

"I complained to the FBI. . . . Everything came to a halt at the desk of Assistant Attorney General Philip B. Heymann, who had decided that the crimes we were investigating were of a civil nature, not criminal.

"When I was called before a jury in Denver together with two co-defendants, I demanded to be able to use the tapes I had recorded, the photos that FBI agents had taken of me, White and Libyans whom we met, as evidence. . . . Judge Silver declared that none of that material had anything to do with my case. . . . All the evidence I have to prove that I was working for the FBI was confiscated by the court."

*Expressen* reports that the FBI in New York confirmed by telephone that Feeney was working for the FBI and that he gave them material. The FBI declined to make any further comment. It is now reported that Birch Bayh's office in Washington has informed Feeney's lawyers that Feeney will be called in as a witness before the "Billygate committee."

### **White's record as Party chairman**

If it should turn out that John White is guilty as Feeney charges, few people who know him in the Democratic Party would be surprised, because of the way White has abused his position on behalf of the Carters and flaunted party rules.

White has been a leading force in the Carter campaign's effort to overturn the rules that have governed the Democratic Party for generations. In 1978 White led a drive to change those Democratic Party procedures. Now White is attempting to force the party convention to endorse rules such as 11-H (the rule binding convention delegates to the candidate they were originally pledged to) which are entirely at odds with previous party policy.

Although White, as party chairman, is supposed to be a neutral official, helping all Democrats win elective office, White has turned the Democratic National Committee headquarters into an extension of the Carter/Mondale campaign. Much of the staff personnel travel between both organizations.

White established a plumbers unit, headed up by Les Francis. This unit has redeployed former officials in the Carter/Mondale apparatus into state Democratic parties in order to coordinate state party activity on behalf of Carter's electoral objectives. State party chairmen, at a meeting last month in New York, denounced White's and Francis's activities.

In 1977, White was handpicked to head the DNC by his mentor, Robert Strauss, now chairman of the Carter/Mondale campaign. Recently he told Democratic leaders that no one who opposes the Carter administration will be allowed to address the Democratic Party convention.

# The MSA: a front for terrorism

by Nancy Coker

The Muslim Brotherhood, whose members have been responsible for at least four assassinations and attempted assassinations of Arab and Iranian leaders in the last two weeks, has been given free rein to operate in the United States by the Carter administration.

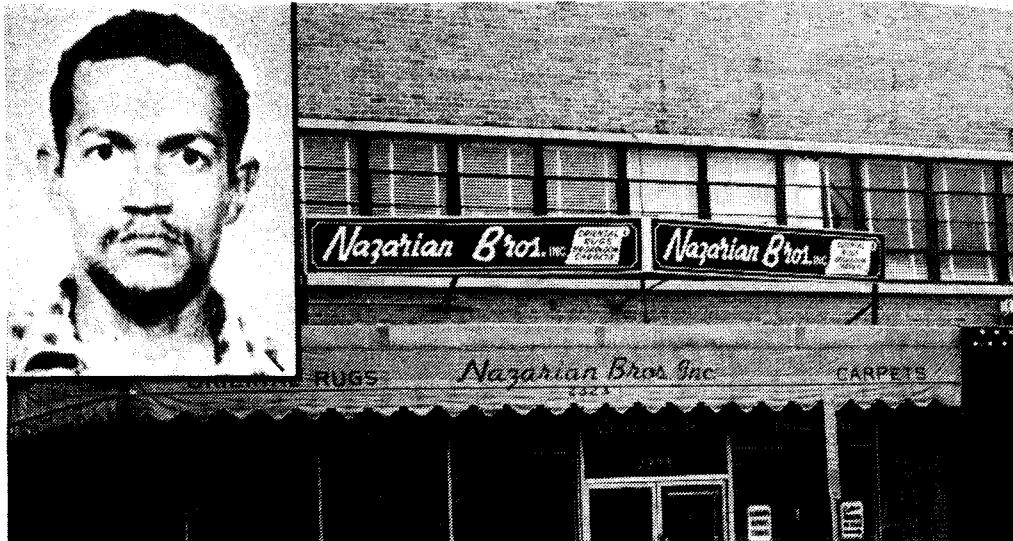
The Muslim Brotherhood, a semisecret organization of Islamic fundamentalist fanatics who orchestrated the Khomeini coup in Iran, has been allowed to operate in the United States through the little-known Muslim Students Association (MSA). Under the cover of the MSA, the Muslim Brotherhood has set up a vast network involved in gun-running, dirty money laundering, and guerrilla training within the United States.

