

Editorial

Iran War Is at Top of London's Agenda

The nation of Iran is now under attack by the British imperial forces and their puppet U.S. President Obama. Contrary to the common wisdom, it is not because Iran is determined to reprocess plutonium for development of peaceful nuclear power (or even for nuclear bombs). No. For London, the push for killing sanctions against Iran is aimed at triggering a regional, and possibly, a new world war.

Britain's surrogate in its drive for war is the group, United Against a Nuclear Iran (UANI), whose leadership consists of well-placed Obama cronies, notably Dennis Ross, Richard Holbrooke, and Alan Solow, a UANI director and current chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. UANI wrote major parts of the "crippling sanctions" legislation against Iran, working with members of Congress.

Obama and friends are carrying out a two-tiered operation for war against Iran. Under the existing Iran Sanctions Act, the U.S. is putting intense pressure on other nations to cancel all business dealings with Iran, while the Treasury Department, is pressuring energy companies, like Malaysia's Petronas, India's Reliance, and Russia's Lukoil, to cut off Iran. According to the Congressional Research Service, all three of have capitulated to U.S. demands.

While the media focus has been on the appearance of Iran's unstable leader Mahmoud Ahmehdinejad at the UN's Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review in New York, and his controversial—but truthful—charge that the U.S. and its allies have imposed a "double standard" in the Middle East, in which everyone winks at Israel's nuclear arsenal, his endorsement for a "nuclear-free zone" in the Middle East is on the mark. The only obstacle to that proposal is Israel, which has refused to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation

Treaty (NPT), in order to protect its undeclared nuclear arsenal. But the call for a "nuclear-free Middle East," which was adopted by some 180 countries in 1995, has been put on the agenda of the month-long conference to review the NPT, by Egypt, with the support of most of the other countries in Southwest Asia and the Arab World.

Meanwhile, Obama has been pressuring Egypt to alter its nuclear-free-zone proposal—to protect Israel from international censure, since Israel refuses to sign the NPT, and is the only power with nuclear weapons in the region.

"This is typical Obama stuff," said Lyndon LaRouche, "covering for Israel when they are the only obstacle," to a nuclear-free Middle East. "It's called the Israeli factor, but it's actually the British factor. . . . Today, the British Empire's control depends on their ability to continually unleash chaos."

On April 14, in Washington, Obama threatened the first use of nuclear weapons against countries that don't follow the NPT—a statement directed at Iran and North Korea, while ignoring Israel's nuclear arsenal. At the same time, there are growing indications that Obama has given the green light for an Israeli attack on Iran, if Iran refuses to stop enrichment of uranium—which is permitted under the NPT for energy purposes.

This double standard infuriates Middle Eastern and other developing countries, which see the Anglo-American policy on restricting uranium enrichment as "technological apartheid," to deny them nuclear energy.

The point is: There is no reason for any war in any part of the world at this time. Instead, humanity must seize the opportunity presented by the current crisis to usher in a new age of economic cooperation and development, including the conquest of space. *Carpe diem!*