

Editorial

Ariel Sharon's Hamas

In his 1957 book *Battle for the Mind—A Physiology of Conversion and Brain-Washing*, London Tavistock Institute's Wellsian social engineer, Dr. William Sargant, wrote that "various types of belief can be implanted in many people, after brain functioning has been sufficiently disturbed by accidentally or deliberately induced fear, anger or excitement. Of the results caused by such disturbances, the most common one is temporarily impaired judgment and heightened suggestibility. Its various group manifestations are sometimes classed under the heading of 'herd instincts,' and appear most spectacularly in wartime, during severe epidemics, and in all similar periods of common danger, which increase anxiety and so individual and mass suggestibility."

Dr. Sargant's maxim about the use of mass shock trauma to induce degenerative paradigm-shifts in thinking in whole societies, has been a cornerstone of the Anglo-American oligarchy's doctrine of irregular warfare, since the publication of *Battle for the Mind*.

Today, one of the most graphic instances of irregular warfare-induced shock trauma driving a population to the brink of madness, is playing out in Israel. A decade ago, it would have been unthinkable, for the overwhelming majority of Israelis, to choose Ariel Sharon, the notorious "butcher of Sabra and Shatila," as their prime minister. Now, with Sharon's Nov. 28 victory in the Likud Party primary election over his rival, the equally vile war criminal Benjamin Netanyahu, there is a possibility of Sharon being re-elected.

Between January and August of this year, more than 1 million Israeli Jews have fled the country, taking up permanent residence abroad. These mainly European-educated middle-class and upper-class citizens are fleeing the madness. They see, in Sharon's brutal colonial policies in the West Bank and Gaza, the seeds of Israel's self-destruction. Sharon's political "success" is based on the shock-trauma factor: Israelis are desperate for "security," and every time a Hamas suicide bomber kills more Israelis, they are driven, traumatized, into the arms of the Jabotinskyite fascists of the Likud and radical right.

But a far nastier reality underlies the crisis the Israeli voters are facing. The very Hamas organization that is

at the heart of the terror was created by Ariel Sharon, back when he was Minister of Defense in the Menachem Begin government. As part of his portfolio, Sharon was responsible for administering the occupied territories. He, and his Ministry and Israeli Defense Forces underlings, issued as many as 900 permits allowing the individuals who would, in 1988, formally found Hamas, to set up schools, clinics, food kitchens, etc. Sharon's attitude was: "Anything but Arafat and the Fatah."

So, a parallel-governmental infrastructure was created in the West Bank and Gaza—under Sharon's approving eye. Sheikh Yassin, Hamas' spiritual leader, was invited regularly to appear on Israeli television during the 1980s, as long as he attacked Arafat and the PLO as "non-believers."

To this day, Sharon is the "Godfather of Hamas." This is privately acknowledged by many American, European, and Russian intelligence professionals. Haven't you marveled that, every time American pressure has come down on Sharon, to end the colonial occupation, Hamas bombers have bailed out the Israeli Prime Minister with an act of horrific terrorism? This is not to say that every member of Hamas is an Israeli spy, although U.S. intelligence has ample evidence that some of Hamas' commanders are witting of their collaboration with Sharon. Rather, the cumulative effect of irregular warfare shock trauma becomes a self-feeding phenomenon, in which a handful of witting players can keep the population trapped.

To defeat this hideous game, the truth must be told. Will Israeli voters continue to turn to Sharon to defend them against Hamas suicide bombers, if they realize that Sharon is the "Godfather of Hamas?"

We do not think so. *EIR* will publish all of the available documentation on the Sharon-Hamas marriage. By busting up that marriage, we believe that the Israeli electorate can overcome the shock trauma of the past years, and recall the other tradition, of peacemaker Yitzhak Rabin, a tradition that has been revived with the Labor Party's nomination of Gen. Amram Mitzna as their candidate to replace Sharon on Jan. 28. Shock trauma is a real, but curable condition, and the best medicine is truth.