

Middle East Report by Judith Wyer

George Hawi and Mondale Democrats

The Lebanese Communist met with "the peace movement" to create a U.S. terrorist front. The Department of State approved.

Acting directly on behalf of the Soviet Union, Lebanese Communist Party chief George Hawi made an extensive early-November tour of the United States. His sponsors were the Carter administration point men, disarmament groups, and leftist think tanks who are running Walter Mondale's presidential campaign.

Accompanied by Abdullah Saade, a leader of the neo-Nazi Syrian National Socialist Party (SSNP), Hawi made the desired contacts with terrorist controllers and the KGB-funded peace movement. He then flew straight to Moscow on Nov. 24 to report on his trip to senior Politburo member Konstantin Chernenko and with Boris Ponomarev, the old Communist International kingpin.

Named by French and Israeli intelligence as one of the most dangerous men in the Mideast, Hawi is regarded in Moscow as the region's most powerful communist leader.

Hawi made the 16-day tour of at least six U.S. cities to build an alliance of terrorists and peaceniks aimed at forcing the withdrawal of the U.S. Marines in Lebanon—with a visa issued by the State Department.

As we reported (see *EIR*, Nov. 1), Hawi was supposed to be accompanied by Archbishop Hilarion Capucci, a convicted gunrunner, but an uproar prevented the State Department from approving the archbishop's visa. *EIR* revealed that Hawi's trip was part of a Soviet effort to build an Islamic-Marxist front based on the anti-American frenzy of the Ayatollah Khomeini. This surfaced in October,

when the pro-Khomeini, born-again Muslim Roger Garaudy, a former French Communist Party leader, visited Washington.

Hawi was open in his campaign to oust the Marines no matter how much more blood is spilled. Speaking at the Regency Sheraton in mid-November, he addressed a gathering organized by the radical Detroit-based Palestinian lawyer Abdeen Jabara. According to an eyewitness report, the topic of discussion was the imminence of more terrorism against U.S., French, and Israeli personnel and installations in Lebanon and outside the Mideast. Among those in attendance was Sami al-Banna, the reputed nephew of Sabri al-Banna, alias Abu Nidal—the "Carlos"-allied Palestinian terrorist expelled in 1974 from the PLO by Yasser Arafat.

Hawi conferred with the same Carter administration "peace movement" leaders whom *EIR* exposed as supporting the Khomeini takeover in Iran. On Nov. 18, he addressed a closed-door forum at the United Nations church attended by leaders of the Clergy and Laity Concerned and the World Council of Churches (WCC), both collaborators of Carter Secretary of State Cyrus Vance. The late President Anwar Sadat, months before his assassination by Muslim fanatics, named the WCC as supporting the destabilization of Egypt.

Also in attendance was the New York Peace Council, a front for the Communist Party U.S.A.; the People's Anti-War Mobilization; the Women's International League for

Peace and Freedom; and the Palestinian Solidarity Committee.

Among the reported sponsors of Hawi's U.S. tour were a number of "peaceniks" from the leftist Middle East Research and Information Project, a Washington-based group associated with the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS) and its sister organization, the Amsterdam-based Transnational Institute. Robert Pastor and Peter Bourne, advisers to Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale who were involved in the communist takeover in Grenada, have multiple connections to the IPS nexus.

The same week that Hawi arrived in the United States, Carter convened a conference on the Middle East at Emory University Nov. 4, where he and others from his administration, along with Soviet diplomat Aleksandr Zotov, called for a unilateral withdrawal of the Marines from Lebanon. Two weeks later, George Ball, adviser to the Carter-Mondale administration on Iran and the Mideast, seconded the Carter stance in the *New York Times*.

Ball is said to be a private supporter of the "Greater Syria" scheme whereby the Damascus regime would use its massive Soviet-supplied arsenal to take control of neighboring Lebanon and Jordan. Moscow supports the fascist Greater Syria blueprint in order to extend its own power. The Soviet Communist Party daily *Pravda* had endorsed earlier this year the neo-Nazi SSNP for its alliance with the Lebanese Communists in "liberating" Lebanon.

On his trip, Hawi set up the American-Lebanese National Association, the American branch of the Lebanese National Movement, a loose coalition of Syrian and Iranian-backed groupings, to coordinate terrorist operations in the United States.