This support apparatus for international terrorism has not only been tolerated by the Carter administration, which is fully briefed on its activities, but the State Department, the National Security Council, and the Justice Department have also repeatedly intervened to protect Muslim Brotherhood members from prosecution for their crimes.

Elements of this terrorist support apparatus include:

- the North American Islamic Trust, ostensibly the business arm of the MSA, which launders tens of millions of dollars annually for Muslim Brotherhood use through channels known to be linked to drug trafficking;
- several business fronts, such as the Islamic Book Service, Salam Agricultural Company, and Sun Systems;
- centers such as the Islamic Teaching Center in Indianapolis, Indiana, for the indoctrination of Arab youth and black American prisoners in Islamic fanaticism.

Over a month after the ban on American visas to Iranian nationals went into effect, two top-level Iranian government officials—Jamshid Hakju, the governor of West Azerbaijan, and Mozaffar Partowmah, an adviser to President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr—entered the United States to attend a May 23-27 conference of the Muslim



*Inset: David Belfield.  
Nazarian's business front.  
Photo: NSIPS.*

Students Association in Oxford, Ohio. Observers at this conference report that it was here that the first plans were laid for the wave of assassinations now taking place in the United States and abroad.

When the Immigration and Naturalization Service was notified about the illegal entry of these two Iranians into the United States, the INS attempted to conduct an investigation. However, the Justice Department under Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti intervened to stop the investigation the INS had initiated.

### **What is the MSA?**

The MSA, which has its headquarters in Plainfield, Indiana, was founded in the United States in 1963. Within three years, the MSA was taken over by a clique of hard-core members of the Muslim Brotherhood who were in exile from Arab countries where their terrorism and subversion had made them outlaws.

Indoctrinated by the Muslim Brotherhood fanatics, members of the MSA's Persian Speaking Group have supplied the secular leadership of the Khomeini regime in Iran. The founding MSA members are Ibrahim Yazdi and Mustafa Chamran, the former foreign minister and current head of Iranian intelligence (Savama), respectively. Yet another member of the MSA Persian Speaking Group is Sadegh Ghotbzadeh, the current foreign minister of Iran.

Ghotbzadeh was conveniently in transit through Paris two weeks ago when Iranian Muslim Brotherhood networks made their recent unsuccessful assassination attempt against former Prime Minister Bakhtiar.

The present head of the Washington, D.C., branch of the MSA is Abdullah Nahidian, the son of Bahram Nahidian, who is the Washington station chief of the Savama. According to U.S. intelligence sources, Bahram Nahidian also serves as the go-between for the Carter administration to Ayatollah Beheshti, head of

the Islamic Republican Party, to consolidate a "deal" the gives the Muslim Brotherhood license to assassinate anti-Khomeini leaders in exchange for releasing the American hostages on the eve of the Democratic Party Convention.

It is via the MSA, over which Bahram and Abdullah Nahidian exert operational control, that many of the terrorists who will carry out the Carter-sanctioned assassinations have been recruited and trained. The first installment on this "deal" occurred July 22 when Bahram Nahidian arranged the murder of Ali Tabatabai, head of the anti-Khomeini Iranian Freedom Foundation; bodyguard David Belfield (aka Daoud Salahuddin), is accused of carrying out the murder.

### **Cyrus Hashemi: the moneyman**

According to well-placed Iranian sources, funds for the recent terrorist acts of Nahidian were laundered through drug-connected dirty money channels passing from Iran, to the Caribbean, to Paris, and finally, to the United States. Overseeing this was Dr. Cyrus Hashemi, an unofficial economic adviser to Bani-Sadr and one of Nahidian's controllers. With his brother Reza, Cyrus Hashemi runs the U.S. subsidiary of the First Gulf Bank and Trust, Ltd. at 9 West 57th Street in New York.

