

and Defense Secretary Brown are actively purging the Pentagon-Israeli connection, and informed sources report that Senator Stone of Florida and defense analyst Edward Luttwak are leading advocates of a strong link between Israel and the U.S. military community, and might provide a channel through which the Connally forces could contact Israel.

Other contacts are being pursued by the Connally forces via conservative elements of the American Jewish community — despite the blocking efforts by its titular leader, NSC agent Rabbi Alexander Schindler — and through “leftist” and non-Zionist circles such as BREIRA and the Paris weekly *Israel and Palestine*.

Saudi Response

In the end, a crucial determining factor will be the response of the Saudis to the refusal by Carter to seriously consider a Middle East peace settlement. The Saudis, said a top U.S. analyst, are “unhappy” with Carter but do not intend to break with the U.S. strategy at this point, using the occasion of the Arab League foreign ministers’ meeting to give the U.S. “one more chance.” West German sources speculated that Saudi Arabia might decide to exercise its immensely powerful financial leverage to impose its will in the Middle East, which would occur in the form of stepped-up Saudi industrial

investments, rather than cash infusions into Chase Manhattan Bank.

Already the Arabs have decisively rejected a “peace plan” that Dayan intends to present during his visit to the U.S. and UN later this month. The Dayan plan, announced last week, calls for Israel to retain permanent control over the West Bank while providing King Hussein of Jordan with a chimerical political jurisdiction for the area. Syria, Jordan, and other Arab states are concerned that Egypt might be tempted to accept a “separate peace” with Israel, and a Egyptian diplomat said outright that if Egypt decides to accept the Israeli plan then “Syria will have to follow.” But Egyptian newspapers are highly unfavorable to the plan, and it is therefore quite unlikely that Egypt will accept.

A key indicator came this week with the report that Dayan held a secret meeting with King Hussein in London, where the Israeli foreign minister presented his “plan” to Hussein — who rejected it outright. Although Hussein denied having met Dayan, in Paris the Jordanian monarch stated that the Arabs “have made enough concessions and can go no further,” likely a reference to Jordan’s rejection of the Dayan plan. Hussein spent a few days in Paris meeting President Giscard d’Estaing, where the two leaders discussed the furthering of Arab-European contacts to achieve Middle East peace.

Mondale Man Dayan Prepares Coup In Israel

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan is making his move to seize power from Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin. If this “cold coup” is successful, it will mean the consolidation of a war government in Israel and will set the stage for an Israeli preemptive strike against the Arabs and a fifth Middle East war.

ISRAEL

Dayan’s power play is receiving the full backing of Vice-president Walter Mondale and his network of pro-war Zionists, including Rabbi Alexander Schindler, the top Jewish community leader in the U.S. Schindler, according to reliable sources in the intelligence community, is directly involved in the efforts to sabotage any peace initiatives by Begin and is working to abort the support of conservative U.S. Jews for the Israeli Prime Minister.

A spokesman close to the intelligence community has confirmed that a Dayan-Mondale victory would lead to “a highly controlled precision lightning war” ignited by Israel. Last week, a key Dayan ally, Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, threatened that “Israel will make sure that the Palestinians don’t have a base in southern Lebanon that would permit them to attack us.” Earlier, Weizman accused Egypt of violating the Sinai pact ac-

cords — a warning of a pre-emptive strike.

The Hoods Come Off

Last month, *New York Times* columnist C.L. Sulzberger, a mouthpiece for the Mondale crowd, wrote that Israel’s hawkish generals — Dayan, Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, and Ezer Weizman — were lurking in the wings, preparing to “whip off their hoods” and stage a coup d’etat against Begin.

This week, Dayan pulled off his hood.

On Sept. 1, the *Jerusalem Post* announced that Dayan sent out 500 invitations to his allies in all of Israel’s political parties to join in setting up a “Tribune for the Clarification of Social and Political Issues.” Leading members of the Likud, the Labour Alignment, and the Democratic Movement for Change — Israel’s three main parties — are already coming out in support of the Tribune, which Dayan has euphemistically described as a “debating society”! However, according to the *Jerusalem Post*, Dayan’s innocent club may soon evolve into a new political party, a likelihood not denied by Tribune organizers. “Observers believe,” notes the *Post*, that the Tribune forum “is also designed to strengthen Dayan’s political power.”

Among the top organizers of the Dayan creation is Zalman Shoval, a parliament member from Begin’s Likud Party. Shoval is a leader of the La’am faction of Likud and a former member of Rafi, the Dayan-led faction in the Labour Alignment. Another La’am

member who has closed ranks with Dayan is Amnon Linn, who has admitted that the Tribune operation is designed explicitly to break up La'am and ultimately Likud, putting Begin's continued rule into serious jeopardy. Aaron Harel, chairman of the Organization Department of the powerful Histadrut Labor confederation and a member of the Labour Alignment, is another key organizer of the Tribune.

