

Shultz and Co. Launch Danish Political Party

by Tom Gillesberg

The LaRouche-allied Schiller Institute in Denmark is blowing the whistle on a political destabilization operation run through the creation of a new artificial Danish political party called New Alliance (NA). Behind the scenes, one can find the same nasty political circles that have been trying to destroy the U.S. for years. The Schiller Institute, in its campaign newspaper number 3, issued May 22, and printed in 50,000 copies (1% of the Danish population), has exposed this rotten cabal.

The day after international financial synarchist circles secured the election of Nicolas Sarkozy to the Presidency of France, an attack on the political stability and economic welfare policies of Denmark was launched. Through the New Alliance party, leading financial powers intend to rock the relatively stable coalition that has been ruling Denmark since 2001, and overthrow one of the last stable countries left west of Russia. For the last five-and-a-half years, Denmark has had a Liberal-Conservative minority government, backed by votes from the xenophobic People's Party (DPP). Unemployment is the lowest in 20 years, and the national budget surplus of last year, totalling 4.2% of GNP, has provoked an intense political discussion of how best to invest in the future welfare. Part of the discussion has been the Schiller Institute proposal for a national maglev-net, and projects such as the building of a bridge across the Fehmer Belt to Germany.

DPP has been a reliable partner for the government, including its support for Denmark's participation in the Iraq War, but it has one big problem in the eyes of the financial community: not its anti-immigrant, anti-Islam policies, but the fact that it gets a large part of its votes from people in the lower income brackets, and has insisted on keeping high unemployment benefits and high wages, and has blocked a free flow of low-wage labor into Denmark. The Danish "flexicurity" model has been praised by the financial wizards for making it easy to hire and fire labor. But they don't like the guarantees of high unemployment benefits and social services, and the ban on the importation of cheap labor. They want to keep the flexibility, while cutting out the security in the name of globalization.

A New 'Danish' Party Is Born

NA was founded on May 7 by Naser Khader, an MP from the Social Liberal Party, and two Danish members of the European Parliament, Anders Samuelsen and Gitte Seeberg,

from the Social Liberal and Conservative parties, respectively. During the first week of its existence, the party received non-stop media promotion, and claimed to have gotten more than 10,000 paying members.

The launching of the party was based on Khader's media popularity. Khader, a Syrian-born Palestinian, gained national prominence last year during the infamous Danish Mohammed-cartoon crisis, as "a Muslim standing up to the imams." Business leaders have also come out supporting the party, especially those active in supporting the Danish newspaper *Jyllands-Posten* during the cartoon crisis, and in the circles around the Danish Center for Political Studies (CEPOS), the George Shultz-linked Danish version of the American Enterprise Institute.

A couple of days after the founding of the party, another Danish MP, Leif Mikkelsen, defected from the largest government party, the Liberals, to join NA. That led Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen (Liberal Party) to threaten early elections, if the government-coalition lost two more mandates, which would mean losing their parliamentary majority. If national elections were to be called right now, NA would not be able to participate, since they first have to collect and have 20,000 signatures validated before being allowed to run.

The Danish media is full of opinion polls showing that if there were an election now, NA would get up to 10% of the popular vote, and could replace the DPP as the parliamentary support for the Liberal-Conservative government. The media have also been trying to get political statements from NA, but they have only one publicly stated policy: to lower the ceiling on progressive income taxes from 63%, to a flat 40% tax, a maneuver that would cost 50 billion Danish crowns a year (\$9 billion), and threaten the Danish public budget. The two MPs from NA have refused to address what the consequences of that would be for Danish welfare policies, as well as other political questions. The public and the voters are supposed to be swept off their feet and simply intoxicated by NA's sophism: "We understand you. Vote against the established politicians, and then—after we're elected—we'll tell you what we will do."

Who Owns the New Alliance?

If you want to know about NA, "ask the man who owns one." Under what circumstances did Naser Khader suddenly decide to create NA and reshuffle the whole Danish political scene? It happened on a late-April U.S. tour to all the neo-conservative temples of doom, and while being promoted by the circles of Dick Cheney and John Train. Here the decision was made for Khader to found a new party once he returned to Denmark.

In Denmark, the controllers behind the new party exposed themselves with the news that the Danish Saxo investment bank had donated 1 million Danish crowns to NA. Saxo Bank has been one of the main funders of the George Shultz-linked CEPOS, and has also financed the CEPOS College, where up-

and-coming youth are trained to become super-liberal free-market fanatics. The bank's two founders and managing directors, Lars Seier Christensen and Kim Fournais, are glowing adherents of Ayn Rand, the Russian-born American "philosopher," author, and laissez-faire cult figure.

In June 2006, Saxo Bank hosted a meeting in Denmark, with the director of the Ayn Rand Institute in California, Yaron Brook, as the main speaker. Brook belongs to the far-right wing of the American neo-cons, and he has long been a spokesman for brutal methods for dealing with the "Islamic threat." In an interview with the right-wing FOX News TV in December 2004, Brook said, "I would like to see the United States turn Fallujah into dust, and tell the Iraqis, if you are going to support the insurgents, you will not have schools, you will not have mosques." And during a lecture at UCLA in Los Angeles last October, he insisted that totalitarian Islamic regimes could only be defeated by killing hundreds of thousands of their supporters.

