

Bernardo Cobo is quoted in the right-wing daily El Heraldo as saying that his institute had "created groups of activists ... different pressure groups, both extreme right and left, within the labor movement" in order to "neutralize" the left.

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The Mexican daily press prints an official bulletin which was mailed by the Federal District (Mexico City) Employers' Center to all of its branches, warning that the Center "is alarmed by the aggression of radical elements against the institutions, and demands that the authorities energetically repel terrorism, agitation, land invasions, and the destruction of unions key to the national economy." "It all seems to be intended to destroy private property and initiative," claims the bulletin. The bulletin notes that these aggressions "range from

posters ... (and) apparently saintly sermons ... to certain writers who assume to guide public opinion ... to the seizure of land in the countryside or goods and persons in the city.... Under the pretext of fighting union bossism ... they are taking over (the unions) ... with the sole purpose of submitting them to the covert control of radical elements which are in turn manipulated from foreign countries."

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The daily Ovociones carries a six-column banner headline proclaiming "Those Who Attack Fidel Are 'Pigs'," quoting Jalisco Senator and CTM leader Jose Maria Martinez as saying that the PLM leaders who name Velazquez as a terrorist planner are "pigs" who take advantage of "the freedom of expression and action in this country." He adds that this can "no longer be tolerated."

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Soviets, Edde Call For Lebanon Truce; Syria, Falange Threaten Offensive

Aug. 28 (NSIPS) — The Soviet Union, its Arab leftist allies, and Lebanese "Gaullist" leader Raymond Edde stepped up their efforts this week to achieve a truce in Lebanon, while Syria, Israel, and the Lebanese right — on orders from Henry Kissinger — menacingly threatened an all-out military offensive against Beirut and the mountains east of Lebanon.

The statement by Raymond Edde, a moderate Christian Lebanese politician who is a strong opponent of the fascist Falangists and their allies, was printed in an interview with Edde in the Italian daily Corriere della Sera. "Only the United States can prevent a bloodbath," said Edde, referring to the degree of U.S. influence over Israel and Syria, the prime enforcers of Dr. Kissinger's strategy for liquidating the Palestinians and the left in Lebanon. Unless urgent action is taken, said Edde, to give Lebanese President-elect Elias Sarkis a mandate to bring about negotiations in Lebanon, then the entire country will explode in a military showdown. Edde, as a political figure of Lebanon's establishment with extensive ties to forces in the West, represents a possible rallying point for pro-peace political currents in the West — including President Ford and the Gaullists in France.

At the same time, the Soviet Union this week issued its strongest condemnation so far of the Syrian military invasion of Lebanon. The Soviet-supported Afro-Asian Solidarity Organization stated in Moscow that, "The Soviet people share the opinion of the world public that the withdrawal of Syrian troops is essential for solving the Lebanese crisis." According to Rose al-Yousef, a leftist weekly in Egypt, the Soviets have completely suspended shipments of arms and spare parts to the Syrian army.

Despite such pressure, and despite the growing risk of a

military coup in Syria by nationalist and pro-Iraqi officers who oppose Syrian President Hafez Assad's policy in Lebanon, Syria this week staged large-scale maneuvers in the Bekaa Valley as a warning to the left-Palestinian coalition in Lebanon. Negotiations are proceeding on a truce and mutual withdrawal of forces, but thus far Syria has refused completely to move its forces back from advance positions only 12 miles from Beirut. According to Pravda, Syrian Foreign Minister Khaddam held a secret meeting with PLO officials, where Khaddam demanded a unilateral withdrawal by the Palestinians from strategic positions in the eastern mountains — but was flatly refused.

Rightist leaders in Lebanon are now openly threatening an offensive in September to clear out those positions, in preparation for an attack on western Beirut, the stronghold of the left. But the political unreliability of the Syrian Army, and the military weakness of the right itself — despite heavy outside support from Israel and NATO in arms, training, and mercenaries — makes such an offensive a risky proposition for Kissinger.

