

MIDEAST: THE TRIGGER FOR CONFRONTATION

ISRAELI PREEMPTIVE STRIKE TO TRIGGER ROCKEFELLER ENDGAME
SCENARIO

NEW YORK, May 5 (IPS)--Developments of the past twenty-four hours confirm that Rockefeller intends to make immediate use of an Israeli preemptive strike in a new Middle East war to force a thermonuclear showdown with the Soviet Union. In the highest circles of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, knowledge of these breaking developments was not known. The catalyst for the implementation of U.S. Defense Secretary James Schlesinger's insane and increasingly repudiated doctrine of "limited tactical nuclear warfare" will be an Israeli nuclear attack on Soviet-allied Iraq in the context of a general, CIA-provoked Arab-Israeli war.

In Israel, acting on orders from Rockefeller and Schlesinger, Defense Minister and CIA hawk Shimon Peres announced in a speech yesterday to Parliament that Egypt had completed war preparations and was readying forces for crossing into Israeli-occupied Sinai, thus hinting at an Israeli preemptive strike. Meanwhile, a spokesman for the Jordanian government in Washington confirmed to IPS that Israeli troops were massing along the entire length of the Syrian and Jordanian ceasefire lines, and in Lebanon, according to East German radio, Israeli forces fired on Lebanese troops and the Israeli Air Force violated Lebanese airspace, perhaps for reconaissance purposes.

U.S. MOVES FORCE ISRAEL TOWARDS MASADA: WASHINGTON POST

May 6 (IPS)--The U.S. reassessment of its Middle East policy and recent overt U.S. attempts to "pressure" Israel have, in effect, "hardened the Israeli position." This is the evaluation of this morning's Washington Post, inadvertently revealing that U.S. policy has brought the region to the verge of war.

U.S. TO SUPPLY ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILES TO JORDAN

NEW YORK, May 6 (IPS)--The U.S. will supply the Kingdom of Jordan with the advanced Hawk anti-aircraft missile, the State Department announced yesterday. Coupled with the announcement that a decision on whether to supply Israel with the Lance Missile system that Israel requested will be made in "due course."

WEST GERMANS CONFIRM NUCLEAR WAR THREAT IN MIDEAST

WIESBADEN, BRD, May 6 (IPS)--A high official at the West German Foreign Ministry confirmed today that any military escalation

of the Mideast situation would take the form of an Israeli nuclear pre-emptive strike. According to the official, there has been a change of attitude towards Israel in the U.S., "the pro-war faction in the Israeli government is pressing the United States to support such a confrontation." He affirmed that the group around U.S. Defense Secretary James Schlesinger is in full agreement with the "Israeli's view."

PERES CHARGES "SOVIET-AIDED EGYPT" PREPARED FOR WAR

NEW YORK, May 6 (IPS)--With a virtuoso red-scare performance, Israeli warhawk and Defense Minister Shimon Peres yesterday charged that Egypt, aided by the Soviet Union, had completed its preparations for war. Peres cited supposed stepped-up shipments of heavy Soviet weapons to Egypt in recent weeks, including tanks and jet fighters and added that "for the last five years" a Soviet "spy ship" has been operating off the Israeli coast.

KISSINGER: POSSIBILITY OF CONFLICT WITH SOVIETS OVER MIDEAST

May 6 (IPS)--As Rockefeller agents in Washington, Tel Aviv and the Arab capitals set their Middle East war machine into motion yesterday, the U.S. State Department released the tape of a speech in which U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger evoked the possibility of a U.S.-Soviet confrontation over the Middle East.

SOVIETS REBUFF PLO'S ARAFAT

May 7 (IPS)--The Soviet Union delivered a stinging rebuff to the Palestine Liberation Organization head Yasser Arafat. In a series of meetings with Soviet leaders, during a week-long visit to Moscow, Arafat was told in no uncertain terms that Moscow would tolerate no terrorist sabotage of a Soviet-backed peace settlement.

KISSINGER TESTIFIES TO ISRAELI "ISOLATION"

May 7 (IPS)--Stepping up pressure on an increasingly desperate Israel, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday that Israel "was more isolated than ever" and that Israel "should have been more forthcoming in the negotiations with Egypt," according to today's New York Times.

