

Lebanon in a new round of civil war. Zuhair Mohsin, the Syrian intelligence operative who heads the Syrian-controlled Saiqa commando organization, told the London Financial Times: "Syria will wait and see, but if and when Syrian intervention is inevitable to stop the fighting, regular troops will intervene." Over 700 Lebanese died in heavy fighting in the two days before Frangieh's agreement to sign the amendment to the constitution, after which the war tapered off slightly in Beirut, while continuing strong around Tripoli, Lebanon's second city.

An eruption of full-scale war in Lebanon and a Syrian intervention would almost certainly create the conditions in Israel to catapult the extremists led by Dayan into power, perhaps via a coup d'etat, leading to an unleashing of the Israeli military into Lebanon.

In Tripoli, the leftist forces who have been in control of that city for at least six months have already begun to set up the basis for a national administration, along the lines threatened by Jumblatt, in response to the moves by the Christian right to create a separate state in the tiny Christian enclave around the port of Jounieh. There are strong indications, however, that some of the elements included in the overall left-Palestinian coalition, seized with the excitement of approaching political victory in Lebanon, have entirely lost sight of the broader implications of the Lebanese crisis. This was demonstrated most strongly by the idiotic statements from Faruq Kaddumi, a leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, who said that the PLO was waging a guerrilla war "and we are not afraid of nuclear bombs."

As the Financial Times noted, partition, once a threat of the rightists to "menace" the left, "has become a maneuver gone out of control."

The U.S.-Israeli Threat

The increasingly apparent fact that the Lebanese left cannot be stopped by any force internal to Lebanon itself

makes the threat of a NATO-coordinated intervention into Lebanon by Syria, Israel and the U.S. more than likely. President Ford's blundering unwillingness to accept the establishment of a pro-socialist Lebanese state is what makes him — and the Harriman-Ball faction of financiers — susceptible to the Kissinger-Rand scenario. Ford has apparently given Kissinger a carte blanche to use CIA and Pentagon channels in the Middle East to halt a takeover of Lebanon by the left — which opens the way for Kissinger to set up his nuclear war scenario behind the backs of his nominal sponsors.

In addition, Kissinger's rearming of the Falange — despite the obvious fact that the tiny area of Lebanon controlled by the Falange is strategically nonviable under a concerted leftist attack — means that the fanatic Falangists are merely being used as cannon fodder to provoke an explosion and outside intervention on orders from Kissinger.

Knowledgeable observers have reported that Syria cannot do more than threaten major military intervention because an actual invasion with heavy fighting against the left would provoke a coup d'etat against Assad by pro-Iraqi forces in the Syrian army. Thus, Israeli forces launched probing attacks on southern Lebanon this week, striking by air, land and sea against key Lebanese ports and shelling several villages, according to Palestinian sources.

Off the Lebanese coast, a major deployment of the U.S. Sixth Fleet has been building up in recent weeks. Salah Khalaf, a Central Committee member of the Fatah Palestinian commando group, charged that the Sixth Fleet was "supplying the Falange with munitions, petrol, and modern war equipment of all kinds," and blamed Dean Brown, the U.S. envoy, for the escalation in fighting. Fatah also warned the Syrians against any attempts to perpetrate a repeat of the massacre of Palestinians in Jordan in "black" September 1970.

Henry Kissinger's Mideast Puppets

April 25 (IPS) — The ability of the Rockefeller-Kissinger forces to manipulate the Middle East situation toward the brink of a thermonuclear conflict is, in large part, dependent on their control over three interlocking forces in the area: the Falangists of Lebanon; the right-wing warhawks in Israel; and the greasy sheikhs of Saudi Arabia. This network must be dismantled — and its controllers, Henry Kissinger and Nelson Rockefeller, removed — if the objective conditions favorable to a peace settlement are to be realized.

Lebanese Falangists consciously model their organization on Spanish dictator Franco's fascist organization of the same name. These Lebanese storm-troopers, led by petty gangster Pierre Gemayel, are committed to preserving at all costs the political deals made with the departing French imperialists in the mid-1940s that promised the eternal dominance of Lebanon's ruling Christian elite. On this basis, they have resisted, at the price of over 20,000 deaths, even the slightest demands for political and social reform made by the Moslem population as well as the Christian left.

The Falangists are easily controlled through their insane peasant self-conception as "the only real Lebanese." CIA rumor mills keep the Christian enclaves that the Falangists run in a constant state of terror through constant — unfounded — threats that the ancient massacres of Christians by Moslems will be repeated; on the basis of the fear of extinction, "95 per cent of the Falangists definitely wish for Israeli and Syrian intervention into Lebanon," according to one U.S.-based Falangist source.

