in a very real sense, to expose one of the chief covert arms behind the worldwide problem of spiraling oil prices. In nearly every instance in which a government of a member state of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is embroiled in a factional controversy over whether or not to raise prices of oil or raise production, London's Muslim Brotherhood is there demanding high prices and cuts in production. The crisis in Iran—and the inhuman policies of the Khomeini regime—are directly the work of the Muslim Brotherhood, which, with the full cooperation of British intelligence and the Royal Institute of International Affairs, worked to put Khomeini in power.

As this report will show, the Brotherhood is a mere tool—an army of mindless zombies—that is ready to die on behalf of the City of London. In its Indianapolis and Plainfield, Indiana, nerve center, the Brotherhood has established an operation that, in the words of one of its chief organizers, “we want to replicate in Germany and elsewhere in Europe.” The Muslim Brotherhood USA is presently coordinating these functions in Indiana:

- the creation of a computer-run terrorist and paramilitary training center and safehouse for international assassins;
- the recruiting of religious but naive Muslim students in the United States, through the Muslim Students

Association, for antigovernment subversion in the Middle East and other Muslim countries;

- the infiltration and subversion of the Nation of Islam of Imam Wallace Deen Muhammad by secret Muslim Brotherhood agents;
- the maintenance of a command center for coordinating “Muslim revolutions” with Zbigniew Brzezinski's National Security Council and the world Zionist apparatus in the Muslim world, especially in Turkey, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, and Indonesia;
- the conducting of huge international cash transactions, involving millions in illegal drug money, to finance their operation.

### What is the Muslim Brotherhood?

As thoroughly documented in *Executive Intelligence Review* (“Muslim Brotherhood: London's Shocktroops for the New Dark Ages,” Vol. 6, No. 1, May 8-14, 1979), the Muslim Brotherhood has been since its foundation in 1929 in Egypt a synthetic cult creation of the British Secret Intelligence Service.

The movement that is now the Ikhwan is a direct outgrowth of Islamic mysticism and secret societies fostered by Oxford and Cambridge Universities and the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in the early part of the 19th century. Its origins lie among the same circles that sponsored the formation of certain mystical Sufi societies, the Bahai cult, Zionism, and the freemasonry in the Middle East. The political godfather of the Ikhwan was Jamal ad-Din al-Afghani and his disciples, the “reformers” of Islam and the founders of “pan-Islamism.”

During its entire history, first in Egypt and then spreading like a cancer throughout the rest of the Arab world, Iran and Pakistan, the Brotherhood served as terrorists and assassins for the British and the Zionists. Tragically, hundreds of thousands of Muslim students, manipulated by their hatred for the British colonial administration and Zionism, were lured into joining the.

As they did, their minds were destroyed. The chief function of the Muslim Brotherhood is to destroy the most precious asset of the Muslim world, namely, the capacity of its youth to develop their creative mental ability. To look into the horrifyingly empty eyes of the zombie-like followers of Ayatollah Khomeini, reminiscent of the insane cultists of the Reverend Jim Jones's Peoples Temple, is to see a mindless “Islamic revolutionary” who has lost his human soul.

The Muslim Brotherhood, in producing cultists, enormously helped to keep the Muslim nations in a state of backwardness.

The followers of the Brotherhood are disciples, whether they realize it or not, of the antirational movement of Islam called Asharism and its spokesman al-Ghazali. Al-Ghazali, the enemy of science and rational philosophic inquiry, was the bitter lifelong foe of the influence of the great Muslim genius Ibn Sina. Al-Ghazali's work has been carefully studied and catalogued by British orientalist over the years, and has been tapped by British intelligence as the epistemological weapon for the subversion of Muslim cultural institutions.

To the extent that al-Ghazali becomes the chief ideological force hegemonic, as it is, in Muslim education the Muslim world cannot produce either great statesmen or creative, innovative scientists.

The rise of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt is a case in point. Founded in 1929 by Hasan al-Banna, mystical Sufi trained in al-Ghazali's method, the Muslim Brotherhood got early financial support from the Suez Canal Company and the Egyptian royal palace. Establishing a paramilitary branch modeled on Mussolini's squadristi, the Ikhwan gradually became a critical part of a nexus that included the palace, the Egyptian aristocracy, some elements in the Army—including Anwar Sadat—and the al-Azhar network of mullahs.

