

Mideast

Kissinger's "Greater Syria" Scheme

Syria, Israel Set For Showdown In Lebanon In Joint War Against Left, Palestinians

Syria, Israel, Jordan, and the fascist Lebanese rightists openly prepared this week for a bloody showdown with the left and the Palestinians in wartorn Lebanon. Operating in closely coordinated fashion, Kissinger's Middle East enforcers intend to break the resistance of the left-PLO forces before Sept. 23, the date on which Lebanese President-elect Elias Sarkis is scheduled to take power. The decision by Kissinger to proceed with the genocidal plot in Lebanon has set the region on a collision course with the Soviet Union and its Arab allies, including Iraq, who have vowed to defend the Palestinians.

On Sept. 4, Syria announced officially that it would seek to establish a "federation" to include Jordan and Lebanon, at a summit meeting among Sarkis, Syrian President Assad, and King Hussein of Jordan. The Syrian plan, an exact replica of the fascist "Greater Syria" scheme of British Intelligence thirty years ago, officially commits Syria and its allies to the military destruction of the left and the Palestinians. The decision was taken after successive visits to Damascus by Sarkis and butcher King Hussein, the director of L. Dean Brown's 1970 "Black September" massacre of Palestinians in Jordan.

Israel has given its full military and political support to the Syrian plan. Israeli troops have already begun a creeping occupation of southern Lebanon. According to *Die Welt* Sept. 2, Israeli tanks and armor rolled into the southern Lebanese town of Ein Ebel this week, and, from other sources, it is reported that Israel has strongly reinforced its troop concentrations in the north along the Lebanese border.

Statements of Israeli leaders confirmed the danger of an Israeli invasion, in force, of southern Lebanon. Said Yigal Allon, Deputy Prime Minister: "Israel will never again accept the presence of Palestinian people in southern Lebanon." Moshe Dayan, the former Defense Minister, said that the massacre of Palestinians at Tal Zaatar "opens up new possibilities" for a settlement in the Middle East. Dayan and his ally, Defense Minister Peres, have collaborated with Lebanese fascist leader Camille Chamoun and the Falangists to transport rightist militia-men through Israel into the Lebanese south to serve as a pretext for a full-scale Israeli occupation of the area — to "defend the Lebanese." Both the Lebanese left and the PLO strongly warned against any Israeli military moves in southern Lebanon.

Meanwhile, Syria has begun to deploy huge military forces in the Bekaa Valley and the north of Lebanon. On Aug. 30, the Syrian military forces in Lebanon were placed on alert and substantial reinforcements were sent. Then, on Sept. 1, Syria officially rejected demands that its troops withdraw from Lebanon.

Several days before, *Pravda* had for the first time called publicly for a Syrian withdrawal. "For the settlement of the Lebanon crisis, the withdrawal of Syrian troops from Lebanon and likewise the cooperation of Syria with its natural allies in the imperialist struggle — the Palestinian resistance and the national patriotic forces in Lebanon — would have important significance."

—U.S. LABOR PARTY PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN STATEMENT—

Israel Backs Nazi Falange In Lebanon

by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

The hideous spectacle of official Israeli collaboration with the murderous Lebanese Falange contains a bitter historical irony which must now be brought to the attention of particularly the Israeli public and leading Israeli political figures, and the American Jewish community.

Israel, a state whose foundations are steeped in the unspeakable atrocities suffered by the European Jewish population at the hands of the National Socialism in Germany, now finds itself aiding and abetting the very same forces — and, in some cases, such as Pierre Gemayel and Camille Chamoun, the very same individuals! — who actively participated in the Nazi cause during the Second World War. It is a historical fact, thoroughly documented, that the current leadership of the Lebanese Christian extremist forces is directly descended from the Nazi *Abwehr* and its famous Arab Legion, or Brandenburg Division. Gemayel, a known admirer of Adolf Hitler, was inspired to found the *Kataeb*, or Lebanese Falange, in association with British Intelligence circles and Admiral Canaris after a visit to Berlin in 1936!

Active Israeli support for the Falange, while having operated quietly for years through the Atlanticist "invisible government" run by the Israeli military and intelligence establishment and Moshe Dayan and Defense Minister Shimon Peres, has recently

surfaced openly, according to published accounts in *Corriere della Sera* and elsewhere. Israeli newspapers this week published photographs of Israeli officers greeting Falangist militiamen in southern Lebanon.