In October 2006, Yaron Brook and his Institute sponsored a conference entitled, "Islam and 'The War against Islamic Totalitarianism,'" at Tufts University in Boston. Among the speakers were Flemming Rose, the *Jyllands-Posten's* cultural page editor, who had just become world-famous for his role in the Mohammed cartoon crisis, and Rose's old friend, the neo-con flag-bearer Daniel Pipes. Pipes is a leading member of the old Cold War think-tank, the Committee on the Present Danger, which has replaced its old enemy image of the Soviet Union, with a just-as-scary one of Islam.

Khader paid his visit to Tufts on April 27, when he was among the speakers at a Washington conference with the title, "Islam in Democratic Societies: The Struggle Between Radical and Moderate Islam and the Future of Islam in the West," arranged by the conservative think-tank the Hudson Institute. Back in the Cold War days, under Herman Kahn's leadership, it was the Hudson Institute, which promoted the idea that the U.S. could carry out "limited" nuclear war around the globe. Today, the staff of senior researchers includes Laurent Murawiec, who was sacked by the Rand Corporation in August 2002, when he seriously suggested a military attack against Saudi Arabia, at a closed conference arranged by Bush Administration neo-con advisor Richard Perle.

Naser Khader's New Friends

Khader seems to have found himself at home among the neo-conservative political circles in America. His recent visit was the subject of attention in the U.S. media, because he played a major role in a documentary with the title, "Islam versus Islamists: Voices from the Muslim Center," which was to be shown on PBS in early May, but was cancelled. The documentary was directed and produced by Martyn Burke, Alex Alexiev, and Frank Gaffney, Jr., as part of the series "America at a Crossroads," which PBS began after Sept. 11, 2001, after being pressured by circles around Vice President Dick Cheney, to show the world as seen from the neo-con



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Naser Khader (left), a Danish MP, won media stardom last year during the infamous Mohammed-cartoon scandal, as “a Muslim standing up to the imams.” He founded the New Alliance Party on May 7, after a U.S. tour to all the neo-con temples of doom. His co-conspirators include (left to right): former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury and Secretary of State George Shultz, supporter of the Danish Center for Political Studies (CEPOS), the Danish version of the American Enterprise Institute; Laurent Murawiec, protégé of Richard Perle and advocate of a U.S. military attack against Saudi Arabia; and Yaron Brook, the president of the Ayn Rand Institute, infamous for his October 2006 call for killing hundreds of thousands of Muslims to stop “totalitarianism.”

standpoint. (Funding for the program was approved by Michael Pack, head of PBS programming from 2002-06. Pack had worked directly with Lynne Cheney, wife of the Vice President, and had even tried to get PBS to run a “Lynne Cheney Hour.” Pack’s documentaries were financed by New York investment banker John Train, who had initiated the “Get LaRouche task force” in the 1980s.

The leadership of PBS however demanded editorial alterations of the final version of the program, that Burke, Alexiev, and Gaffney wouldn’t agree to. So the show was cancelled.

Khader’s new friend, Frank Gaffney, Jr., is a writer for the Reverend Moon sect’s leading organ, the ultra-conservative newspaper the *Washington Times*, and director of one of the most radical conservative think-tanks, the Center for Security Policy, whose Advisory Board has included Dick Cheney and Richard Perle. Already in 1998, Gaffney was a co-signer of an appeal to then-President Bill Clinton, to launch a “preventive” military attack on Iraq. The head of Gaffney’s military committee is retired Gen. Paul E. Vallely, who often appears on FOX News as a military expert. In an interview on Aug. 15, 2005, he declared that the Islamic World must be warned that if one nuclear weapon comes into the United States. “Mecca and Medina become sand.” (See *EIR*, Aug. 25, 2005.)

Doing Away With the Welfare State

In an article in *Berlingske Tidende* on May 17, Kim Fournais of Saxo Bank stated that Danish Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen (who, before moderating himself to become

Prime Minister, had been an Ayn Rand-fan himself) had “done well,” but that he had not yet delivered the goods: a frontal attack on the welfare state. Fournais wrote, “I fully acknowledge the results of the [elections]. But now, we have to go further, and New Alliance can very well be the medicine which gets the government off the respirator, and back on the reform course. We need reforms, in a country where over 900,000 people get their living from the welfare system.”

He then quoted the book, *The Loser Factory* by Ole Birk Olesen, which Saxo Bank has sponsored. “The book shows that it is the welfare state’s fault that, for example, immigrants don’t have jobs. The welfare state, with its high welfare system payments, de facto minimum wages, and high taxes, prevents people from working.” And according to Fournais, there is a simple solution to the problem: Immigrants and society’s weakest should literally be thrown into deep water. It is called the “sink or swim” model.

It’s clear that international financial circles would like such a policy for Denmark, thus the creation of NA. But if things were stated openly by Khader and Co., the new party would die instantaneously. Therefore, it’s not being sold on its political merits, but is being promoted through a media hype, hoping to get people to join the rush for something new, without reflecting on the consequences. Then, the Danish social fabric would disintegrate, and political instability and chaos would follow. Will the Danes see through the sophism in time? With its exposé, the Schiller Institute in Denmark will certainly do its share to warn against the condition that the Danes may be foolish enough impose on themselves.