After World War II, the Muslim Brotherhood acted to destabilize a series of Egyptian governments by assassinations, including the Egyptian prime minister in December 1948, to prevent the consolidation of any nationalist regime in Cairo. When in 1952 Nasser's Free Officers seized power, the Brotherhood had managed to infiltrate Nasser's organization, and forced the Nasser regime early in its career to act to suppress the Brotherhood. In 1954, with the direct participation of Israeli intelligence, the crisis came to a head. The Ikhwan attempted to kill Nasser while he was making a public speech, and Nasser responded by crushing their organization. Mass arrests and executions followed, and the official Egyptian press named British and Israeli intelligence as the sponsors of the Brotherhood.

But, the leadership of the Brotherhood escaped from Egypt largely intact, taking up residence in Jordan, Iraq, Pakistan,—and then setting up headquarters in London and Switzerland.

### The 'American connection'

Although based in London and Geneva, the Brotherhood was unable to function effectively because it was illegal and suppressed in every Arab state. After the 1950s, however, when the governments of Muslim countries began sending thousands of students to the United States for higher education, the Muslim Brotherhood saw its opportunity to organize a fifth column for the

subversion of the Muslim world.

From the early 1960s onward, leaders were infiltrated into the United States. Their status as leaders of the Ikhwan was kept secret, and they took up residence as respected professionals, doctors, teachers, and so forth—all the while maintaining their covert ties to the London-Geneva axis. They established, with the help of British intelligence and the CIA, the Muslim Students Association (MSA), which by the late 1960s had come under total domination by the Muslim Brotherhood.

The effectiveness of the Ikhwan-MSA apparatus is shown by the fact that the destabilization of Iran and the installation of Ayatollah Khomeini was largely run out of the United States and France by such individuals as Ibrahim Yazdi and Said Ghotbzadeh, both of whom active in the MSA while in the United States.

The Indiana complex of the Muslim Students Association is the center of the U.S. arm of the Ikhwan. In Indianapolis and in nearby Plainfield, an interlocked network of fronts includes: the MSA, the North American Islamic Trust, the Research Center, the Islamic Teaching Center, a network of Brotherhood-owned businesses including the Salam Agricultural Corporation in Missouri, American Trust Publications, the Islamic Book Service, an amorphous "cultural society" comprised of the top power brokers of the Muslim Brotherhood, and the mysterious Documentation Center.

The Documentation Center revolves around a \$2 million computer with a 100-telephone-line computer linkup. Although few people are willing to discuss the purpose of this Center, ostensibly meant to catalogue Muslim history, it reportedly serves as an intelligence center for the worldwide Ikhwan. According to European sources, the Center is connected to the International Documentation Center in Madrid, Spain, run by Otto von Hapsburg and his fascist Pan-European Union.

In addition, the Ikhwan has purchased a large, abandoned farm outside the Indiana capital, in a remote and inaccessible area. "You could train an army there," said a source formerly associated with the MSA. For the last two years, an Indiana group calling itself the Concerned Citizens has been seeking to block the entry of the MSA.

"At first we didn't care," said a spokesman for Concerned Citizens. "But then a reporter for the *Indianapolis News* told us that they were trying to establish a shooting range there! We made some phone calls to investigate, and we found that some of the people who set up the center had been involved in violence in Missouri."

Another operation established by the MSA nexus is what is euphemistically called the Professional Placement Service. Said a source, "What they do is place Muslims from anywhere in the world into highly placed positions around the world." The agency serves as a conduit for both brainwashed MSA students and highly skilled intelligence personnel.

Virtually all of the businesses and fronts that have been set up by the Brotherhood in the United States serve, in part, as conduits for enormous flows of cash—some of it illegal—into their U.S. activities. Last year, according to a source, the Association received \$48 million from the state of Qatar in the Persian Gulf!

Most of the financing for the MSA apparatus now comes from Kuwait, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, and Bahrain through former British colonial networks. Additional funding comes from the Muslim Brotherhood apparatus in London and Geneva, through secret foundations and Swiss bank accounts. According to several sources, the Saudis, although they disapprove of the MSA's activities, give money to provide themselves with leverage over the organization.

