

EIR Becomes Lighthouse In Middle East

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In the days before and during the Arab League summit in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, on March 1, two exposés by *EIR* were widely circulating around the Arab world, contributing to strengthening the resolve of the Arabs to resist a war against Iraq. Two *EIR* articles—one, on the American “chickenhawk” faction’s plans for a pre-emptive nuclear strategy to be used against Iraq; the other, on the appointment of retired U.S. Gen. Jay Garner, supporter of the criminal policies of the Israeli army in the Palestinian territories, to become the imaginary “viceroy of Baghdad”—were translated into Arabic, printed, reprinted and commented upon in dozens of prominent Arabic newspapers, news agency reports, news and political party websites and discussion groups.

Jeffrey Steinberg’s article on the mad U.S. “pre-emptive nuclear strike” scheme, and Carl Osgood’s article on the naming of Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs-connected Gen. Jay Garner to become the administrator of post-war Iraq, were first printed in Arabic on page one of the London-based *Al-Arab International* daily in Feb. 28, the day before the summit. Interestingly, the rest of the page carried an interview with Dr. Mohammed Selim, Director of the Asian Studies Center at Cairo University, in which he called on Arab nations to change their orientation strategically and join the Eurasian Land-Bridge/Silk Route alliance as an alternative policy for the future. This policy is directly associated, in the Arab world and in Asia, with the efforts of *EIR* Founding Editor Lyndon LaRouche.

Quds News, one of the largest Arabic news agencies, also publicized the *EIR* article on Garner on its website front page on Feb. 28, stating that the article appeared in the American weekly magazine “of Year 2004 American Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche.” Many Arabic newspapers picked up the story from Quds News, and the London-based *Al-Quds Al-Arabi* published Quds News’ version of the article on its front page the same day.

‘O Leaders and Scholars’

As Arab leaders were arriving to Egypt, the official Egyptian daily *Al-Ahram* on Feb. 28 published a news item datelined London and dispatched by the official Egyptian Middle East News Agency, under the title “The American Candidate To Rule Iraq Is Closely Tied to the Likud.” It referred to the report published by the “*Intelligence Review Magazine*.”

The Saudi national daily *Al-Watan* translated of Steinbe-

rg’s article that same day. *Al-Riyadh*, the main newspaper in the Saudi capital, published an article by Dr. Nora Al-Saad calling on Muslim nations to stop providing any help to wage war against Iraq, warning of the dangers surrounding the Muslim and Arab world. She cited the *EIR* articles extensively. She issued a moving call to political and religious leaders in the region to stand against the war plans.

After summarizing *EIR*’s exposé, Dr. Al-Saad wrote: “This is the background of Garner, the candidate for a ‘democratic Iraq,’ the democracy that President Bush wants to establish in the Middle East. A governor who would serve Israel and employ his knowledge in protecting it and breaking the bones of anyone who dares to stand in the way of the American democracy tank, the missiles of justice, and the bombs of peace. O leaders of the Arabs and Muslims, who are gathered at the [Arab League] Summit Meeting, we urge you in the name of the mission entrusted to you, and the which you will be held accountable for, to stand in one line against the American arrogance. . . . O scholars of the Muslim and Arab nations, the situation is dangerous, dangerous. We the people are urging you to stand as one man and one heart. The nation of the Quran is a mission trusted to you. So, serve this mission.” The Saudi website, Islamtoday, also published a strong warning about the schemes being hatched against the nations of the Middle East, based on the two *EIR* stories.

The Egyptian opposition newspaper *Al-Shaab* published the full text of Steinberg’s article. *Al-Shaab* is mouthpiece of the Islamic Labor Party of Egypt, which has been crucial in organizing the mass anti-war demonstrations in Cairo, held in the first week of March with government permission. *Al-Bayan*, the main daily in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, published the full text of Osgood’s article on March 3, referring to *EIR* as the source, under the title “Rumsfeld Chose Him Without Hesitation: The American Administrator of Baghdad Is Connected to JINSA.”

LaRouche Is a Household Name

The revelations spread much farther when the website Middle East Online published the English version of Steinberg’s article. It had also published Lyndon LaRouche’s campaign press release, “Powell Victim of a British Hoax.” The Iraqi Communist Party, which is opposed to Saddam Hussein’s regime, published the full text of both articles without comment. In the days following the Arab Summit, dozens of articles and commentaries appeared in the Arabic press referring to the U.S. pre-emptive nuclear threat and to General Garner’s prospective “viceroyalty.” Lyndon LaRouche has already become a household name everywhere in the Arab world, and *EIR* is regarded as a lighthouse for steering people away from the hazards and dangers facing the human race.

The word in the Muslim world is that America needs more such statesmen and publications in order to restore its position as “a temple of liberty and beacon of hope among nations.”