JEWISH PRESS PRIMES FOR WAR

May 7 (IPS)--Today's Jewish press, a right-wing weekly published in New York, openly advocates Rockefeller's planned nuclear showdown in the Middle East. "If an oil boycott should materialize, we face the fact that we have no alternative but to have a confrontation with Russia," the Jewish Press screams in an editorial.

ISRAEL DEFENSE MINISTER PERES THREATENS ISRAELIS PRE-EMPTIVE STRIKE TO NON-NEIGHBORING ARAB STATES

NEW YORK, May 8 (IPS)--Israeli Defense Minister Shimon Peres raised the threat last night that Israel will extend a pre-emptive strike beyond the immediate, neighboring Arab states.

Following his sudden and baseless red scare warnings earlier this week that Egypt had "completed preparations for war" with increased Soviet arms shipments, Peres last night conjured up imminent dangers from Egypt's neighbor, Libya, not a state bordering on Israel. Peres warned that Libya is "using Soviet arms and the ideology of Mohammed for the purpose of endangering everything that is stable in the Mideast."

SWEDISH PRESS PUSHES "LIMITED" NUCLEAR WARFARE

May 9 (IPS)--The leading Liberal Party newspaper in Sweden, Dagens Nyheter is currently advocating the policy of "limited" thermonuclear warfare in its pages. A May 7 article by Professor Ingemar Doerfer titled "The Short War" attacks traditional defense policy from the standpoint of theories advocated by U.S. Defense Secretary James S. Schlesinger.

PCF POINTS UP FACTIONS IN ISRAEL

May 8 (IPS)--L'Humanite, the French Communist Party daily, for the first time reported on the internal factional differences on the leadership level in Israel. Prior coverage by L'Humanite had always depicted Israel as a monolithic anti-Arab bastion.

Mentioning that the future of negotiations is a source of dispute L'Humanite noted that former Foreign Affairs Minister Abba Eban is now openly disagreeing with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and instead emphasizing the necessity of a national debate to determine the kind of peace plan Israel should present to the Arabs, which could include a pull-back from the West bank.

BLACK SEPTEMBER TARGETED AS CIA-CONTROLLED BY IRAQI-BASED LEADER OF PLO OPPOSITION

May 8 (IPS)--In an unprecedented action, Abu Nidal, Baghdad-based leader of the opposition faction within the Palestinian guerrilla group Fatah, has denounced the Black September terror unit and its leader Abu Iyad as CIA-controlled, according to yesterday's Washington Post.

EBAN CHALLENGES RABIN, OPENS FACTIONALIZATION IN ISRAEL

May 8 (IPS)--Former Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban has openly launched a challenge within the Israel Labor Party against current Premier Yitzhak Rabin for leadership of the Party, according to the May 5 Jerusalem Post. Eban's split is reportedly largely based on dissatisfaction with Rabin's overly hardline and failure to aggressively develop new Israeli peace initiatives.

The Jerusalem Post of May 4 launched a vitriolic attack against Eban for having openly criticized the hardline pro-war types while in London recently.

EBAN ATTACKS ISRAELI WAR HAWKS

May 9 (IPS)--Former Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban today attacked the Rockefeller-backed warhawk faction within the Israeli government as responsible for sabotaging the development of peace in the Middle East, in an interview with the Israeli newspaper Ma' Ariv. Eban, who earlier this week announced his candidacy for Prime Minister, is seeking to mobilize support for his policy to counter the military faction around generals Rabin and Peres and their collaboration with Schlesinger's nuclear brinksmanship.

In an effort to sabotage and disorganize Eban's support for the Soviet-backed Geneva Peace Conference, Austrian Chancellor and CIA-Second International agent Bruno Kreisky has been ordered to "mediate" between the Israel Labor Party and the Egyptian Arab Socialist Union.

STUDY BY INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES PREDICTS MIDDLE EAST WAR

May 10 (IPS)--Two of the major West German conservative daily newspapers, Die Welt and the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, today review a study released by the London International Institute for Strategic Studies predicting that a war in the Middle East and a consequent oil embargo are virtually inevitable. The study claims that Europe must accept a new Middle East war as a fact of life. "Whether or not negotiations have a chance, the danger of a new war remains very real."