I am confident that the vast majority of the population of Israel, including important elements of the Labour and Mapam parties, reject with horror such cooperation. I am confident that the bulk of Israel's population would support my stated policy toward Henry Kissinger's Falangists — a complete liquidation of this fascist nest. Therefore, I call upon the Government of Israel to denounce the Nazi Falange and to investigate and arrest those outlaw circles in Israel, such as Dayan and Peres, who support such criminals.

In conclusion, I must emphasize that the continued pursuit of Israel's current policy toward Lebanon carries risks for the existence of Israel itself. The eruption of another Arab Israeli war, under present circumstances, could easily result in the total destruction of the Israeli state. I am certain that the survivors of the Hitlerian holocaust, whose parents, brothers and sisters died in the hellish confines of Auschwitz and Buchenwald, will not permit the continuation of the current tragedy in Lebanon — where Rockefeller and Co. are seeking to implement the "Final Solution" to the problem of the Palestinian Arabs.

“PLO: We Fear A New Black September”

The following are excerpts from an interview with Abu Ayad, second in command of the Palestine Liberation Organization which appeared in the Italian daily Corriere della Sera Sept. 1:

The Fedayeen: “If Pushed to Desperation We Will Carry Guerrilla Warfare To the Four Corners of the World”

West Beirut — Ayad offers Syria and the Lebanese right the final concessions beyond which would be the suicide of the Fedayeen movement: if these are not sufficient to unblock the negotiations, he says, “we will resist to the last man.” The PLO launches an appeal to the European countries and to Italy in particular, to do everything possible to prevent the massacre of the Palestinian people and at the same time to put the great powers and the Arab enemies on alert: “If they do not stop their war machine, if they push us to desperation, if they wish to transform the last patriot into the last terrorist, there will be an explosion of guerrilla activity at the four corners of the world, with actions we have never before carried out....”

“... We are ready to drop our weapons and to make all concessions which are compatible with the survival of the Palestinian resistance, but Damascus does not wish even to discuss.... We are ready to withdraw our forces from the mountains, from most of Beirut, from the stronghold of Jezz in the south. We accept the peace plan of the Arab League. We are ready to reenter the refugee camps and to respect the text of the accords signed at Cairo with the Lebanese government. These are all the conditions posed by our adversaries. But the Syrians must withdraw as well....

“... The world must realize that if the reactionaries put our backs to the wall, there will be a tremendous explosion of terrorism.... We could not control our comrades, even if we wanted to.... Your people have always supported the just causes. We appreciate the political and material aid which has come from Italy in the past days to the Lebanese and Palestinians. We also know the Vatican is in Italy. We know what influence could be exercised over forces which are doing, under the cross, everything the Christian religion condemns.”

Corriere Bares Secret Plan Between Syria And Christians For Partition Of Lebanon

Sept. 1 (NSIPS) — Lebanese President Franjeh and Syrian President Assad have signed a secret protocol which calls for the partition of Lebanon and makes that country a protectorate of Syria, reports today's Italian daily Corriere della Sera. “We must tighten relations between Syria and Lebanon,” say Syrian newspapers close to the Assad government, Corriere reports. And at the same time, in Beirut, the Maronite Christian leadership is openly speaking about a federation between Syria, Jordan and Lebanon, with Lebanon partitioned into a Christian state and a conservative Moslem state.

“Karim Pakradouni, who is in charge of foreign affairs for the Falange, showed us (the Corriere reporters —ed.) a plan for a secret pact between Syria and Lebanon, which will be represented by the new Sarkis government,” Corriere charged. Pakradouni revealed that the pact has already been signed for a three-year period by the current Lebanese President, Suleiman Franjeh.

The Corriere article continued: “A Syrian protectorate, according to a number of Moslem and Christian leaders, is an inevitable solution for Lebanon given the mass military buildup of

Syrian troops in northern and eastern Lebanon. This idea has also been accepted by Sarkis, who may very well officially ask the Syrians to prolong their armed presence in Lebanon at least for one or two more years with the aim of guaranteeing order and reconstructing the country....

“The ‘Greater Syria’ project finds the opposition of the progressives (referring to the left —ed.), but the leaders of the Falange here in Beirut are confident of a turnaround of relations of the leftist front with the right,” Corriere states. “The first step, says a member of the Falange Politburo, ‘will be the de facto rupture of the PLO from the left. At this point the left will find themselves weakened and Sarkis’s loyalty to Syria will provide for increased Syrian presence to force the moderate currents in the PLO.’”

