

Vance Sets Arabs and Israelis Up to Start World War III

As pre-programmed, the just-concluded 12-day visit of U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance to the Middle East has brought that region substantially closer to a catastrophic Arab-Israeli showdown and exploding world war.

Hardly had Vance concluded his last day of shuttles to the Arab "front-line" countries than U.S. press stories emanating from the Secretary of State himself delivered the crisis line: that a Geneva Mideast peace conference jointly called by the Soviets and the U.S. was highly unlikely this year and that the danger of war was growing quickly.

An Aug. 12 UPI dispatch emphasized that Vance was leaving behind him "fears of war" and reported bellicose warnings from various Arab leaders. A prominent *Washington Post* dispatch of the same day headlined, "Vance's Middle East Trip Ends With a Hint of Future War." Vance himself a day earlier had chirped that "the parties (to the conflict) remain divided on key issues."

Most signs point to a spiralling crisis breaking out by mid-September at the latest. By that time, Vance intends to corral Arab and Israeli Foreign Ministers into U.S.-mediated bilateral negotiations in New York with the Soviets totally excluded and with the PLO leadership either brought under the U.S. thumb or effectively eliminated from the Mideast entirely. To bring this about will require a series of simultaneous crises: on the Egypt-Libya front, in southern Lebanon, and on the Israeli-occupied West Bank. In the latter case, a State Department official noted, Vance will have to "decide whether controlling a West Bank settlement is worth risking World War Three."

The manic pace of U.S. Mideast diplomacy has nothing to do with U.S. national self-interest in stabilizing that volatile area by encouraging a process of rapid regional development. Vance and his Wall Street allies are determined, in the shortest possible time, to break apart the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries as a viable entity capable of expanding negotiations for a new world monetary order with the Western Europeans and the East Bloc. This requires engendering enough regional chaos to destabilize European-oriented regimes in Algeria, Iraq, and Libya, and to lock the security-conscious Saudis into a 100 percent pro-Dollar Empire stance, under the blackmail threat of unleashing a "breakaway ally" Israeli preemptive strike at the Arab oilfields.

Perceiving the growing threat of war resulting from the Vance mission, the Soviets warned Aug. 11 that Vance's actions were working *against* U.S. national interests. A Radio Moscow dispatch accused "powerful

circles" in the U.S. of fully backing Israeli military incursions into southern Lebanon and Israeli intransigence in negotiations. "These circles," the Soviets stresses, "are responsible for the explosions in the Mideast, and are acting against the interests of millions of Americans."

Two-Faced Diplomacy: Israeli Masada...

Throughout his Mideast tour, Vance had two immediate goals in mind: to create the *illusion* of U.S.-Israeli confrontation in order to reinforce the preemptive strike tendencies in that country's leadership *and* to destroy the Palestine Liberation Organization as a functioning political organization.

The key moment in this dual strategy was Vance's Aug. 8 leak that the Saudi leadership had promised him that the PLO would for the first time ever agree to recognize United Nations Resolution 242 if they would be then included in the overall negotiating process in the Mideast. Since that resolution's characterization of the Palestinians as "refugees" has always been categorically rejected by the PLO, the effect of the Vance announcement was both to run a destabilization operation within the Palestinian movement and to signal the Israelis that the U.S. was pushing them into the "breakaway ally" mode.

During the entire Vance tour, reporters in his entourage were conducting the line that the U.S. position was "moving closer to the Arabs" and that a "U.S.-Israeli confrontation" was imminent. Such psywar had the intended effect of introducing a new terrifying dimension of Israeli "Masada Complex" considerations into the already dangerous Mideast situation.

Conforming to the program, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin launched into several hysterical tirades against the PLO, labelling them "genocidists" and "child murderers." Begin likened the PLO's national covenant, which does not recognize the state of Israel, to an "Arabic Mein Kampf," and depicted Israel's relation to the PLO to that of the Jews facing the Nazis in the 1930s!

Begin also proudly admitted Israeli aid to the "Lebanese Christian" fascist militias north of Israel's border and warned that Israel would never let the "Christians be abandoned ... to the Moslem Sea." The *Washington Post* noted that Begin had suddenly turned Israel's actions in Lebanon into a "national moral commitment."

Further reflecting his meetings with Henry Kissinger and the Rockefeller brothers during his recent U.S. visit, Begin violently attacked France for failing to "aid the

Christians in Lebanon" and hurled a hardly veiled attack against the Arab oil producers, speculating when "in god's good time" the world would be free from "that great world power, Abu Dhabi."

Begin's ravings have opened up a series of options for Wall Street policy planners. On Aug. 10, *New York Times* editorialist James Reston advised that Israel be given enough "security guarantees" to safeguard the country "against any aggressor, including the Soviet Union," as an alternative to the Israelis launching a "preventive war." On Aug. 9, London's *Daily Express* reported that Vance had been authorized by President Carter to offer the Israelis a "major base" in return for a public promise of Israeli "concessions." This is an updated version of an old scheme of New York's Senator Javits to have Israel fully integrated into NATO operational capabilities.

