

## ISRAELI LABOR GOVERNMENT GASPING ITS LAST: SINISTER GENERALS' GROUP CONFERS

April 17 — The resignation of Golda Meir's patched-together coalition government signals the final collapse of the tottering Israeli parliamentary system. Unable to cope with a devastated economy, hounded by a dozen squabbling factions and parties, under tremendous pressure from a desperate and enraged working class, Meir could carry on no longer.

As in Northern Ireland, Canada, and the San Francisco/Bay Area of the United States, an escalating terror campaign waged by CIA-created brainwashed automatons is designed to provide the cover for the military "pacification" programs. Cries for "more police protection" touched off by the brutal raid by CIA-controlled Palestinian terrorist robots will speed the process by which Israel will become an openly fascist state.

### Rockefeller Backs Sadat

That the United States has not intervened to alleviate the economic and political chaos in Israel is *prima facie* evidence that the Rockefellers have placed their bets on Egyptian President Sadat and his gaggle of oil-rich sheikhs. The disintegration of Israel is conscious sabotage by Rockefeller and his Central Intelligence Agency, aimed at preventing the emergence of stubborn Zionist resistance to Rockefeller's blueprint for reorganization of the Middle East. This plan seeks to couple the advanced technology and high agricultural yield of Israel with the cheap labor and oil of the Arab countries. As outlined by David Rockefeller during his January tour of the Mideast, the plan additionally involves vast slave-labor regional "development" projects centering around the Suez Canal and the Jordan River valley.

Militarily, Israel and the Middle East are increasingly becoming part of the Southern flank of NATO. However, Israeli intransigence has threatened to throw a monkey wrench into Kissinger's carefully orchestrated Arab-Israeli peace talks. Further, Israeli stubbornness could push Syria out of the Sadat orbit into the Iraqi camp backed by the Soviet Union. In his trip to the United States the week of April 1, Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan made conciliatory statements on settling the Arab-Israeli conflict following Kissinger and Rockefeller's plans. Dayan said that when Egypt demonstrated its readiness for peace by developing the Suez Canal region (i.e., along the lines of David Rockefeller's scheme put forward in January), Israel would accept its good intentions.

### The Agranat Report

The collapse of the Meir government was triggered by the well-timed release of the Agranat Commission report. (The Commission was set up to investigate Israel's failure to mobilize in time to meet the Arab attack last October.) In its final report, the week of April 1, the Commission provided effective cover for the role of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency in funneling false information about Arab troops moves to the Israeli government. Instead, the report recommended the resignation of David Elazar, Israeli Army Chief of Staff, and the top brass of the Israeli Secret Service.

The furor over the report's obvious whitewash job led immediately to the fall of the government. The Agranat report — with at least two CIA/Shinn Beth (Israeli Intelligence) agents among its authors — served a second purpose: complete reorganization of the Military Intelligence hierarchy. Following Elazar's resignation,

Dayan accepted the resignation of Intelligence Chief Eliahu Zeira, and instituted a major reorganization of the entire military and intelligence apparatus.

Generally, the Israeli military has been acting increasingly autonomously. In the face of absolute government paralysis, who has been conducting the rapidly escalating war in the Golan Heights? No doubt those same "reliable sources" (the CIA) which fed false information to Dayan et al. in October!

### "Labor Mobility": Population Relocation Plans

Israel's economy has virtually ceased to exist. Money presses are working overtime to service the gigantic State debt, and Israel's trade balance is running a deficit of almost \$1.5 billion. Taxation of the working class is at least 55 per cent of every wage packet. The cost of living jumped 26% in 1973 and is expected to rise at least that much in the first six months of 1974!

Under the cover of "war mobilization" Israel is embarking on a program of labor mobility, in which workers will work **where needed**. Manpower shortages caused by the mobilization of army reserves have served as the pretext for a worldwide call for volunteers and money. Desperate for cash, the Israeli treasury is limping along on the basis of contributions supplied by the vast Zionist fundraising machine in the U.S. and Western Europe.

### An Israeli Free Officers' Club?

In the face of utter disintegration — economic and political — a group of military men have formed a "club" within the Labor Party. The Labor Party itself is on the verge of splitting into three separate units. The loyal opposition, the Likud, is fast becoming an openly fascist party, making overtures to the proliferating protest movements spreading in recent months. These populist movements have been holding mass demonstrations, led by military men like Arik Sharon and Motti Ashkenazi. The fascist rallying cries of "quality of life," "change the system," and "too much prosperity" are fusing these nonaligned groups.

Ominously, the Etgar ("Challenge") military club is being featured in the bourgeois press. This group of ex-generals in the Labor Party is functioning as a focus for bankers, businessmen and military officers. The Etgar group is led by ex-generals Yitzhak Rabin (since selected by the Labor Party to try to form a coalition government — Ed.), Haim Bar-Lev, and Aharon Yariv. Their first meeting, chaired by Herzlia mayor Tosef Nevo, was held in the offices of Koor Industries, a Histadrut (Israeli labor federation) conglomerate headed up by Meir Amit, former Chief of Israel's Secret Police.

This gathering included several industry and banking policy-makers. The Etgar clique, representing a credible future junta, reflects a deep-seated fascist protest movement within Israel, including the demonstrations led by General Motti Ashkenazi and various university professors.

In sum, the fascist Etgar circle provides counterpoint to the moderate-seeming compromises of the type Dayan put forward during his recent U.S. trip. Dayan will try to achieve an "honorable" peace with Syria — including a possible "Palestinian state" on the West Bank — according to worn-out United Nations Resolution 242. Should Syria prove uncooperative, Rockefeller can activate Etgar to take control of the Israeli government, either *de facto* through pressure tactics or through an outright coup d'état. The remodeled, re-equipped Israeli

Defense Forces, under Rockefeller direction, can then unleash the IDF (International Development Fund) to punish Damascus, and possibly Iraq.