Soviet People Condemn Criminal Interference Of Israel In Lebanon”

Sept. 2 (NSIPS) — The following is an extract of the complete statement on the Lebanese situation which appeared in the Aug. 27 edition of Pravda, the Soviet Communist Party newspaper.

In the past days, armed units of Lebanese reaction have begun a new escalation of military actions against the Palestinian resistance movement and the Lebanese national-patriotic forces. Under conditions of a prolonged blockade against the Palestinians and Lebanese patriots, the rightist forces, with great support from aggressive NATO circles, undertook massive attacks on the positions of the Palestinians and Lebanese patriots and committed new bloody misdeeds in the territories they seized.

The barbaric treatment of thousands of Palestinian and Lebanese patriots, peaceful citizens of Nabaa, Tal Zaatar and other regions, has provoked dissatisfaction and severe condemnation on the part of the Soviet people and pain in the hearts of all those to whom the ideals of peace and freedom of peoples are dear.

The situation was worsened by the actions of Israel off the Lebanese coast, which resulted in a virtual shut-down of supplies of food and medications sent by international and national democratic organizations to help the Lebanese population....

The Soviet people decisively condemn the criminal interference of Israel and the imperialist forces supporting it in Lebanese affairs, and view this as a new act of aggression by Tel Aviv against the Arab peoples....

In the Soviet Union, as is known, there are strong convictions that the Lebanese conflict can and ought to be settled peacefully and democratically by the Lebanese themselves in the interests of protecting the territorial integrity, independence and sovereignty of Lebanon. Soviet people actively support the stand of the UN and the Lebanese national-patriotic forces, who advocate settlement of the Lebanese crisis. It goes without saying that normalization of the situation in Lebanon would be significantly facilitated by the cooperation of Syria with its natural allies in the anti-imperialist struggle — the Palestinian resistance movement and the national patriotic forces of Lebanon. This would undoubtedly help to repair and consolidate the front of Arab forces struggling against Israeli aggression, expansionist plans and aspirations of imperialism and reaction, for ensuring a just peace in the Middle East.

The Soviet Committee of solidarity with countries of Asia and Africa calls on world and national democratic organizations to launch actions in support of the Palestinian Arab peoples and the Lebanese patriots in their struggle to stop the imperialist plot in Lebanon, for immediate cessation of bloodshed and political settlement of the crisis in the interest of the people of that country and all countries in the Mideast.

L'Humanité: Falange's Place In The Imperialist Plan For The Mideast

The following article written by L'Humanite special Mideast reporter Jacques Coubard appeared in the Aug. 26 issue of the French Communist Party paper, L'Humanite, under the headline "The Real Face of the Falange":

To read or to listen to the major Western press, there is a religious war in Lebanon opposing "islamo-progressives" and "conservatives," to use the favorite terms of Le Monde.

It has certainly been difficult to deny the Tal el Zaatar massacres, but barbarity here is in the nature of things (according to the Western press). This violence, (presumably) has not been deliberately unleashed by the fascists with the aim of splitting Lebanon in two, of sealing the maronites behind a wall of hatred, on the interior of which "a Christian state" would be built.

A distinction is called for between the fascist leaders who disguise themselves behind a faith whose elementary teachings they trample under foot and the totality of Lebanese Christians....

French radio, television and newspapers, refuse to call a spade a spade and Mr. Gemayel a fascist.... The militias of Mr. Gemayel were formed long before Palestinian refugees came to Lebanon, well before they were forced to arm themselves for protection against the Israeli commandos who came with impunity, even to the center of Beirut, to assassinate their leaders....

Return from Munich

The Kataeb (Arabic for Falangist) were born November, 1936 upon the return from the Munich Olympic Games of a young pharmacist, a captain of a soccer team, enthusiast for the Nazi fascists.

"One morning in November 1936, young men dressed in khaki shirts marched in step through the streets of Beirut. The astonished — but already won over — citizens, pressed against the road. A movement was born. Without precedent in the country: a demonstration of collective will based on strict discipline," one reads in "Understanding the Kataeb, Their Doctrine and Their National Policy," department of studies, November 1948 (edited in France by the Falangist party)....

The Cult of the Leader

The glorification of muscle and military training are even today part of the development of young falangists, for the nationalist and chauvinist war they are being prepared for. The organization rests on the cult of the leader. "At the head of the troops and workings of the Kataeb is the commanding leader who insures the leadership of the movement and represents it with authorities, tribunals and third parties. He conducts all nominations and demotions and also decides the measures to be taken in the interests of the Kataeb."