Because of its conspiratorial nature, the Muslim Brotherhood rarely surfaces publicly and usually operates through front organizations. In the United States, according to informed sources, the leadership of the mafia that, in the late 1960s, took over the Muslim Students Association was composed of the following individuals: Ahmed Elkadi, Mahmoud Abu Saud, Mahmoud Rashdan, Jamal Barzanji, Hisham al-Taleb, Mohammed Shamma, Altijani Abu Jederi, Anis Ahmed, and some others.

Most of these men are refugees from Egypt, Iraq, and Jordan, some of them involved in or implicated in acts of terrorism and political assassination in those countries.

"Their takeover of the MSA was very subtle, very deliberate. It was not clear to the majority of the student members what was happening," said one source. "They insinuated themselves into the ranks, into the leadership. Their mafia made several trips to the Middle East for money. First, they floated a company in Cincinnati, and Mohammed Shamma went to Saudi Arabia to get cash. He would discuss their intended political and 'cultural' activities, and then he would say something like, 'and, you know, we also have a private company.'"

The private companies would then launder the funds.

In recent years, the financing for the Ikhwan-MSA operations has come from the smaller Gulf states, and not from Saudi Arabia. The Saudis, at first drawn into supporting their activities because of the "Muslim" cover, suddenly dropped them when they learned of their terrorist inclinations, reports a highly informed source.

The *rais*, or No. 1 leader, of the secret top executive of the Muslim Brotherhood USA is reputed to be Dr. Ahmed Elkadi of Pensacola, Florida.

"He is the closest thing to a Nazi that you can imagine," said someone who knows him. "He has nerves of steel and is very cold-blooded. He would destroy anyone or anything to get what he wants."

Trained as a surgeon, Elkadi is wealthy and travels frequently around the country and to Europe.

In an interview, Elkadi was blunt. "The future is Iran. Muslims are going to be much more militant now. What happened there will be everyday fare," he said. "Youth are thirsty for this kind of religion." "We have a bad name because of what happened in Egypt," he said. "But now the movement is spreading beyond Iran, into Pakistan, Turkey, Indonesia, Egypt."

In 1968-69, Elkadi was in Texas, where, he admits, he collaborated with Ibrahim Yazdi, Iran's former foreign minister. Together they assisted in the takeover of the MSA by the Ikhwan, and Yazdi founded the MSA-Persian Speaking Group and then the allied Young Muslims Organization. That became the leading vehicle for the Khomeini network in the United States.

The existence of the Ikhwan-MSA network in the United States could not be explained without the witting complicity of high-level U.S. intelligence and law-enforcement personnel. "We tried a federal suit to stop them," said a member of Indiana's Concerned Citizens, "but everything we do tends to get squelched. Somebody, somewhere at high levels of our government doesn't want this exposed. They are stopping us."

## A closer look at Mahmoud Rashdan

Mahmoud Rashdan, the secretary general of the Muslim Students Association, is one of the key powerbrokers in the MSA. A Jordanian, Rashdan was expelled from that country because of his Ikhwan activities. Although he has lived in the United States for many years, Rashdan has neither a U.S. citizenship nor a permanent resident status nor a valid visa. Despite this, and despite his activities, the Bureau of Immigration has refrained from taking action against him. Rashdan has been able to enter and leave the United States at will.

This situation reminds one of that of Sadegh Ghotbzadeh, the foreign minister of Iran. During the 1970s, Ghotbzadeh, operating from his base in France, repeatedly entered the United States to meet with Ibrahim Yazdi and such types as University of Pittsburgh Professor Richard Cottam, a Khomeini sympathizer. Ghotbzadeh's entrances were illegal for he had no visa. "The State Department turned a blind eye to Ghotbzadeh's illegal entries," said Cottam in an interview last year. "They knew he was coming in and we were meeting, but they just let it happen. Later on, they began issuing him visas, so there was nothing illegal

about it.”

Both Ghotbzadeh and Yazdi were well-known MSA activists.