This is perhaps the reason that Israel has been taking an increasingly visible stance on Lebanon. The Israeli navy has tightened its blockade of Tyre in southern Lebanon and is also intercepting ships bound for Sidon, the two main ports of the left's supply routes. Both Defense Minister Shimon Peres and his predecessor and factional ally Moshe Dayan issued tough statements demanding the liquidation of the PLO as a precondition for a Middle East peace, and are coordinating military and subversion activities in the Lebanese south. The Soviets meanwhile have warned Israel that they are "playing with fire" in Lebanon, accusing them of not only supplying the Falange but of sending troops to fight alongside the fascists.

Soviet Paper Reviews Israel's 20 Year Plan To Provoke Partition Of Lebanon

Aug. 27 (NSIPS) — The following are excerpts of an article by E. Yevseev entitled "Black Shadow Over Lebanon," printed in the Soviet Party youth daily, *Komsomolskaya Pravda*.

Nineteen years ago, the editor of the Indian weekly Blitz, Karandjia, in a brochure entitled "The Dagger of Israel," made public a secret document of the General Staff of the Israeli Army, revealing the plans of the Zionists toward neighboring Arab countries. In the document, which was called "The Strategic Plans of the Israeli Army," it was stated that "the Arab countries are capable of offering Israel significant resistance only if they are united." The goal, therefore, in politically handling the situation to the benefit of Israel, is to "sharpen the internal disagreements (among the Arabs)."

Developing this idea further, the authors of the plan noted that to undermine the unity of the Arabs and ignite religious quarrels among them, "it is necessary...to take measures to form new states on the territories occupied now by the Arab countries, namely:

A Druze state in the desert and mountain region of Tadmour.

A Shi'ite state including part of Lebanon, Eretz-Asher and its surroundings.

A Maronite state in the Lebanese mountains right up to the present borders of Lebanon."

At that time just a short account of this plan was published. Official Israeli circles, of course, hastened to "deny" it. However soon the full text of the operational plan of the Israeli General Staff was published. This plan was so eloquent and open that it needs no special commentary. It showed clearly that the militaristic circles of Tel Aviv as early as 1955 foresaw the possibility of provocations against Lebanon and its partition, as a result of which the Zionists counted on occupying the region of southern Lebanon.

Not so long ago Yigal Allon said directly: "Our task is to create a Greater Israel." The leader of the Israeli fascists, Mussolini's Col. Menachem Begin, frankly confessed: "We will never be able to develop until we resolve our territorial problems from a position of strength." And for their solution he proposes "to turn our gaze, in particular, towards the north, where we can see the fertile lowlands of Syria and Lebanon..."

The Zionist strategists, of course, realize that none of these measures or plans can be realized without help from the west, and therefore in achieving their own goals they frequently link them with general imperialist tasks. Starting from such considerations, as the Baghdad paper *Tariq as-Shaab* has noted, they have created a Zionist-imperialist plot to strike a blow against the Arab national-liberation movement, in the name of returning to the West the agent positions that it has lost in economic and political affairs.

The Lebanese weekly *Ad-Dastour*, analyzing the events in Lebanon, came to the conclusion that the CIA and Zionist circles have applied their hand to the present-day plans for dismemberment of the country. In the Arab press and several Western press organs, reports have appeared concretizing these plans which, as *Ad-Dastour* notes, can be reduced to the following: a) creation of a Christian state in the mountain regions of Lebanon, b) creation of an Islamic state in the territory which includes part of the Shuf region, the Bekaa Valley and the south of the country, whose population is largely Palestinian, c) creation of a Druze state in the Golan Heights, and d) creation of an Alowite state in Syria, whose territory would also include the city of Tripoli and the Akkar region. As we can see, the basic contours

of the new plan recall the strategic calculations of the Israeli General Staff, worked out as early as 1955...

