

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,

Frangieh (outgoing President-ed.) should resign immediately. We can now expect new partition, and Sarkis' (President-elect of Lebanon-ed.) role should be to defend the territorial integrity of Lebanon, he should ask for the Syrians' withdrawal and the application of the agreement between the Lebanese government and the Palestinians, in particular the Cairo agreement (the agreement reached among Arab nations and the Lebanese under which the Palestinians were permitted to reside in Lebanon-ed.).

Fora: Do you think the Syrians will withdraw?

Eddé: The last word on this will come from the U.S. The U.S. is willing to impose a new Yalta on the Middle East, they have not renounced the possibility of a decisive intervention as in Angola.... U.S. policy is to support Israel and to make a Balkanization of the Mideast. Assad (President of Syria-ed.) has not yet recouped the Golan Heights, though this is under negotiation with the blessing of Washington and Israel. Syria has annexed the Bekaa Valley (in Lebanon-ed.) as the French did in 1919.... The choice has been put in a very tricky way, either massacre of the Palestinians or an Israeli intervention.... Sadat

(President of Egypt-ed.) has not firmly signed a peace treaty with Israel, the U.S. was behind the signature of the Sinai Pact.... Sadat has not accepted Syrian expansionism, but he is subject to an internal crisis which is pushed by the U.S., and he is also distracted from the Lebanese problem by the Libyan crisis....

... The Fedayin will avenge the massacre of Palestinians, but the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization-ed.) is in crisis.... Israel has succeeded in applying the Zionist doctrine of Herzog by expanding into the South of Lebanon.

Fora: Will there be a partition of Lebanon?

Eddé: The U.S. has not renounced this.... The role of Sarkis is a return to peace.... The next battle is in the mountains; the battle of Beirut will be with air power.... We should not identify the Maronite Christians with the fascist Chamoun (Interior Minister and Falange leader-ed.) and Gemayel (head of the Falange-ed.). The great majority of Christians are for coexistence.... The fascists will not succeed in the partitioning and destruction of our country....After one year of Syrian intervention, we have suffered 40,000 dead and \$20 million in damages...."

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