The headquarters of First Gulf Bank is on the island of Anguilla in the West Indies. Seized by Great Britain shortly after its independence, Anguilla is today a center for offshore banking, dirty money laundering, and casino gambling.

Cyrus Hashemi has admitted to *Executive Intelligence Review* that he conduited money from Iran and that he is closely associated with members of the Muslim Students Association. The First Gulf Bank and Trust is currently permitted to operate in the United States without being registered with any state or federal agency, even after all Iranian assets have been blocked.

## Winning over the Black Muslims

Through Abdullah Nahidian in particular, the MSA has acted to win over sections of the Black Muslim community in the United States. The MSA has been most successful with the Hanafi Muslim sect that invaded the Washington, D.C. headquarters of B'nai B'rith in 1977.

The MSA has also attempted to infiltrate and subvert Wallace Deen Muhammad's World Community of Al-Islam in the West, using networks involved in the assassination of Malcolm X.

One of the primary vehicles for recruiting American Black Muslims into MSA ranks is the MSA's Islamic Teaching Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. According to the director of the ITC's Department of Correctional Facilities, John Sullivan, the MSA is running its prison recruitment drive with cooperation from the Justice Department's Federal Bureau of Prisons.

"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 has stated. Through its computer, the ITC maintains dossiers on hundreds of ex-prisoners "for job placement purposes."

## Training an army

In 1976, the MSA purchased an abandoned farm near Plainview, Indiana for \$375,000. One source familiar with this remote campsite told investigators: "You could train an army there."

That is precisely what the MSA and its Muslim Brotherhood controllers are doing. For several years a group calling itself the Concerned Citizens of Hendricks County has sought unsuccessfully to have the MSA expelled by federal and local authorities for that reason.

"At first we didn't care," said a spokesman for the Concerned Citizens group. "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."

Despite a court action brought against the MSA, reports to federal authorities, and other measures, Concerned Citizens has been unable to halt the paramilitary training of foreign nationals in Plainfield. "We tried a federal suit to stop them," said a member of the Concerned Citizens group, "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."

It was to 3,000 MSA members at the 18th annual

MSA convention in Oxford, Ohio, in May 1980 that Iranian officials Jamshid Hakju and Mozaffar Partowmah were allowed to make a rabidly pro-Khomeini pitch after they had entered the United States illegally. Hakju stressed to MSA members that "the revolution in Iran is only the beginning . . . the goal of the revolution is to establish Muslim rule on this earth."

## The inner core

Extensive documentary evidence on the secret inner workings of the MSA now in the possession of *Executive Intelligence Review* refers throughout to the MSA as an arm of the Muslim Brotherhood. In these documents, MSA leaders draw no distinction whatsoever between the two organizations. The MSA is but a thinly veiled disguise for the Brotherhood, which is known internationally as an outlaw terrorist organization.

Members of the Muslim Brotherhood who had seized control of the MSA by 1966 include:

*Mahmoud Rashdan*, MSA secretary general;

*Mahmoud Abu Saud*, known to MSA and Muslim Brotherhood insiders as the "financial genius" behind their elaborate money-laundering schemes;

*Ahmed Elkadi*, Abu Saud's son-in-law and partner in his dirty money operations;

*Ismail Faruqi* of Temple University;

*Mohammed Shamma*;

*Altijani Abu Jederi*;

*Anis Ahmed*;

*Jamal Barzinji*; and

*Hisham al-Taleb*.

"Their takeover of the MSA was very subtle, very deliberate," said one well-placed source. "They insinuated themselves into the ranks of 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.

Documents show that since the Carter administration took office, this Muslim Brotherhood mafia has been especially successful in building a multimillion dollar network of businesses, research centers, and training camps to support its international assassinations and terrorism. Evidence in the documents shows further that the National Security Council is aware of these fronts and of their function.

## The international trade center

One of the most blatant links between the MSA and the Carter Administration are plans now in the *Execu-*

*tive Intelligence Review's* possession for an International Trade Center drafted by Abu Saud for the North American Islamic Trust, the financial arm of the MSA. Abu Saud, a member of the Muslim Brotherhood, is a former financial adviser to Libya once imprisoned in Egypt for his treasonous activities.