The Israeli generals consider the "Palestinian factor" the main obstacle to their goal — the occupation of southern Lebanon. They are concentrating the efforts of their thugs and diversionaries sent into Lebanon on "removing" that factor, with the aid and the participation of extreme right forces in Lebanon like the "Front for the Defense of the Cedars," a band which is not coincidentally called the "Lebanese Ku Klux Klan." Its program can be briefly expressed in three slogans: "No to the Palestinian resistance!", "No to the Arabs!", and "No to Communism!"...

The leader of the National-Liberal Party, C. Chamoun, directly stated that no settlement will come about as long as the Palestinians are not expelled from Lebanon...

Exclusive Translation from *Izvestia*

Your Role In Partition Of Lebanon Is "Playing With Fire"

Aug. 27 (NSIPS) — The following are excerpts of a commentary article entitled "A Dangerous Plot," which appeared in *Izvestia* Aug. 21.

...The tragic events in Lebanon are the result of a plot of imperialism, Zionism and Arab reaction. This plot was spawned long ago and has far-reaching aims. The bloodshed in Lebanon is used by these forces to distract the Arab peoples from the struggle for liberation of occupied Arab territories and to prohibit realization of the just rights of the Palestinians including their right to create their own state. The plot was directed to disperse the forces of peace and progress in the Arab world and to deal a blow to the Palestinian resistance movement.

Reactionary propaganda has tried to mask these sneaky goals with demagogic statements about "intercommunal", or "religious conflict", or the "Palestinian presence" which supposedly threatens to "swallow up Lebanon." But already on the eve of "Bloody Sunday" — April 13, 1975 — when the rightist Falangists provoked clashes, the patriotic, progressive forces were warning of an imperialist plot in preparation against Lebanon, in which Israeli extremist circles would have an active role.

How appropriate the words of the Beirut paper *As-Saab*, written in April of last year, sound today: "The Israeli leaders have worked out a plan of subversive actions against Lebanon, intended to heat up an intra-Lebanese conflict, split the internal front of the country, and subvert Lebanese-Palestinian relations." This was confirmed by the entire course of subsequent events, wherein agents of Tel Aviv launched subversive actions in Lebanon. Israeli Phantom jets repeatedly flew over Palestinian refugee camps. Now, Israeli ships, in gross violation of international law, are blockading the Lebanese coast. Through these piratous actions, Tel Aviv is trying to cut the national-patriotic forces of Lebanon and the Palestinian liberation movement from the outside world. Israel today, observers stress, is not only supplying the rightist Christians with arms, but actually fighting on their side. This is a dangerous game with fire!

There is yet another alarming tendency in the present bloody events in Lebanon. Certain circles in Lebanon and abroad are working for a partition of the country, and creation of a special militarized "Christian state". The action of bankers is symptomatic: they proposed for the Bank of Lebanon, located in the

western part of Beirut, to open an affiliate in the "Christian sector" — in the port city of Junieh, the undeclared "capital" of the rightist Christian enclave.

The creation of a separatist state is passed off as "decentralization of the system," division "by religion," or even "construction of the Lebanon of tomorrow" — but in fact, as political observers caution, it can become "a second Israel," or yet another "agent state" of international imperialism. In this way, they wish to stick the Palestinian liberation movement and the Lebanese progressive forces between hammer and anvil.

Pravda:

L. Dean Brown Statements Confirm U.S. Support For Lebanon Partition

Aug. 27 (NSIPS) — The following are excerpts of an article entitled "Plans to Partition Lebanon," released by TASS from Beirut on Aug. 23 and published in the Aug. 24 issue of Pravda.

...The newspaper As-Safir notes in an editorial that the rightists are sabotaging all attempts for a political settlement, and are demanding revision of the Cairo agreement defining Lebanese-Palestinian relations. The newspaper also notes that

the right is trying to achieve as many military successes as possible by the expiration of (President) Frangieh's term of office Sept. 23 and thus to dictate to Sarkis (the President-elect — ed.) the conditions of a settlement.

