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The Cynical Covenant Of Farrakhan & Qaddafi

By Abraham H. Foxman

Last October, while Louis Farrakhan was basking in the afterglow of the successful Million Man March on Washington, the Nation of Islam leader announced he would be "keeping the momentum [of the march] alive" by encouraging blacks across the country to become politically active. His plans were welcomed by mainstream leaders and organizations, and praised as a positive departure from NOI's long-held tradition of shunning the American political scene.

Now it turns out that this seemingly legitimate political goal is fundamentally tainted - that Minister Farrakhan will work toward achieving black political influence in partnership with the anti-American Libyan strongman Muammar Qaddafi.

On Jan. 23, Minister Farrakhan and Colonel Qaddafi reached an agreement to launch a campaign to exert black and Muslim influence in the upcoming U.S. elections that can only be viewed as a cynical covenant between two haters. With the Nation of Islam leading the effort, Colonel Qaddafi said that blacks, Arabs, Muslims and native Americans will exercise their political muscle "and enter the election period as a card stronger than the Jewish card in the elections campaign."

Colonel Qaddafi had already agreed to bankroll the effort. In September he promised to spend up to \$1 billion to launch a Muslim lobby in America.

Until now, Colonel Qaddafi announced, "Our confrontation with America was like a fight against a fortress from outside." After speaking with Minister Farrakhan, however, "we found a breach to enter into this fortress and confront it." Colonel Qaddafi promised that as it battles America from the inside the NOI will eventually fulfill one of its fondest dreams: establishing a black state within America's borders. Ever the military man, the Libyan leader also predicted that this new state will boast the "biggest black army on the planet."

Minister Farrakhan, "happy with the results" of his meeting with Muammar Qaddafi, has now publicly forged an alliance with an unrepentant international bully and an enemy of the United States. For years, Libya sponsored numerous brutal acts of anti-American and anti-Israeli terror.

Despite United Nations sanctions placed on his country four years ago, Colonel Qaddafi refuses to hand over for trial two Libyan suspects in the bombing of a Pan Am

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"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

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Everlasting Memory," in a local bulletin.

At least mother Bea Tell wound up in good company. She was listed with some good people we really lost recently, like the wonderful, longtime friend Mike Katz along with Michael Brookman, Erna Handler, Ray Nunley, Theresa Breeding, Libbie Brody and Susan Dorfman.

The fact of the matter is we almost lost Bea Tell over the Thanksgiving weekend. Instead of joining the rest of the family for a Thanksgiving feast, Bea informed us she just couldn't make it.

Now you have to know my mother to

103 that killed 270 people. A fierce opponent of the Israeli-Palestinian accords, Colonel Qaddafi has urged Arab countries to expel all Palestinian refugees and workers from their lands as a way of embarrassing the peacemakers. In September, he followed his own advice and began to expel hundreds of Palestinian workers from his country's borders.

This is by no means Minister Farrakhan's first encounter with the radical Libyan leader. In 1985, Colonel Qaddafi granted the Nation of Islam a \$5 million interest-free loan, which Minister Farrakhan said he used to launch his group's POWER personal products line. Months later, Louis Farrakhan visited Libya to thank his benefactor personally.

The Nation of Islam leader and his lieutenants have traveled on other occasions to Tripoli for meetings with the Libyan dictator. One such gathering attended by Minister Farrakhan - in violation of a travel ban imposed on Americans by President Reagan - offered training seminars on weapons and explosives.

Minister Farrakhan has called Colonel Qaddafi "a fellow struggler in the cause of liberation for our people," and his organization's tabloid, *The Final Call*, has hailed the Libyan leader as the "TRUE HERO of liberation struggle."

To all who believe that the Million Man March was a turning point for Louis Farrakhan, proving he no longer harbors an extremist agenda, his alliance with Colonel Qaddafi should serve as a wake up call. His

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King of One Liners



HENNY YOUNGMAN

...Man of Many Talents.

If Pat Buchanan wins the Republican presidential nomination, rumor has it that he'll pick Mark Furman as his running mate.

understand that if she couldn't join her sons Mike, Jay and Don, daughter-in-law Rita, brother Seymour Goldstein (who had flown in from Boca Raton, Fla.), grandchildren Mike and Bonnie Lally, Michele Tell, Jennifer Tell and Jackie Tell and great granddaughter Jessica Tatum Lally - something was very wrong. Also at the dinner was Jay's gal Lorena and her children, Jay's new family from Mexico, and our dear friend Joan Gassman.

Because Bea NEVER complains about her health, we all took for granted that she was coming down with the Flu or something. We were all in for a big shock when brother Michael rushed her to Valley Hospital by ambulance that Sunday afternoon (Thanksgiving weekend).

While she was in the hospital, we were told by the doctors that Bea was suffering from a severe kidney and lung infection. Initially, we were told that Bea only had a 50/50 chance of survival.

Our mother was in Intensive Care, fighting for her life. She stayed there for almost two weeks. For 2 1/2 days she was put on a ventilator, a device that circulates fresh air in the lungs, similar to a respirator.

When brother Mike first arrived with Bea at Valley Hospital, he ran into an old friend of his, Dr. Neville Pokroy, a noted kidney specialist. This was just what Bea needed at the time, as we were told that both her kidneys failed.

Naturally, we were all at the hospital every day rooting for Bea and telling all the nurses what to do. Brother Seymour came to Las Vegas to spend the Thanksgiving weekend with his sister and wound up visiting Valley Hospital every day instead of the horse room, dice and poker tables.

Grandchild Bonnie Lally snuck her daughter Jessica (one-year-old, pictured above) in to see her great grandmother. What a surprise Bea had waking up one morning to see Bonnie and pretty little Jessica smiling at her. Grandchild Michele Tell made sure she visited often, also.

But my wife Rita, Seymour, Mike, myself and Joan Gassman were there every single day. Brother Jay called in every day from out of the country to see how Mom was doing.

Everyone did what they could. But with the help of Dr. Pokroy, Bea recovered and after a three week stay, came home to recuperate. Today she is doing fine.

The mishap by the local Jewish bulletin caused some after shocks. A friend, Claudia Wichinsky, burst out crying when she read the bulletin and called the house, found out Bea was alive and was so thankful. She later sent a card: "Dear Bea - So glad you're alive! Love, Claudia."

Longtime friend Helene Stadler called a local temple and was told by someone that Bea had indeed passed away. She was hysterical until she learned another error was made.

The bulletin editor sent Bea a letter of sincere apology and explained how a get-well tribute was inadvertently reported under condolences.

Only G-d knows how many other people thought that my mother was gone. Bea Tell accepts all apologies. She found some humor in the incident. She started answering the phone, "This is your angel speaking."

Well, she is an angel - but the real life kind, living, walking and talking type of angel. May she be with us for many, many more years to come. G-d bless you Bea Tell.

(Editor's note: As Jonathan Swift once said, "To err is human & to forgive divine".)