

Behind the veil over Camp David: Zionists mobilize for war

A late afternoon Sept. 14 announcement by the Israeli Embassy in Washington that earlier reports of Israeli territorial concessions at the Camp David summit are "completely untrue" has thrown further confusion into a week's worth of conflicting reports and ambiguities surrounding these crucial discussions. No official U.S. government source is willing to hazard a guess as to where things actually stand at this moment.

Despite the veil of secrecy and the continual conflicting reports, however, it is possible to perceive the outlines of an extremely dangerous situation growing out of the Camp David conjuncture. Whether the outcome is the failure of the conference, or a "success" defined either by the first stages of implementation of the Edgar Bronfman-Zbigniew Brzezinski "Middle East Treaty Organization" pact for the region or by an Israeli-defined settlement imposed on the U.S. and Egypt, Camp David is

shaping up as the initiation point for war and chaos in the Middle East.

Through Sept. 13, the Egyptian press has been unanimous in warning against a possible Carter capitulation to the Zionists. On that date, the respected *Al-Ahram* ran a front-page story datelined 'Washington commenting that there had been "no progress" at the Camp David talks and that "major obstacles" remained. According to a State Department Middle East expert, these articles signify that the Egyptian population is being prepared for "the failure of the conference."

The overriding problem for Egyptian President Sadat, according to a knowledgeable Washington source, is that, "should Carter reach a deal involving Israeli territorial compromises tied to all sorts of U.S. guarantee conditions and complex 'ifs' and 'buts,' Sadat will feel ridiculous and will have a hard time swallowing it."

Soviets denounce Brzezinski's "METO"

The Soviet Union and its allies issued strong warnings last week against U.S. National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski's "dangerous efforts" to set up an anti-Soviet, NATO-style Middle East Treaty Organization. Such an organization would polarize the entire region and sharply increase the chances for a Soviet-U.S. showdown. The original call for the speedy establishment of METO, which would include Israel, was put forward as an option early this summer by Seagram's President and leading Zionist policymaker, Edgar Bronfman, to undercut any U.S. intentions to pressure Israel into making the concessions necessary for an overall settlement.

On Sept. 14, the Soviet press agency *Novosti* attacked Brzezinski by name for injecting the METO strategy into the Camp David summit. According to an account by the Cuban press service *Prensa Latina*:

The Soviet agency *Novosti* has analyzed the proposal of President James Carter to station U.S.

troops on the West Bank of the Jordan River, in Gaza, and possibly in Sinai.

In a commentary entitled, "Middle East: A New Vietnam?", it is written that Carter, in expressing the proposal to guarantee security for Israel, does not discard the option of sending considerable contingents of soldiers and military ships to the Middle East for "support."

Since Sept. 6, the leaders of the U.S. and Egypt and the Prime Minister of Israel, Menachem Begin, have been participating in the conference at Camp David.

There, President Carter's Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski is promoting a project to create a branch of NATO in the Middle East, made up of the U.S., Israel, Egypt, and several Arab regimes . . .

Although the State Department recognizes the threat that this represents, everything seems to indicate that no one is opposing Brzezinski's plans to present his proposal to the participants of the meeting at Camp David.

Earlier, on Sept. 11, East German radio attacked Bronfman by name as the architect of Brzezinski's anti-Soviet alliance.

A second source stated, "The Egyptians feel trapped. They think they've made the limit of concessions in return for very little." This, it is widely feared, could trigger in Sadat a sense of desperation similar to that of the 1972-73 period leading to the Yom Kippur War, when Sadat was cornered by Zionist-Kissinger political collusion into moving towards the war when he felt all other channels had been closed.

Predictably, Israel's leading military correspondent Ze'ev Schiff began warning in *Ha'aretz* newspaper Sept. 10 that Egypt would begin military maneuvers once Camp David had concluded.

War preparations

Schiff's comments are part of a wider pattern of Israel preparing itself for a preemptive strike and war.