In his plan for NAIT, Saud proposes building an International Trade Center at 125th Street in Harlem, New York. Although NAIT and Abu Saud's role are now hidden, the U.S. government recently made a grant of \$40 million—\$20 million more than the budget estimated by Abu Saud—for its construction.

Attached to the plan is a letter from Harlem Congressman Charles Rangel to President Carter which states: "As we discussed during our meeting on March 8th [1978], the concept of an International Trade Center in Harlem can form the catalyst for a new development in American international affairs. . . . I am convinced that the Center should be established in Harlem as a public facility, such as the one in New Orleans. . . ."

"The International Trade Center will involve a broad range of participants from American international business firms. It is imperative these firms share your understanding of the implications of the program for American international business firms. It is imperative these firms share your understanding of the implications of the program for American minorities and Third World nations. The project will also need the continued advice and counsel from the administration, and the direct participation of Ambassador Young and Secretaries Krepps and Vance. With support and assistance from you and your administration, I am sure the project can become a reality."

Apart from Carter's munificent backing of a plan drafted by the MSA's "financial genius," it is most interesting that the model chosen for the International Trade Center in Harlem is that in New Orleans. Clay Shaw, the former head of the New Orleans ITC, was indicted by District Attorney James Garrison for his alleged involvement in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The New Orleans ITC was identified by French intelligence as a subsidiary of Permindex, which they charged with responsibility for over 30 assassination attempts made against French President Charles de Gaulle. Associates of Clay Shaw reportedly conducted \$150,000 to the Secret Army Organization (OAS), which has been closely linked to Muslim Brotherhood networks via Jacques Soustelle, for this purpose.

Prince Gutierrez Spadafora, the agriculture minister of the Mussolini government and the sponsor of Billy Carter's Italian contact points to the Libyan government, is a member of the board of directors of Permindex.

In addition to its substantial role in major international assassinations, the New Orleans Trade Center founded by Clay Shaw has provided a model for over 50 such projects around the world. These Trade Centers not only provide the basis for massive real estate boondoggles, but their computerized monitoring of global transportation is believed by some experts to form the nerve center for controlling the flow of the \$200 billion annual flow of narcotics. The individuals and financial institutions connected to Clay Shaw and his prototype Trade Center have repeatedly been shown to be involved in drug trafficking and dirty money laundering.

Other MSA business entities include:

- Salam Agricultural Co., which was incorporated in May 1975 in Humansville, Missouri, and is today located in Marshfield. The president of this firm is Ahmed Elkadi, a close friend of former Iranian Foreign Minister Ibrahim Yazdi, and the treasurer is his father-in-law, Abu Saud, who once described his job with the MSA as "manipulating currency."

Abu Saud's manipulations are quite revealing, not to mention illegal. Extensive evidence exists confirming Abu Saud's money-laundering and accounts juggling activities, including his illegal drafting of letters in the names of others "authorizing" the transfer of funds out of company coffers and into personal accounts for use in Muslim Brotherhood "special operations" worldwide. Millions of untraceable—and usually untaxable—dollars are transferred periodically through the various MSA-Brotherhood accounts, both here and abroad, and through secret foundations and Swiss banks.

- Sun Systems, located in Eureka, Illinois, deals in solar heating systems and components. Abu Saud made a bid to take over this firm for the MSA/Muslim Brotherhood by manipulating the company's credit. At the time of the takeover bid, Sun Systems was in the process of negotiating a \$250,000 loan from the government.

- Islamic Book Service in Plainfield, which is fully controlled by the MSA.

- American Trust Publications in Indianapolis.
- Square Deal Laundry in Springfield, Missouri.
- International Graphics Printing Service in Brentwood, Maryland.

- Solemar Company in Springfield, Missouri.
- The Cultural Society in Indianapolis.
- MSA Islamic Services in Toronto, Canada.

These are only a few of the companies in which the MSA is known to have a controlling interest through its North American Islamic Trust.

