The Season Of The Generals In Israel

ISRAEL

The government coalition which is now emerging in Israel two weeks after the surprising victory of the Likud, is a war cabinet. Assuming top cabinet posts will be ex-generals Moshe Dayan, Ariel Sharon and Yigal Yadin. The function of this warhawk triumvirate — all of whom have associations with the National Security Council — will be to take control of the war machine from under the offical leadership of the Likud party, and run Israel along the breakaway ally scenario for a National Security Council controlled Israeli preemptive strike against its Arab neighbors.

Foreign Minister, Moshe Dayan: Likud leader Menachem Begin chose Moshe Dayan as Foreign Minister without prior consent from the other Likud leaders. Dayan was still nominally a member of the Labour Party and a Knesset member. Begin announced his choice after discussion with National Security Council shuttle operative Rabbi Alexander Schindler.

Dayan's nomination was met by intense opposition and shock not only from within Likud, but from the Israeli population in general. The number-two man in Likud,

Within hours of the Likud victory in Israel May 17, National Security advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski dispatched Rabbi Schindler to Israel. With credentials as the head of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish American Organizations, Schindler has been installed as the mediating potentate between Israel and the Carter Administration. Schindler's mission this time was to orchestrate the maneuvers which would lead to Menachem Begin's choice of Moshe Dayan as the new foreign minister and Yigal Yadin's acceptance of negotiations with the Likud.

Brzezinski's Rabbi

This isn't the first time Schindler has done dirty work for the Rockefellers. "Schindler has been up to his ears for the past ten years in the CFR (Council on Foreign Relations-ed.)," noted one American Jewish leader. During the 1976 Presidential election campaign, Schindler time and again broke his officially neutral position to inform contacts of his wholehearted support for the Carter forces.

Schindler became Chairman of the Conference — an umbrella organization for most American Jewish community and political groups — with the support and collusion of the Rockefeller-liberal wing of the Democratic Party. Liberal faction leader Simcha Erlich, a long-time Sharon and Dayan antagonist, appealed to Dayan to reject the designation. Privately paid advertisements bordered in black were run in daily papers on the dangers of warhawk Moshe and protesting the growing war climate.

The Israeli population was horrified to hear of a political comeback of Dayan for legitimate reasons, Dayan's foreign policy has essentially mirrored the extreme right-wing "rejectionist" stand of Begin himself. Dayan has said that wherever Israelis settle they will be protected by the might of the Israeli army.

Minister Without Portfolio, Ariel Sharon: After receiving two seats in the election on a one-man ticket, Sharon has formally accepted to rejoin the Likud coalition. The founder of Likud after the 1973 war, Sharon was recently quoted as saying that if Israel wants to, it can conquer the Arab world from "Bagdad to Algeria to Khartoum." His views on the Arabs and the occupied territories are identical to Dayan's.

Deputy Prime Minister, Yigal Yadin: Ex-professor Yigal Yadin is heading the NSC's own party, the Democratic Movement for Change, which was spawned specially for the elections to wreck both the Labour Party and the Likud by taking votes and people from both parties. The party is composed of ex-military and civilian intelligence personnel like Meir Amit and former

Schindler The Swindler

In mid-1976, Schindler was contacted by the U.S. Labor Party, a spokesman said, to win from him a condemnation of Israel's official collaboration with the fascist Lebanese Falange Party, a formation that had evolved out of the Arab Legion forces set up by German Admiral Wilhelm Canaris during World War II. Schindler answered with a charge that the Labor Party was "supporting the genocide of 400,000 Lebanese Christians." Schindler repeated this slander to callers during 1976 and advised a reporter inquiring on the impact of USLP programmatic proposals on the American Jewish community to "watch them very closely."

Yehuda Hellman, Schindler's travelling companion during his recent Israeli visit and assistant to the rabbi at the Conference of Presidents, has voiced the opinion that outside forces not intervene in Israel with the rationale that "maybe the time has come any way for the world to end."

Leading forces in the American Jewish community are rapidly coming to the conclusion that the time has come for the end of Schindler's reign over the Conference of Presidents. Judah J. Shapiro, noted commentator on American Jewish affairs for WEVD radio, earlier this week condemned Schindler's interference into Israeli politics and asked, "Who says he is speaking for American Jewish community opinion?"