In particular, says As-Safir, the rightwing Christians intend to achieve a partition of Lebanon by creating a federation of Christian and Moslem states. This position enjoys the support of the United States, as was indirectly admitted in an American TV interview by U.S. emissary L. Dean Brown, who recently visited Lebanon. Brown stressed that in the opinion of the U.S., the Lebanese crisis can be solved only through the creation of a cantonal system. He also admitted that Israel is supplying arms to the rightist Christian forces. Many Lebanese papers published the text of the Brown interview.

In light of Brown's statements, it is becoming clearer and clearer what is the mission of the two American diplomats who arrived in the region controlled by the rightist Christians to meet with Frangieh. The American press, especially the New York Times, is trying to portray this visit as a token of some sort of "concern on Washington's part over the tendency toward a partition of Lebanon between the Christians and the Moslems." The British Daily Telegraph, however, revealed the truth of the visit when it wrote: "In spite of the declaration by the U.S. State Department that the dispatch of two American diplomats to meet with the rightist Christian leaders does not constitute recognition of the partition of Lebanon, Christian sources consider that in taking this step, Washington has recognized the partition of Lebanon into two states."

Sadat Under Internal Pressure; "Stages" Hijacking And Blames It On Libya

Aug. 27 (NSIPS) — On Aug. 22, Egyptian President Anwar-el Sadat ordered his security forces to plan and execute the hijacking of an Egyptian jet airliner. Before the hijackers could even make their demands, Sadat accused neighboring President Muammar Qaddafi of Libya of funding the hijacking. The Libyan government has denied the accusation, according to AP, and countercharged that the "Egyptian intelligence service staged the hijacking in an attempt to discredit Libya."

Sadat is resorting to outright gangsterism — bombing Egyptian buildings and hijacking planes — to create a war atmosphere as the pretext for the imposition of banker-dictated police state measures in Egypt. Sadat's goal is to smash his internal opposition by this year's Nov. 30 elections — the deadline set for a thorough housecleaning of all anti-austerity elements in the country by Egypt's foreign creditors on Wall Street and at the International Monetary Fund. The banks will then go ahead with a \$5 billion round of austerity cuts, designed by IMF specialists to keep the Egyptian economy "credit-worthy."

However, the Egyptian working class, the Nasserite military and government bureaucracy are not buying Sadat's phony scenario for war with Libya. Sadat's political credibility in these layers has been on the downslide for months.

A well-informed Middle East source reports, however, if Sadat fails to quickly push through the IMF austerity program after November, Kissinger-Rockefeller policy in the region "is finished as far as Egypt is concerned." Since there is no one on the right who can take Sadat's place, replacement from the left becomes inevitable," said the source. For that reason, "the Saudis and Sadat have found Libya as their only solution to the Egyptian crisis."

PARIS, Aug. 28 (NSIPS) — Following are excerpts from an Aug. 23 French radio interview with El Samman, responsible official in Paris for the Egypt-based Middle East News Agency. El Samman was interviewed by a reporter who wished to get out the "Libya's Qaddafi is responsible for all the world's terrorism" story.

El Samman: Obviously there is an increase in incidents between Libya and Egypt.... But we don't want to fall into the trap.... Actually the Third World is threatened with various destabilization attempts.... Who has an interest in that I don't know, but ... there is a number of bilateral conflicts within the Third World, artificially created — I don't know... Egypt doesn't want to enter this kind of adventures.... We can't attribute to Qaddafi all the international terrorist operations in the world.

Edde:

Only U.S. Can Prevent Bloodbath In Lebanon

Aug. 28 (NSIPS) — Following are excerpts from an interview given by Lebanese moderate Christian leader Raymond Eddé to the Italian chargé d'affaires in Lebanon, Marcello Spada Fora which was printed in yesterday's Milan Corriere della Sera under the title, "Only the U.S. can prevent a bloodbath in Lebanon."

Eddé: ... To wait until the 23rd of September (official date of the inauguration of the new president of Lebanon-ed.) is madness,