IPS will file detailed reports on Foreign Minister Abba Eban's upcoming trip to France in May, as a potential link-up of Israeli resistance with the anti-U.S. resistance of French Gaullism.

### **SADAT-ROCKEFELLER "ARAB UNITY" GROWS SHAKY**

April 7— The Rockefeller-dominated "Arab unity" so carefully forged by Egyptian President Anwar el-Sadat and King Faisal over the last twelve months is in great danger of collapse. In view of this, Rockefeller/CIA forces are moving feverishly to shore up their position.

Despite Sadat's efforts to organize Syria, Jordan and South Arabia into his coalition, there are signs that opposition to Sadat is building up inside Egypt. A demonstration in Cairo by disgruntled officers of the Third Army was joined by soldiers and students before being fired on by police, and CBS News reports that a group of students walked out of Sadat's April 3 speech at Alexandria University denouncing the Soviet Union.

The de-Nasserization process in Egypt is going full speed ahead, accompanied by a calculated rapid deterioration in Soviet-Egyptian relations. Sadat, who revealed in his April 3 speech that he had been "deceived" by the Soviets about Syrian demands for a ceasefire after the October war, also mentioned that he had considered breaking diplomatic relations with the USSR. Rumors circulating in the Arab world before Sadat's speech maintained that he would abrogate the Soviet-Egyptian friendship treaty signed in 1971. While Sadat did not renounce the treaty, he did imply that Soviet aid had been unsatisfactory. The Soviets responded April 6 by sharply defending their policy in the Arab world.

Cairo has also charged the USSR with sabotaging peace efforts in the Middle East and trying to split Arab unity by dividing Syria from the UAR. Sadat was so concerned with Syrian fence-sitting that he sent his close advisor on security matters, Ahmed Ismail, to Damascus to monitor the situation.

While precise information is not available at this point, the dismissal of General Shazli (former Chief of Staff of the Egyptian Army during the October war and a hardliner) earlier this year and his subsequent appointment as ambassador to London has greatly displeased Syria, which has been attacking Sadat of late. Shazli's downfall and the firing of Hassanein Heykal, ex-editor of *Al Ahram* and friend of Nasser, have provided Egyptian dissidents with two well-known figures as potential leaders of an opposition to Sadat.

#### **Hussein Reconciliation**

King Hussein of Jordan visited Cairo April 4-6 amid speculation that he would announce a reconciliation with the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO). While no such accord materialized, Hussein will meet with Faisal and Syrian president Assad in the near future and probably will reach a limited agreement with the PLO on holding a plebiscite on the future of the West Bank after Israeli withdrawal. (Hussein and Moshe Dayan both recently visited the United States and Hussein spent an additional six days in the United Kingdom. Undoubtedly

they both firmed up with the Central Intelligence Agency and British Intelligence operatives the Rockefeller game-plan for their respective nations.)

The reconciliation of Hussein with the Cairo forces comes in the context of Dayan's statement that "1974 might be the year that Israel negotiates with the Palestinians." From several **pro-Arafat** sources in the PLO comes the news that the Palestinians are ready to make their peace with Zionism and live in a Palestinian state. The Palestine National Council, long postponed, is scheduled for late April.

#### **Iran, Arab League Move in Oman**

CIA satrapy Iran has announced the formation of an alliance with Oman for defense of the Persian Gulf. The Sultan of Oman is a Sandhurst-trained Anglo-American agent who deposed his medieval-minded father after the discovery of oil in Oman in 1970.

Over the protests of Iraq, which has close ties to the Soviet Union, the Cairo-dominated Arab League is seeking to mediate the conflict between Oman and South Yemen, Iraq's lone ally in the Arab world. The Soviet-backed regime in South Yemen is supporting a guerilla movement (the PFLOAG— Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf) which presents a remote threat to Kuwait and even to King Faisal's creaky regime in Riyadh.

This move by the Arab League is clearly an attempt to break South Yemen out of the Soviet camp. The same attempt is being pursued on another front, with the efforts to unite North and South Yemen— North Yemen being a Sadat-Faisal puppet show.

#### **SWP and the Press Puff Barzani**

April 20— The April 12 issue of the *Militant*, weekly newsheet of the U.S. Socialist Workers Party, carries an article signed by Michael Bauman announcing the SPW's support of well-known CIA agent and Middle East Rockefeller operative Mulla Mustafa Barzani and his band of Kurdish counterinsurgents.

Barzani has been leading an insurrection of his captive Kurdish minority against the pro-Soviet Baath regime of Iraq. Barzani's insurrection, which is supported by the CIA's Shah of Iran, has set the stage for a possible intervention into Iraq by Turko-Iranian army forces. It also constitutes direct provocation of the USSR which depends on Iraq as its only source of oil outside the workers states.

From his secret headquarters, Barzani has granted audiences to a steady stream of Western journalists who dutifully file stories describing the heroism of Pesh Merga guerrillas. Unfortunately, none of the representatives of the press has thought to ask Barzani why his Kurdish revolt has failed to spread to the millions of Turkish and Iranian Kurds.

Evidently it is Barzani's demand for counterinsurgent-style local control in northern Iraq that has magnetized SWP cheerleaders. The Socialist Workers Party is known to be deeply involved in support of the CIA's domestic arm, the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, in its fascist community control organizing around Luis Fuentes, Superintendent of New York City's School District 1.