Guarantor of Western Interests

This distribution of responsibilities favors the Christian maronite bourgeoisie. It is starting from this that the falangist representatives intend to take their place in the imperialist plan for the Middle East. "Lebanon is necessary to the west," wrote Pierre Gemayel in a Feb. 25, 1955, memorandum, "It is the interpreter of its culture, of its ideas, of its spiritual values among the Arabs, of the material interests of the West. It furnishes all possible guarantees. Nowhere else does foreign capital enjoy such security." ...

This definition corresponds exactly with the role which the Lebanese big bourgeoisie intends to play in the region and who in the first place, have carved out the base part of "the Switzerland of the Middle East" for itself....

The Party of the Big Capitalists

Pierre Gemayel in fact would not cause the least trouble for

his peers. His political bureau includes a large majority of these "intermediaries" between the West and East, in numerous directing or functionary posts of the most diverse firms. Jean Skaff and Elias Rabibi are linked to the businesses of the Boutrosel Khoury group, the most important financiers in Lebanon. Edmond Rizk, through the refrigerated warehouses of Bicksaya, is tied to the Kittany brothers group and to members of the political bureau. Antoine Jazzar is a member of the Georges Abou Adal group, another Lebanese financier power. Let's add that Hean Skaff's commercial activities are allied with those of the largest real estate owner in the Bekaa valley.

The Lebanese fascist party is directly tied to big capitalists who define all the decisions of the "big chief."

Call to the Marines

Opposed to the movement of national liberation of the Arab peoples, Mr. Gemayel wrote, Aug. 20, 1954, in an "open letter to the head of state" that "the Lebanese are ready to respond to, with all means, the enterprises of subversion. To strikes, they will reply with strikes; to demonstrations, they will respond with demonstrations in order to defend their patriotic and political convictions. They are ready, if need be, to go to hell in order to chase the ambitious, to thwart conspiracies, so that Lebanon remains an oasis of freedom and civilization, in this east which has such need of such an oasis."

At that time, Nasser had just freed Egypt from British tutelage. Two years later, when he nationalized the Suez Canal in 1956, Pierre Gemayel protested.

In 1958, the falangist militias took up their first arms against the popular insurrection which was led by the Moslem bourgeoisie. Camille Chamoun, president of the republic, called on the American "marines" to prevent the swarm from descending, as had been the case in Iraq where a pro-imperialist regime had just collapsed....

Falange's Gemayel:

"We Are Ready To Destroy Beirut, House-by-House"

The following are excerpts from an Aug. 31 Corriere della Sera interview with Amir Gemayel, nephew of Pierre Gemayel, leader of the Lebanese Falange party:

"We are trying to avoid military confrontation. We have made concessions, we are ready to accept a compromise.... Our enemies and foreign powers plot against Lebanon — the war has gone too long and it is too late ... every pressure made on us by outside powers, makes it more difficult to stop the fighting. We seek a compromise which could save the unity of the country. We will not drop our weapons until we have reclaimed all our possessions and the sovereignty of the country. We do not seek partition and we will help the work of our new president, Sarkis, who has support from both Catholics and Moslems. I know the people are exasperated. Lebanon will never be the same. The return to the Constitution of 1943 is inconceivable, instead we look to a cantonal or federal form so the two communities can still live together....

"In Beirut there remains only one foreign ambassador and that is the Soviet Ambassador Soldatov, a KGB agent. Even the Arab states of Libya and Iraq are involved in the plot against us to split our country. The Christians now wish to put an end to the Palestinians — but even the Moslems have had enough: We know that many of them want to dump (Palestine Liberation Organization head) Arafat. The Palestinians are the big losers: ... The Palestinians used to live in their camps and work here at our factories. They have betrayed this hospitality; they will not survive a second Black September....

Q: Do you believe that Damascus will withdraw from the occupied territories?

Gemayel: Unless I have contrary proof, yes...(but) better to

have an official military occupation, at least with Assad we know with whom we are dealing and how to act....”

Gemayel's Foreign Minister Karin Pakradonni comments on the plot against Lebanon:“The plot involves the Israelis, the Soviets and the Americans. All these quarters are interested in playing the Palestinian card against Lebanon....”

Q: Would you negotiate with the progressives of Jumblatt? ant military commander”: I would negotiate with the Moslems, yes, with the progressives, no: they are the agents of socialism, of communism and of international Zionism. Even the leaders of the Redayeen guerrillas, like Arafat and (Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine leader) Habbash, are Israeli puppets....”

