

Kissinger Watch by M. T. Upharsin

Henry spins scenarios for new Mideast war

On Oct. 26, Henry Kissinger gave a speech to the Anti-Defamation League's (ADL) London affiliate, the Institute for Jewish Affairs (IJA), making dire predictions of a multitude of potential Mideast wars that were likely to derail the PLO-Israel Accords. Some arms of the Anglo-American establishment are seeking to foment another conflict of the size of the Persian Gulf war for this purpose.

Kissinger has a long track record, both in public office and through his "private" consulting firm Kissinger Associates, of making such scenarios turn into reality by fomenting convenient wars for the British oligarchy. He was given the IJA's Golden Jubilee award at the fundraising dinner.

He started his speech by saying that the PLO-Israel negotiations might fail: "The outstanding issues are in effect all the issues that have been on the table before and they have produced deadlock before. Jerusalem, settlements, final borders and of course, the idea of the political status of what a Palestinian entity will be. None of these issues have been settled, they have always in the past produced deadlock and therefore it is reasonable to expect that the negotiations will be extremely difficult."

First, Kissinger projected that the Palestinians, who make up 70% of Jordan's population, might collapse that crucial state: "I think a three-cornered arrangement, Jordan, PLO, and Israel will require the utmost delicacy. Any collapse or disintegration of the Jordanian state is likely to produce an international crisis in the region. . . . The conflict between the PLO and Jordan may be far more bitter than any potential conflict between the PLO and Israel."

On peace with Syria, Kissinger proposed his usual tactics of manipulation leading to explosion. While suggesting that step-by-step diplomacy be used to settle Syrian-Israeli differences, he called on Israel "to contain the Syrian military," while Israel pressured Syria to loosen its hold on Lebanon. Kissinger added: "Assad does not believe in peace. . . . Assad believes in the correct calculation of elements of power."

'Fundamentalist threat'

Kissinger claimed that it is Iranian-backed Islamic fundamentalism that poses an imminent danger to peace, not only in the Gulf, but in North Africa: "The position of Iran, and the threat it potentially poses to Madrid [sic—IJA transcript] regimes in the Gulf . . . will create some new dangers. . . . I believe that the threat of religious fundamentalism is the most serious danger Saudi Arabia faces and that if such a revolution were to threaten Saudi Arabia, deep interests in the West . . . would be involved. . . .

"Then there is growing fundamentalism in Egypt, and of course the fundamentalists won the Algerian election, and Morocco, one cannot know what will happen after the King dies. . . . These . . . serious dangers . . . affect the West hugely. A crisis in the Gulf would require to be dealt with by measures analogous to the Gulf war or at least based on the same principles, and should not have to be improvised as it was then. Therefore it is one of the subjects the United States and its allies ought to discuss.

"A crisis in North Africa on the other hand would likely see the Europeans play a more leading role and it is something that Americans have never really thought about. And it is

therefore a subject that the Atlantic Alliance ought to think about or deal with quietly.

"[Also,] if religious fundamentalism were to sweep through the Middle East it would affect the interests of the West and it would seriously affect the prospects" of peace with Israel.

Spies and speculators

Apart from some members of MI-6 associated with the British Arab Bureau who were interviewed by *EIR*, those agreeing with Kissinger's analysis that Islamic fundamentalism posed an imminent threat of war, were the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) and its offshoot, the Washington Institute on the Near East (WINEP). NSC Mideast chief Martin Indyk, who had worked for WINEP before joining the Clinton administration, announced the "dual containment" policy of Iran and Iraq at a WINEP dinner later.

The London fundraising dinner was presided over by IJA president Lord Jacob Rothschild, the son of the notorious British double agent Lord Victor Rothschild, and the brother of Marxist radical Emma Rothschild. Lord Jacob made a fortune as part of a junk bond buyout predator's ball in the 1980s. Today he is a partner in the Quantum Fund NV of George Soros, the megaspeculator. Also present was IJA patron Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, ADL honorary vice-chairman, and chairman of the ADL's most lucrative fundraising in greater New York.

The IJA shares several members and joint research projects with the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House), which has run self-described British agent Henry Kissinger since the 1950s.