

Middle East Report by Allen Douglas and David Wolinsky

Holy warriors of Temple Mount

The near-success of those who tried to blow up Jerusalem's El Aqsa mosque is a warning to the peacemakers.

On Friday, Jan. 27, shortly before thousands of Moslem worshippers gathered in the El Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem, two terrorists carrying explosives were arrested. Their plan had been to blow up El Aqsa and an adjoining shrine, the Dome of the Rock.

These shrines sit atop the Temple Mount, where, according to Islamic belief, the Prophet Muhammed ascended to heaven. After Mecca and Medina in Saudi Arabia, they are the most holy sites in Islam; demolishing them, or even inflicting significant damage would unleash a whirlwind of violence which an Anglican churchman has referred to as "one hundred years of holy war in the Middle East."

Last April, *EIR* published a cover feature on just who—in the United States, in Israel, and elsewhere—was working to set off the powderkeg of religious war under the Temple Mount. This particular atrocity need never have come so close to success. And unless countermeasures are taken, the next such attempt is equally predictable.

The potential *modus vivendi* among Israelis, Palestinians, and a group of Arab states centered on Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Iraq, a potential which has emerged in recent months under the rubric of President Reagan's September 1982 peace plan for the Middle East, has attracted the attention of the Soviets and their fanatic instruments, such as Khomeini and Qaddafi. The fanatics inside Israel gathered around Minister Without Portfolio Ariel Sharon and Minister of Science and Technology Yuval Neeman are also bent on pre-empting the

possibility that the United States will act as a leader in the region, rather than a pawn in others' scenarios.

Who would light the match? In 1982 *EIR* asked Lambert Dolphin, chief scientist of the (U.S.) tax-exempt Jerusalem Temple Mount Foundation (JTMF) how the Foundation could hope to fulfill its mission of "rebuilding Solomon's Temple" on the precise spot now occupied by Muslim holy shrines. "Stanley [Stanley Goldfoot, Foundation head in Jerusalem] has the plan to just blow up the Dome of the Rock with dynamite," Dolphin confided happily.

The background to this dirty story needs to be told again:

- The Jerusalem Temple Mount Foundation is headed up by Alaskan resource speculator and "evangelical Christian" Terry Risenhoover, from his house in Norman, Oklahoma. JTMF conduits millions of dollars to the associates of Temple Mount Foundation members Sharon and Neeman to dig tunnels under the Temple Mount, buy up land on a large scale in the West Bank, and fund terror attacks against Arabs to drive them out of that territory.

- The Temple Mount Foundation is sponsored by the Stanford Research Institute (SRI), one of whose board members until recently was U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and whose most powerful current board member is Robert O. Anderson, chairman of Arco Petroleum.

- Lambert Dolphin himself, alcoholic and former mental patient, is currently chief of the Radiophysics Department of SRI. Dolphin spent the

summer supervising the "digs" outside the Temple Mount, and secretly, underneath it.

- Douglas Krieger, another Stanford Research Institute employee, is founder of Tav Ministries in Portland, Oregon, an organization hoping to see "Armageddon in our time."

For years, SRI has been the sponsor of a series of "back-channel" meetings with leading Soviet officials concerned with the Middle East, such as Yevgenii Primakov, head of the Soviet Orientology Institute; SRI is a would-be proud partner of a "New Yalta" arrangement which precludes U.S. presence in the Mideast.

The original offer along these lines was made by Bertrand Russell and Leo Szilard, and accepted by the obliging Russians. So zealots who follow the JTMF with their dollars and shovels under the Temple Mount are doing the spadework of the KGB. The point is emphasized by noting the secret meetings held on Cyprus last year between Israeli Temple Mount member Ariel Sharon and officials of Soviet military intelligence, the GRU.

Although leading Israeli institutions such as the Chief Rabbinate of Israel and the Interior Ministry of Yosef Burg have expressed revulsion at the nominally Jewish forces such as the Terror Against Terror group suspected in the Jan. 27 bombing, that won't stop the next attack. Meir Kahane of the extremist Kach movement, a Temple Mount member and close friend of Terry Risenhoover, gave a press conference after the incident demanding that all Moslem shrines in Jerusalem be demolished. "We would never condemn such an attack. The presence of Moslems in the most holy Jewish site is a sin," he declared.

For both Israeli and American authorities, the cleanup is overdue.