Open Insurrection

Dayan's insurrection against Begin is not limited to internal political maneuverings but includes foreign policy initiatives aimed at disrupting behind-the-scenes peace efforts that Begin is either involved in or considering.

This week, Dayan proposed a "draft Israeli peace treaty" that he will offer to Cyrus Vance for discussion before the United Nations General Assembly and in the meeting which President Carter will have with Arab foreign ministers in New York this month and next. The "peace plan" that Dayan is pushing is pure provocation. Its terms include the permanent Israeli military control over the West Bank, with administrative control relegated to Jordan. A top priority of the plan involves a bilateral treaty with Egypt. Other added features include a partial Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai and the Golan Heights and an "end to the state of war," but no recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Not surprisingly, former Defense Minister Shimon Peres of the Labour Alignment has publicly praised Dayan's plan as a "break" in the ranks of the Begin coalition.

The Dayan plan is totally unacceptable to the Arabs. Already, Egypt and Lebanon have rejected the plan. Even Jordan's pliant King Hussein, who met with Dayan secretly in London last month, spurned Dayan's package.

The Christian Science Monitor has charged that the goal of the plan is to blackmail Egypt into a "separate peace" with Israel. Such a separate peace, continued the *Monitor*, threatens to break Arab ranks and wreck the possibility for reconvening Geneva peace talks. Radio Moscow has similarly warned that Dayan's plan rules out chances for a Middle East peace settlement.

At the same time, Dayan has come out with an inflammatory set of proposals on West Bank settlement policy calling for the establishment of scores of Israeli settlements over the next several years in "specified locations." The proposal is a warmed-over version of a proposal put forth by Agriculture and Settlements Minister Sharon, and is meant to appear more palatable than the calls by the fanatic Gush Emunim movement for settlements *everywhere* on the West Bank.

Will Begin Fight Back?

So far, Begin has not restrained his renegade Foreign Minister — a failure that, unless immediately corrected, may cost him his political life and plunge along the region into war.

However, there are signs that Begin may be preparing to take Dayan on. Shmuel Katz, a close advisor to Begin, asserted emphatically this week that Dayan does not

represent Begin's ideas and that the rest of Herut, Begin's faction (and the dominant forces) in Likud, is against Dayan. "The Foreign Minister speaks only for himself," stated Katz, according to the *London Observer*.

Several Western news media have reported that Begin and Dayan are "clashing" over Dayan's peace plan. This is corroborated by the *Jerusalem Post*, which notes that Begin and Dayan diverges on a number of critical foreign policy questions.

In recent days, Begin has neutralized one major threat to his rule: the Democratic Movement for Change (DMC) of former general Yigal Yadin. The DMC has been trying desperately trying to force its way into Begin's narrow coalition government. However, following talks last week between Begin and Yadin, sources close to Begin stated that there is "almost no chance" that he would let the DMC into the government.

Begin's refusal to accommodate the DMC — a synthetic political party set up earlier this year in collaboration with the Dayanists to maneuver first against former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and now Begin — may spell its death knell. According to several informed intelligence community sources, the DMC is falling apart fast, with members defecting back into the parties from which they were drawn, or directly into Dayan's Tribune. One source described Yadin's people as "dangerous fanatics" having close ties with National Security Council chief Zbigniew Brzezinski.

This week Begin will finish off the DMC once and for all by filling the four cabinet posts held open since last June with his own people from Likud. The DMC has been vying for these posts.

Begin is simultaneously looking toward Europe to help bolster his position. In an interview last week, Begin expressed his eagerness to visit France — one of the key forces currently moving in coordination with the Soviet Union to lay the groundwork for a peace settlement — if invited. In six weeks, Begin is slated to visit Great Britain.

Intelligence War

The fight between Begin and Dayan is reflected in the ongoing war in the Israeli intelligence establishment. According to *Israel and Palestine*, a monthly magazine widely circulated in the Middle East and Europe, the war between Mossad (Israel's foreign intelligence service) and Shin Beth (domestic intelligence) has come to a head with the rise of Begin. Shin Beth's chief, Avraham Akhitev, is known for his closeness to Begin, while Mossad's chief, Gen. Itzhak Hoffi, has close ties with the U.S. CIA. Although Shin Beth is technically under the control of Mossad, Akhitev has maintained a distinct distance from Hoffi and now, according to *Israel and Palestine*, "has a chance of seeing his forces doubled by the Begin government." The magazine adds that Hoffi may soon be replaced and that his successor "will tacitly have to accept Akhitev's independent stance."

In another interesting leak, *Israel and Palestine* also reveals that the CIA's base in Israel is the Israeli Labour Party, "and most particularly circles close to Moshe Dayan and Shimon Peres."