These crazies are heavily armed through an extensive gun-running operation coordinated by the National Security Council and the CIA. Congressional sources have recently revealed that these two agencies have conducted large arms supplies to the Falange through the British Intelligence-created EOKA-B Cypriote terrorist group. The U.S. Sixth Fleet, now on deployment in the Eastern Mediterranean, has been involved in covert arms deliveries, according to Palestinian sources. Information accumulated over the past year has traced arms shipments from the Colt Arms factory in Hartford, from NATO arms depots in Portugal and other sources.

Israel's right-wing fanatics, led by ex-Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and current Defense Minister Shimon Peres, are distinguished by their advocacy of policies that can only result in the incineration of the Israeli population. For the past 20 years, as willing accomplices of the Rand Corporation's insane "limited nuclear warfare" doctrine, Dayan and allies have been insisting on the necessity of Israel possessing a "nuclear option" — nuclear weapons that can be used against Soviet and allied strategic interests in the event of an NSC-rigged war. Peres arranged for the installation of these weapons in the late 1950s and early 1960s, in collaboration with the CIA and French intelligence and over the opposition of leading moderate circles. Israel now possesses at least 13 atomic warheads.

For years, Dayan and immediate underlings have been at the command and control center of an elaborate terror and counter-terror network that maintains Israel's population in a controlled environment favorable to the warhawks' rule. Today, this clique pursues provocative expansionist policies using intelligence-infiltrated Jewish religious fanatic groups to maintain Arab-Israeli race riot tensions.

There is growing sentiment in Israel for an official investigation of Dayan's role in sabotaging Israel's war effort in the rigged October, 1973 war — a Dayan job for Kissinger and Rockefeller's Seven Sisters oil companies that cost Israel thousands of lives.

***Saudi Arabia** is not a country, but rather a relatively small population of sheikhs and nomads at the mercy of the Rockefellers' Arab-American Oil Company (ARAMCO) and its interlocking intelligence apparatus, and surrounded by huge arms dumps and security stations manned and controlled by extra-legal mercenary forces composed largely of ex-U.S. Green Berets.

The obese sheikhs play vital roles for the NSC. Oil revenues are steadily conduited to right-wing forces in Egypt, Syria and Lebanon, including to the Falangists. Rockefeller-Kissinger blackmail threats are conduited through the Saudis against Arab political forces considering breaks with "pan-Arabic" and "pan-Islamic" ideologies and towards strategy discussions with leading pro-development forces. The Saudis have been deployed in slander operations against the ICLC in Western Europe.

Israeli Leader Calls For Mideast Negotiations

April 24 (IPS) — A powerful faction of moderate and left-of-center forces is shaping up in Israel, organized around the establishment of a regional peace plan and blocking the Israeli warhawks' drive for a Middle East war. Leading the campaign to derail the pro-war clique of former Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and current Defense Minister Shimon Peres is Mapam, the left-wing party of the ruling coalition government, along with forces around pro-peace statesman, former foreign minister Abba Eban. At least one-third of Mapam wants to bolt from the coalition government altogether and ally itself with more progressive, pro-peace forces, according to the Jerusalem Post yesterday.

The Political Secretary of Mapam, Naftali Feder, called on the Israeli government this week to "make a real effort for peace by showing open-mindedness and a readiness for sacrifice" and demanded that the influence of the right fanatics be "drastically reduced." Feder also urged that Israel put an end to its provocative settlement moves in the occupied West Bank of Jordan — a drive openly backed by Peres — and called on the government to publicize its readiness to negotiate with non-terrorist Arabs who recognize Israel's right to exist. Mapam Secretary General Meir Talmi followed up, "crossing swords" with Peres over the issue of relations with Arabs in Israel and in the occupied territories and chastised Peres for going along with the settlement of the West Bank by Zionist extremists.

Taking the fight for peace outside of the country, Mapam central committee member Eliazer Ronen issued a call at the Interparliamentary Conference in Mexico City April 22 for immediate peace negotiations between Israelis and Arabs to prevent the outbreak of war in the Middle East.

Dayan Accused

The Mapam newspaper, *Al Hamishmar*, yesterday demanded that the blame for the 1973 Arab-Israeli war be placed on Dayan. The paper declared that David Elazar, Israel's former chief of staff who drowned under suspicious circumstances recently leaving unfinished his memoirs of the 1973 Arab-Israeli conflict, was not guilty as charged of "irresponsibility" in "leading" Israel into war. Calling for a new investigation into the war, *Al Hamishmar* asked, "Why was the man most to blame — Moshe Dayan — cleared?"

Simultaneously, Abba Eban escalated the attack on the Israeli right-wing faction, with a strong blast against Menachem Begin, leader of the fanatic Likud group, for his support of the West Bank provocations and Israeli expansionism. Eban has been holding organizing sessions for the dovish members of the ruling Labor Party coalition. The effect of Eban's sessions has been tremendous. "When some 30 prominent party figures gathered (at the Eban house) recently, the meeting sent tremors through the party leadership and generated headlines in all the papers," the *New York Times* wrote April 19.