Related sources have suddenly circulated the warning that the only alternative to war is a return to Kissingeresque "step-by-step diplomacy." A source at the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee stated flatly that "Israel would go to war if there is a stacked deck against her through the changing of Resolution 242," but that "the idea of a return to Kissinger's diplomacy is being talked about a lot in Washington lately." An Israeli embassy official backed this up, stating that Israel "might possibly make a separate deal with Egypt" and that "everybody is waiting for Kissinger to jump out of the closet and yell, 'I told you so'."

Not surprisingly, Moshe Dayan, Israel's Foreign Minister and the leading Kuhn Loeb-Lehman Brothers operative in Israel, has begun to emerge as a spokesman for an alternative, differently "nuanced" policy from that of Begin. *New York Times* reporter Flora Lewis Aug. 12 had an interview with Dayan in which the one-eyed Foreign Minister declared, "I am not Begin" and advocated a Kissinger-type policy of Israeli-Egyptian separate dealings in opposition to the Times' reports of Begin's position that Egypt and Syria were equally dangerous to Israel's security. According to Lewis, Dayan is exuding an "almost contradictory impression" to that of the Prime Minister.

Dayan and other Wall Street-connected generals such as the head of the Democratic Movement for Change, ex-Chief of Staff Yigal Yadin, have frequently been mooted as taking over the effective reins of power from Begin in a situation of general crisis. Yadin, suspiciously, announced earlier this month that "the great moment of coming into the Cabinet" is approaching, a comment which London's *Daily Telegraph* linked to semi-official Israeli evaluations that war is the likeliest outcome of the Vance tour of the Mideast.

...And Eliminate the PLO

The predominant effect on the Arab leadership of the growing preemptive strike motion in Israel is fear. This reaction on the part of the Saudis and Egyptians in particular has totally blinded them to the brinkmanship consequences of Vance's diplomacy.

From all currently available information, the pro-U.S. wing of the Saudi ruling family led by Prince Fahd and Foreign Minister Saud el-Faisal has been totally com-

PLICIT in setting the destabilizing 242 operation into motion.

Ever since Carter announced on Aug. 8 — in response to Vance-conducted Saudi overtures — that the PLO could participate in Geneva talks if it accepted 242 and that "it would be okay with us" if the PLO chose to regard 242 as dealing with "more than refugees," a dangerous chaos and confusion operation has been launched within the Palestinian resistance movement that threatens to only increase general Mideast instability.

According to U.S. press reports, the Carter Administration is armtwisting the "conservative Arab states" to pressure the PLO into responding positively to Carter's overture *without* any U.S. commitment whatsoever to a change in the wording of that document. The Saudis, these reports continue, are attempting to bring into the fore a pro-U.S. faction within the PLO that will either form a "government-in-exile of moderates" to open contacts with the U.S. or that will authorize the PLO leadership to open negotiations with Carter on a revision of 242.

No PLO spokesman has yet publicly responded positively to Carter. PLO leader Yasser Arafat spent much of the past ten days in Vance's footsteps trying to convince moderate Arab leaders to resist "the Vance Plan." One prominent PLO "moderate" declared that the Americans are trying to put the PLO "on that slippery slope down which you cannot but slide to the bottom" through Carter's intentionally ambiguous public statements.

But reflecting some level of confusion within the Palestinian movement, a meeting of the Palestine Central Council, the PLO's interim negotiating body between meetings of the Palestine National Council, has been postponed from its originally scheduled date of Aug. 16 to Aug. 25.

The only Arab state giving the PLO more than a simple verbal backup is Syria. In a recent interview with the London-based *Arab Report and Memo*, PLO second-in-command Abu Iyad identified growing signs of Syrian-PLO rapprochement, especially growing out of recent tripartite Syria-PLO-Lebanon accords to cool down the Lebanon crisis. Syrian President Assad is under enormous pressure from internal army forces, the Soviets, the Iraqis, non-U.S.-controlled Saudi circles, and the PLO itself to maintain this alliance.

The key for Vance in breaking this dynamic will be to engineer a separate Egypt-Israel accord, leaving Syria in the lurch. In his *New York Times* interview, Dayan differentiates an early deal with Egypt from any Israeli dealings with Syria. Making the dilemma worse for Assad are continued reports that Sadat is fully ready to concretize a separate deal with Israel, despite enormous internal opposition in Egypt to such a move.

Two crises are designed to deal this rotten Egypt-Israel deal in blood. One, in southern Lebanon, was signalled by Begin's comments, backed up by evaluations from such top Wall Street Israel controllers as Committee on the Present Danger Executive Member Rita Hauser this week that "Begin will probably move in force in the south to upend the Syria-PLO alliance." The

French press is reporting a renewed Israeli naval blockade of southern Lebanese ports, and several sources have reported new Israeli incursions, with tanks included, into southern Lebanese towns.