As secretary general of the MSA, Rashdan is deeply involved in the dirty money operations of the Association, working closely with Mahmoud Abu Saud, dubbed by insiders as a “financial genius.” A member of the Egyptian Ikhwan, Abu Saud is a professor of economics at the University of Missouri. Abu Saud has set up a foolproof system of interlocking corporations whose sole purpose is to channel funds into the MSA and its subversive activities. The MSA’s top brass appear again and again as the shareholders of each of the corporate entities. According to one source, profits from the MSA’s North American Islamic Trust are periodically skimmed off and funneled into special clandestine Brotherhood projects. Despite the MSA’s dubious financial practices, the Internal Revenue Service has yet to conduct a serious investigation into the MSA.

On the last day of the convention, Rashdan launched an attack on Kemal Atatürk, the founder of modern Turkey, and on all forms of nationalism. According to the MSA-Muslim Brotherhood, the integrity of the nation state (a concept of the “decadent West”) must be destroyed in the name of recreating the mystical “oneness” of the Islamic peoples. This worldview is but a spinoff of the view propagated by the Club of Rome and others that nationalism is the number one obstacle to imposing a one-world, “post-industrial,” system in which scientific progress as mediated in today’s world by the nation state is no longer valued and pursued.

“We know the story of Kemal Atatürk, the hero of modern Turkey,” Rashdan began. “And what is modern Turkey? From 1924 until now, more than 56 years, do we find Turkey more independent or more dependent? Do we find it weaker or stronger?”

“There are many Atatürks today. There is an Atatürk in Libya. There is an Atatürk in Baghdad. There is an Atatürk in Syria. And until these Atatürks are removed and destroyed, conspiracies will continue. And they will be destroyed, inshallah!”

From the audience came shouts of “Inshallah!” and “Allahu Akhbar!”

“These Atatürks who speak our language and who think in the Western mind do not belong to this Muslim land,” Rashdan continued. “The Atatürks of the 20th century have made much more damage than the tyrants of the old days. As the Arabic poet says, in the old days there used to be one pharaoh, one tyrant, and there used to be a Moses who challenged that tyrant. Today, we have a thousand pharaohs, and we don’t have a single Moses. But inshallah among you there will be thousands and thousands of Moses who will destroy these thousands of smaller, mini-pharaohs!”

Again the audience chants “Allahu Akhbar!”

“Look at Saddam Hussein, a butcher in Iraq, a butcher of Muslims. And with whom does he shake hands? The progressive government of Iraq shakes hands with the reactionary government of Saudi Arabia. Saddam Hussein was yesterday talking about the Saudi Arabians as being reactionaries, as being agents of the Americans, of the British, of everything. Suddenly they become friends. Suddenly they have a treaty, an agreement, a security agreement. Suddenly they are in the same camp.

“And add to that Hafez Assad, a butcher in Syria. Both these people butcher Muslims in their own countries, and yet they go get donations and put on a label that they are a rejectionist front. And so they lull the Muslim masses into hibernation. They think everybody is sleeping. Because they are sleeping, they think everybody is sleeping. The Muslim masses are not sleeping; they are awake. The Muslim masses do not believe these slogans and they know these conspiracies—you know them. And they know that the White House in Washington and the Red House in Moscow are behind them.”

Rashdan then declared Palestine to be “an Islamic land and an Islamic cause” that cannot be resolved through diplomacy or political means, but only through jihad.

“I want to make it clear that to us Muslims, Palestine is a part of our ideology. The conflict in Palestine is an ideological conflict where the masses of Muslims under the Islamic tenets have to be marshaled or mobilized. We support every action or every liberation movement which indeed seeks to liberate *all* of Palestine—Haifa and Jerusalem—not only raise ambiguous slogans where we say the legitimate rights of the Palestinians and the Western Bank and the Gaza Strip.

“Kings used to be assassinated because they accepted the partition of 1947,” said Rashdan. “Now they are made heroes because they accept the 1967 borders, and without any shame they are claiming that if they can retain or bring back even the West Bank and Gaza, I am sure that they will be carried on the shoulders to be announced as heroes.

“So my brothers and sisters in Islam, let us define and know that Palestine is a Muslim land by the definition of the holy Quran. It is part of our faith. Its liberation is not up to our rulers because they will not liberate it because they have surrendered it. We should stop seeking hope or insight from these present governments, with no exception. They are the cause of the disease; they cannot be the cure for the disease. May Allah make from us true mujahidin. May Allah liberate Palestine through the blood and through the jihad of true Muslims from all over the world.”

The Audience cheered with wild chants of “Allahu Akhbar.”