

Can Sharon's reign of terror be brought to an end?

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Sources close to Israeli intelligence have revealed that the mafia-style terrorist attack on a Jewish restaurant in Paris Aug. 9 was carried out by organized-crime circles known to be closely linked to Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon and Chief of Staff Rafael Eytan.

According to these sources, the aim of the attack, which was followed by the bombing of a Jewish-owned bank, was to justify intensified Israeli attacks on west Beirut and to strengthen the hand of the Sharon-connected organized-crime faction in Israeli politics. The attack was carried out not along "Palestinian terrorist" patterns but was the work of a Maoist-Nazi terrorist sect operating out of Bologna, Italy.

The Paris murders are only the beginning of a worldwide wave of terrorism, aimed at Jews and moderate Arab governments, as well as Americans. Thus, continued toleration by either the United States or Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin of Ariel Sharon's military and terrorist capers will have disastrous consequences for Israel, the region, and the entire world.

In an open letter dated Aug. 6 to Prime Minister Begin, National Democratic Policy Committee leader and former presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche forewarned Begin of the "hideous, worldwide chain-reaction now being set into motion around military actions in west Beirut." If elements in the Palestine Liberation Organization around Yasser

Arafat are destroyed by Sharon's rampage in Lebanon, and if the sane forces among Arab leaders are undermined, Khomeini-style Islamic fundamentalism will spread throughout the region, LaRouche warned, unleashing a petroleum-shock crisis that could bring down the economies of Western Europe and cause unimaginable suffering in the developing sector.

Only the "Old Nazi" International controlled by the monarchist oligarchy of Europe and its appendages in the United States and the Middle East could imagine it will somehow profit from this chaos, LaRouche states. Instead of doing the dirty work of their Nazi enemies, instead of "cleverly" allying with the Nazis and their Falangist offshoots in Lebanon in pursuit of a misconceived plan of survival, LaRouche urges Israel to create its own "Arab allies," starting with the Arab citizens of Israel itself. Let us create a great movement among the Arab people, he says. Let us destroy Khomeini and Khomeinism, and create water and nuclear energy to ensure regional prosperity. Quarrels over real estate can be brought to an end by creating real estate, by bringing in water and nuclear energy and transforming desert into arable land.

This approach, says LaRouche, will foster Islam in the humanist tradition of ibn Sina, and is in the tradition of Judeo-Christian republicanism, as set forth by the injunction in Genesis to be fruitful, multiply, and subdue the earth.

Since the start of the Lebanon crisis two months ago, U.S. special envoy Philip Habib has refused to deal with the overall Palestinian problem and has instead focused on the logistics of evacuating the PLO from Beirut. Such an approach ensures not merely the continuation of the Palestinian problem but sets the stage for the export of Palestinian radicalism throughout the region and the destabilization of every Arab government in the Middle East.

Arab diplomatic sources in Washington report that the Mubarak government in Egypt has told the State Department that it will not accept the PLO evacuees unless there is a commitment from the Reagan administration to seriously pursue a political solution to the Palestinian problem, including full-scale autonomy for the occupied West Bank and Gaza, and the withdrawal of the illegal Israeli settlements from those lands. These sources report that the initial State Department response was to refuse Egyptian conditions, telling the Cairo government that the talks are only aimed at getting the PLO forces out of west Beirut.

U.S. acquiescence to Israeli conditions for the destruction of the PLO, combined with the continued brutal Israeli bombing of Beirut as negotiations continue, is clearing the way for a wave of anti-U.S. and anti-Jewish radicalism throughout the Arab world, strengthening Islamic irrationalist forces like the Muslim Brotherhood against moderate Arab governments like that in Cairo.

"The image of the United States is at the lowest level everywhere in Egypt, from the bottom of society to the top," a senior Egyptian military source reported. There is a general deterioration of the situation in the region. People in Egypt are now "asking whether Egypt will be the next military target of Israel."

Similar reports of radical agitation are coming from the Persian Gulf. Last week, a demonstration of 50,000 took place in Kuwait, with members of the Kuwaiti parliament participating. Protesters carried anti-American banners and called for a new oil embargo.

Arab press sources in Paris allege that the events in Kuwait and the terrorism in Paris are part of the same operation, citing in particular the strengthening of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt and Jordan and the revival of the battle cry "War Against the Jews." British intelligence is playing a key role in manipulating this racist madness.

An Israeli journalist similarly pointed to a wider chain of command over the wave of terror and chaos now erupting out of Sharon's war in Lebanon. "More actions of this sort will occur in the next days," the Israeli source predicted. "There is a wave of anti-Semitism sweeping France and the people in control are a combination of the old Nazis, reconstructed after World War II and now operating out of Argentina, Sweden, and Germany, with the New Left and right extremists created since the 1960s who are using anti-Semitism for their own purposes."

There are faint signs that Sharon could find his wings clipped. On Aug. 12, the White House issued its strongest statement since the start of the Lebanon war, blaming Israel for deliberately sabotaging U.S. efforts to bring about a peaceful settlement of the crisis. Reagan phoned Begin and "expressed his outrage" over Israel's new round of bombing raids on Beirut, charging Israel with halting "Ambassador Habib's negotiations ... when they were at the point of success."

On the same day, the Israeli cabinet held its stormiest session ever, with Sharon falling under attack for having ordered the new attacks on Beirut without informing the rest of the ministers. Trade Minister Gideon Patt accused Sharon of acting unilaterally and said that President Reagan's anger at Israel was justified. The cabinet then stripped Sharon of the *carte blanche* that he has up to now exercised in Lebanon, stipulating that henceforth all military actions had to have the specific authorization of Begin.

The only minister to jump to Sharon's aid was Yuval Neeman, the new Minister for Science and Development and head of the neo-fascist Tehiya Party. Neeman, a nuclear physicist and Sharon crony, is building up a "super-ministry" of science, which aims to accelerate the Israeli nuclear and defense programs to make Israel self-sufficient in military technology and immune from arms supplies pressures. Neeman was intimately involved in the Israeli nuclear bomb construction project.

The Sharon mafia

At least one thread of the "Old Nazi" international mafia runs back to Sharon and his close collaborators in the Begin government who have directed the Lebanon operation and who, according to Israeli intelligence sources, hope to use the war to oust Begin and install Sharon as Prime Minister. Sharon is known to be backed by Meshulem Riklis, whose U.S.-based Rapid-America Corporation is said to be the center of a drug and organized-crime operation.

Nahum Goldmann, the former president of the World Jewish Congress, attacked this Sharon mafia in a recent speech on West German radio, characterizing Sharon as a "savagely man" who is not only "terrorizing Beirut" but also his own cabinet. Goldmann, who is known for his advocacy of an overall Middle East peace settlement based on Arab-Israeli cooperation for economic development, said that the "behavior of Israel is going to bring the reappearance of anti-Zionist and anti-Semitic currents."

The wave of chaos unleashed by the invasion of Lebanon will place all governments in the area in jeopardy. One British intelligence-linked Arab expert in London snidely predicted that the Arabs "will have a lot of trouble with their own people. There will be a rise of irresponsible behavior, and a lot more terrorism. There will be a proliferation of wild actions."