The second key crisis is between Egypt and Libya. Last weekend, Egyptian President Sadat toured the "western front" border with Libya and promised Egyptian military units that Egypt would "hit (Libyan leader) Qaddafi with a thousand times more power than the last time." This tour was followed up days later with a staged hijacking of a French jet bound for Cairo that the Egyptian government immediately pinned on the Libyans; resolute Libyan government refusal to allow the jet to land in Libya, however, stopped this projected "Entebbe" operation cold.

London's *Daily Telegraph* Aug. 9 linked the renewal of Egyptian-Libyan tensions to Sadat's "determination to see the Vance diplomatic mission succeed."

Each of these crises threatens to trigger a massive Soviet response, with incalculable consequences for

world peace. Soviet Chief of Staff Ogarkov is due in days to arrive in Algeria, Libya, and Syria, to promise Soviet backup for these U.S.-targetted regimes. The Soviets have also made it clear that they would regard any U.S. decimation operation against the PLO as a dire provocation.

Complicating the situation is the apparent indecision on the part of European governments. On Aug. 11, the French Foreign Ministry publicly denied persistent rumors that the French government would push for a rewording of 242; Israeli sources indicated that the French have come under intense pressure from Vance to back off from such an initiative.

According to an Arab diplomat in the U.S., Vance has "partly succeeded" in raising tensions in the Mideast with his trip, and the question of war or peace in the region will depend on "the will of Europe's Big Four — West Germany, Italy, France, and Great Britain — to act independent from the U.S." But, "so far," he added, "we haven't seen that will express itself."

Brzezinski Tricks Begin Into Breakaway Ally Set-Up

The following statement was issued on Aug. 1 by Lyndon H. LaRouche, U.S. Labor Party Chairman and Presidential candidate.

Like every head of government who credulously negotiates in good faith with the Carter Administration, Israel's Prime Minister Menachem Begin has been had. The Carter Administration's games with the Israeli, Arab, and other relevant governments are now rapidly moving the Middle East in the direction of Henry Kissinger's longstanding gameplan for that region: regional war according to the Rand Corporation's "breakaway ally" scenario.

I have the strongest reasons to believe Begin's report that the Carter Administration had assured his government that the U.S. would not directly deal with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). I do know that, immediately following Begin's arrival in Jerusalem following his USA trip, his government abruptly dropped a number of key options in favor of total commitment to collaboration with the Carter Administration.

Also crucial, if easily overlooked, is the Syrian government's recently launched Inquisition against the tenth century Islamic genius, Ibn Sina. The Israeli government will correctly read that signal in more or less the exact same way in which I do: *jihad!* I also know the origin of that new Inquisition against Arab humanism, at an address within the USA. In effect, both the Syrian and Israeli governments are being trapped into the role of Carter Administration agents, who will now fight one another (according to the Rand Corporation scenario) for the greater riches of Kuhn-Loeb.

No one should be deceived by the Carter Administration's formal dealings with PLO representatives. One of the Carter Administration's included objectives for the overall operation is the total butchery of the PLO — with the complicity of Assad and Chamoun. To one who understands the Arab mind and the implications of Ibn Sina in that context, an Inquisition against Ibn Sina is an ideo-

logical deployment for butchery of the "Mawali"-tainted PLO! I know what the evil tradition of Al-Ghazali signifies in Arab politics. It was the cult of the reactionary Al-Ghazali that was decisive in destroying Arab civilization from within.

The primary objective of the "breakaway ally" scenario is massive destruction of Middle East Arab oil fields, to bring Western Europe and Japan to their knees before the Carter Administration and — more relevantly — the New York Council on Foreign Relations, for which the Carter Administration is merely a tool. I concede that some blockheads among Arabs, Europeans and others stoutly insist that the United States would never do such a thing. The trouble with those blockheads is that they refuse to face the fact that that Carter Administration does not represent the interests of the United States, but a gang of desperate moral imbeciles in lower Manhattan, who are already committed to an energy program that would send the world back to the "Middle Ages" as international terrorist planner and controller Vance proposes. These moral imbeciles, the masters of the current wave of environmentalist terrorism, care nothing to the world, except their determination to rule at all costs.

The complication in the present situation is the Israelis themselves. Prior to his trip to Washington and Manhattan, Prime Minister Begin represented a positive element in world politics, a force which had thrown out the Manhattan-controlled Mapai and was attempting to find a truly independent role for Israel in terms of direct negotiation with Arabs. A reported 900 millions pounds bookkeeping adjustment of the Egyptian debt occurred in time to cause Sadat to break off peace negotiations with Moscow and to launch the attack on Libya on orders from the Carter Administration. The Soviets and most Europeans hesitated to sharply confront Carter on this atrocity, with the result that Begin's peace effort was scrambled, and Begin was thrown to the wolves of Washington and Manhattan to scrape up as much as he