On Sept. 12, Israeli Chief of Staff Rafael Eytan, a warhawk, briefed the Israeli Knesset (Parliament) Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee on "Syria's well-defined plan in Lebanon" to "threaten Israeli civilian population concentrations," in response to which Israel had to consider "possible action in Lebanon."

Three days earlier, the head of the Committee, Moshe Arens, had made a public call for the Israeli Air Force to begin strikes directly against Syrian units and equipment within Lebanon.

For several days, Israeli planes have been making periodic reconnaissance overflights in tense southern Lebanon, and generating sonic booms to terrorize the population in Beirut. Israeli naval patrols and gunboats have stepped up operations considerably all along the Lebanese coast.

At the same time, Israel has been moving to build up the Nazi-modeled Falangist and Chamounist militias in Lebanon into an invincible stormtrooper strike force. On Sept. 10, Israeli financier Samuel Flatto-Sharon, a Knesset member who bought his way into office last year in order to escape extradition to France to face numerous criminal charges, announced plans to "raise \$10 million" and "establish an international foundation" to "recruit thousands of volunteers . . . willing to fight beside the Lebanese Christians." According to a *Baltimore Sun* report Sept. 11, Flatto-Sharon "now hopes to recruit 20,000 volunteers, base them in Europe and send them to Lebanon as needed to help in every way."

Israel's actions toward Lebanon are emboldening the Chamounist extremists to escalate the violence inside Lebanon. Over the Sept. 9-10 weekend, Beirut witnessed the heaviest fighting in a month as Syrian peacekeeping forces responded to the ambushing of Syrian soldiers. As the fighting began, the Sept. 9 *Washington Star* reported that "U.S. officials said they have received fresh intelligence information that the Maronites, led by Camille Chamoun, were planning a major attack on Syrian positions that could come at any time. If such an attack took place, it could lead to a massive Syrian retaliatory blow that U.S.

officials said, in turn, could spur the Israelis to attack the Syrians inside Lebanon."

On Sept. 14, Falangist-Chamounist forces stepped up sniper fire provocations against western Beirut from eastern Beirut, action that could for the first time force Palestinian and other forces in western Beirut to join in the fighting.

UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim declared he was "not at all happy" with events in southern Lebanon and singled out Israel for "not using its influence on the Maronite troops" to halt the fighting.

Brainwashing Israel's population

As Lebanon heats up, the Israeli population is being manipulated to be ready for war.

For most of the past month, Israel has been on very high internal security alert, in response to perpetual warnings about imminent Palestinian terror attacks. Almost 30 terrorist incidents have been reported in Israel during this period, with the *London Times* reporting Sept. 13 that terrorists are becoming more "shrewd" and are beginning to use "remote control robot bombs made in Britain" previously used only by the Irish Republican Army. Both the Israeli media and the *London Daily Telegraph* have repeatedly issued reports about an expected Palestinian terrorist upsurge and "West Bank explosion" in the days after Camp David.

To make matters worse, Israeli television ran the first installment this week of the U.S. "Holocaust" television serial, which is a skewed version of the Hitler horrors geared to generating frenzied support for the most extreme Israeli policies. According to Sept. 13 *Washington Post*, 1.5 million people — or almost half of Israel's entire population — watched "Holocaust" the night before.

On the U.S. side, these actions add up to Zionist Lobby readiness to launch a massive pro-Israel mobilization if the slightest sign surfaces that the U.S. intends to impose peace on Israel. According to the Sept. 11 *Christian Science Monitor*, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin's personal adviser on external information, Harry Hurwitz, told a weekend gathering of the Zionist Organization of America that the assembled delegates "may be called upon" to "explain Israel's position to the American public." Hurwitz was followed by Israeli Energy and Infrastructure Minister Yitzhak Modai, who, according to the *Monitor*, "told the delegates that the basis for American policy in the Middle East over the past year has been fear — fear of another oil crisis and fear of Soviet intervention."

In a private conversation, Hurwitz and other leading American and Israeli Zionists have affirmed that the Zionist Lobby in the U.S. will do "anything and everything" necessary to impede a U.S.-Soviet agreement to force Israel to accept peace in the Mideast region.

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