

entire operation. It is well known among various intelligence services that any time an army commander has received attention from his associates or from the Libyan people, this commander is immediately removed. This week's *Middle East* column identifies the execution of several top commanders for activity which threatened Qaddafi's power.

Over the course of the last two years, Qaddafi has sought to eliminate any potential force within the civilian apparatus of his revolutionary committees. His restructured organization (see chart) decentralized the decision-making process, allowing himself and his immediate coterie greater control over internal political developments. His weakening of the power of the People's Committees was the result of the unsuccessful coup by elements within that organization and the military.

Given the drop in oil prices, coupled with the growing dissatisfaction with his "revolution," especially reported constant shortages of food and supplies, Qaddafi needed the LRGC as his new vehicle to quell internal dissent, prevent another coup from within, and launch a new wave of terrorist assaults against "imperialism," which he hopes will consolidate his power base within Libya.

Qaddafi also fears that his influence in the Arab world is steadily decreasing. Despite recent Arab League statements, including moderate forces, in support of Qaddafi against the United States, his insane antics have tried the patience of even his best supporters in Syria and Iran. The decision by Syria and Iran to help set up the new LRGC is based upon their belief that Qaddafi can serve as a better sacrificial lamb in the broader context of the superpower conflict.

In his speech on the anniversary of the Student Revolution, Qaddafi spoke of the LRGC as an efficient armed force needed to create the atmosphere for the revolution. "Each day, each sunrise, will see the creation of a new revolutionary force joining the existing one," he said. What this means in real terms is that the LRGC will incorporate diverse nationalities for the deployment of new terrorist operations. In this regard, it is believed that the Abu Nidal terrorist group has become a unit within the LRGC.

In addition, several new units are now working in the United States and are in contact with Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam organization. The American Indian Movement (AIM) and Stokely Carmichael's All-African People's Party have become part of the political apparatus. At a recent press conference, Farrakhan announced his intention to defy President Reagan's ban on travel to Libya, along with the other groups. Farrakhan's intent in going to Libya is to better coordinate their terrorist operations. Qaddafi has called for the "establishment of a black state in America for Blacks, and a red state for the Red Indians." Moreover, he threatens more terrorism against Europe by stating, "We will consider the Baader-Meinhof, the Red Brigades, and the IRA as a revolutionary opposition within Europe."

Next week: The Peres Plot

- What was a team of Israeli Mossad agents doing on board the *Achille Lauro* pleasure liner, just prior to its hijacking from the port of Alexandria "by the PLO"?
- Joseph Klinghoffer was shot and killed aboard the *Achille Lauro*, but by no stretch of the imagination could the body returned to New York by the Syrians have been Klinghoffer's. Why did the State Department claim that it was?
- In return for recognition of Israel and allowing the emigration of 150,000 Soviet Jews to the West Bank of the Jordan River, the Kremlin has demanded access to sensitive Western technology. Have the Israelis agreed?
- Israeli plans include the early elimination of Yasser Arafat and the moderate PLO leadership, as well as King Hussein of Jordan. Have the Soviets agreed?
- Israel has secretly demanded of the U.S. government that any CIA and Pentagon activity in the Middle East contrary to Israeli-Syrian-Soviet secret agreements must be curtailed and halted. Has the State Department agreed?

Next week, *EIR* will publish in full "The Peres Plot" by Maxim Ghilan, which originally appeared in Ghilan's *Israel and Palestine* magazine, one of the most reliable sources of inside information on this strategically crucial region.

Its subject: The secret "package deal" between Zionist establishment financiers, the Israeli government, the Syrian government, the Kremlin, and the U.S. State Department. As this document proves, the big losers, should "the Peres plot" succeed, will be the United States and the peoples of the Middle East.