Pravda On “The Events Around Libya”

The following are excerpts from an article in Pravda Aug. 30:

In the recent period, increasingly alarming reports are being received on the aggravation of the situation on the Libyan-Egyptian border. Egyptian leaders have come out with threat-filled statements against the Libyan Arab Republic and its government. The Egyptian government declared the ambassador of Libya in Cairo “persona non grata” and expelled him from the country.

The official Egyptian media — press and radio — on its part is hitting its readers and listeners with a broad stream of anti-Libyan statements. All of this has been picked up by Western news agencies and spread all over the world. The reactionary western press is striving to pour grease on the fire and by publishing various kinds of falsifications, containing news which misrepresent the real situation.

The development of events around Libya is attracting great attention is all of the world insofar as it manifests the danger of the emergence of a new military conflict in the Mideast region, which is one of the hottest spots on the globe. The emergence of new conflicts would naturally be fraught with a serious threat to the preservation of peace in general.

Why did the Libyan Arab Republic provoke such unhappiness on the part of neighboring Egypt, as well as the imperialist and reactionary forces? Only recently, the leaders of Egypt publicly declared their intention to create a unified Arab republic by fusing Egypt with Libya. What has happened since?

The crux of the matter is that the foreign policy line of the Libyan Arab Republic, above all on the question of a Mideast settlement, directly contradicted the present policy of those Arab countries which seek for themselves a separate understanding with Israel for the satisfaction of the USA.

It is known that Libya, during the last years, exposed all attempts to dictate to the Arab peoples plans for a Mideast settlement which would correspond to the interests of the imperialist states and the Zionist aggressors. This political line of the Libyan government was again confirmed in connection with the recent events in Lebanon. The Libyan public and leadership do a lot to try to extinguish the flames of fratricidal war flaring up between the Arabs on Lebanese soil.

Precisely that is the main reason for the attempts to knock together a united front of the reactionary forces in the Arab world against Libya. All this is going on under conditions of growing tension in the Mideast, in connection with the crisis in Lebanon, where reaction supported and egged on by the forces of imperialism and Zionism is trying to finish off the progressive parts of the Arab National Liberation Movement — the Palestinian resistance movement and the Lebanese national patriotic forces.

The conclusion suggests itself: all these events are part of a general plan by the forces of imperialism and reaction striving to deal a new blow to Arab unity, and to prevent the Arab

peoples from mobilizing their forces and means for the solution of the main task — the struggle against the Israeli aggressors.

The development of events around Libya can not but alarm those who advocate a normalization of the situation in the Mideast, a strengthening of the friendship and unity of the Arab countries.

The progressive forces in the Arab countries and abroad must give the necessary support and aid to the Libyan people in order to prevent the forces of imperialism and reaction from dealing a new blow against the cause of Arab unity, from realizing their aggressive plans which are incompatible with the interests of the Arab peoples, their happiness and aspirations towards freedom, independence, and progress.

The experience of the anti-imperialist struggle of the people shows that the unity and coordination of action by all forces of freedom, peace and progress is that obstacle on which the aggressive plans and plots by the forces of imperialism and reaction break.

Sadat On The Hot Seat

Sept. 3 (NSIPS) — Below are comments by a Middle East journalistic source in Western Europe on Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Egypt's internal situation:

Sadat is getting increasingly desperate because of the ferment inside the army. The recent moves against Libya, against (Libyan President) Qaddafi, are insane. They are aimed not only at diverting the ferment of the population but also at trying to cut off left-wing elements in the key parts of the armed forces. Did you know that the Fourth Division, the largest and best-trained troops of Egypt, were sent to the Libyan border to root out and contain left-wing elements who had formed secret associations and literature distribution networks within the division?

Those recent bombings in Alexandria and other cities that were blamed on Libya were aimed at terrorizing the population only and were not aimed at military targets. Sadat is hysterically trying to cover up the real situation in Egypt, claiming wildly inside the country that his pro-Western foreign policy is immensely successful, while whole parts of the bureaucracy are openly in tension about the West German arms deals to the Falange and other issues.

Also, the Kuwait coup last week was organized by Sadat largely. Apparently, he recently gave an ultimatum to the leader of Kuwait demanding the immediate cessation of all publication of Kuwaiti press attacks on Sadat and his policy. Sadat threatened that Kuwait could become another Lebanon if the attacks did not cease. The Kuwaiti press is heavily influenced by the Palestine Liberation Organization and Qaddafi.

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