One key money-laundering conduit is through Megal Watch, SA, located at 5 Place de La Gare in Bienne, Switzerland, where Abu Saud has again been

located as a former principal. Documents from one brief period show M. Mekki, the president of the company, transferred more than \$50,000 to Abu Saud, who turned the money over to his son-in-law Elkadi and the MSA. Letters show that these funds originated among underground members of the Muslim Brotherhood in Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

The Muslim Brotherhood has managed to dupe many Arab governments that would otherwise jail its members into making large contributions by using the Muslim Students Association as its cover. In 1979, for example, a source close to MSA leaders reports that the Association received an \$8 million contribution from the state of Qatar in the Persian Gulf.

### **The documentation center**

The Muslim Brotherhood is by no means located solely in the United States, although the Carter administration has provided it with its most sheltered base in this country. The Brotherhood is a transnational, secret society with an assassination capability that functions very much like the Sicilian Mafia and Chinese Triad gangs.

Proof of this is provided by the Islamic Documentation Center, a top-secret project of the Brotherhood run under cover of the MSA. In 1976-1977 an estimated \$3 million of MSA-laundered funds were sunk into this project with the bulk of the money conduited through Youssef Nada, an operative of the Muslim Brotherhood based in Switzerland.

Nada was also present at a secret meeting that European intelligence sources report was held in Toledo, Ohio, on September 1, 1975. The meeting was attended by Jamal Barzinji, Mohammed Shamma, and Abu Saud from the MSA. Minutes obtained of this planning session for creation of the Islamic Documentation Center state: "Project to be completely secret. Middle-Eastern governments would put Muslim Brothers in prison."

The Documentation Center's heart is a \$2 million computer into which everything that was ever written on the Muslim Brotherhood is to be entered. One planning document states:

It was agreed upon that the Center will start its work by collecting all available data concerning the Muslim Brotherhood Movement (M.B.) of Egypt. The M.B. is the leading movement in the Islamic world and the one which deserves immediate attention in view of the biased and mutilated information that has been published since 1952.

. . . It is of extreme importance to underline the fact that all the expenses—from the outset of the Center—must be met by a relatively fixed income emanating from some secured investment

of available funds. . . . It is feared that [failure to do this] . . . would lead to dangerous consequences as the information may be squandered and may land in the hands of antagonistic groups, who would misuse it and/or violently fall back on the source of the information.

It is believed that the Documentation Center is located somewhere in the Indianapolis area. However, its agents have gone underground since its initial planning.

European sources report that the MSA/Muslim Brotherhood's Documentation Center is closely interlocked with the International Documentation Center in Madrid, Spain, which is run by Archduke Otto von Hapsburg, head of the Pan-European Union.

U.S. intelligence sources have discovered the Hapsburg operation to have been the staging ground for a series of top-secret meetings between the leaders of international fascist groups before a mass outbreak of terrorism and assassinations in 1977 about the time that the MSA's Documentation Center is believed to have begun limited operations. Among the incidents linked to this international terrorist wave was the bombing of an Air Cubana flight and an attempted overthrow of the Karamanlis government in Greece.

### **Patrons and protectors**

That the MSA exists, and thrives, in this country is no accident. The MSA has made some very powerful friends.

One of them is Sen. Thomas Eagleton, Democrat from Missouri, who has periodically stepped in to "pull some strings" with the Department of Immigration and Naturalization in order to prevent MSA leaders from being deported. According to sources close to Eagleton, the senator has solved immigration problems for several MSA leaders, including Abu Saud.

Another "friend of the MSA" is Professor Richard Mitchell of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Author of the book *The Society of Muslim Brothers*, Mitchell has been working closely with the MSA for years, meeting privately with the leadership to plan his deployments into the Islamic world and propagating the lie that science and technology are anathema to Islam. The MSA arranged for and funded the translation of Mitchell's book into Arabic for dissemination of brotherhood propaganda throughout the Arab world. Mitchell, who fancies himself an "honorary member of the Muslim Brotherhood," has spoken at MSA events.

Internationally, the MSA coordinates closely with a large number of Muslim Brotherhood fronts, such as the Muslim Institute for Research and Planning in Berks, England; the Islamic Foundation, in Leicester, England; and the Institute for Islamic Studies in Geneva, Switzerland.