

massed a huge armada of naval forces near the Persian Gulf and the Red Sea off the coast of Somalia. At least 18 warships carrying scores of "intervention jet fighters" on a combat-ready status are floating in the Indian Ocean, waiting for possible trouble in the Red Sea near Ethiopia and Somalia when the French colony Djibouti gains independence May 9.

The outbreak of a planned regional crisis on the Horn of Africa could quickly spread into the Middle East, especially if Israel's naval access to the Indian Ocean via the Red Sea becomes threatened by some combination of neighboring Arab states.

Third, sources report that the Shah of Iran might be encouraged to launch a military attack on the Arab Gulf States. The Shah has already declared that should Saudi

Arabia increase its oil production it would be an "act of aggression" against Iran. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance will arrive in Iran on May 11 for private meetings with the Shah and Iranian officials, before a meeting of CENTO.

A former U.S. ambassador to the Middle East said yesterday that the Saudis were well aware of these possibilities, including even a U.S.-Israeli-Iranian attack on the Arab states of the Gulf. "The Saudis feel that for anyone to consider such a policy they would have to be mad — but they know that someone in the U.S. is indeed considering such options," he stated. "Numbers of Saudi officials, knowing that World War III would probably result from such an act, and that at least the oil fields would be destroyed, have told me, 'You know, we're not too sure of their sanity.'"

Expert Sees 'Israeli Military Operation In Persian Gulf'

The following is an assessment of the Middle East situation from a well-briefed West European expert on the Middle East.

What is being prepared now, I feel, is an Israeli military operation in the Persian Gulf. The primary scenario is an Israeli invasion of Saudi Arabia, with the U.S. interceding on the side of Saudi Arabia "against" Israel. There are variations on the basic scenario, the secondary ones involving Iraq, but the Saudi-Israel-U.S. scenarios are primary.

My assessment is based primarily on the following little-noticed fact of Israel's materiel acquisitions. Two years ago, Peres sent a weapons acquisitions team to the U.S. under the auspices of the under-publicized U.S.-Israeli Joint Weapons Commission, which purchased supersophisticated communications equipment from U.S. companies. I ask myself why a tiny little country like Israel would possibly need such sophisticated equipment, and conclude that only long-range military operations would fall under the aegis of such equipment. You should note that this equipment was one of the first sets of material actually delivered to Israel in recent shipments.

What I am saying has seemed to many an exaggeration and over-pessimistic and I myself have been inclined to think twice — until recently. Three other key factors lead me to think that I am right, no matter what others say:

1) The way the U.S. energy crisis is being handled by the current administration is one factor.

2) Israeli Chief of Staff Gur has no less than four times in recent weeks alluded to Saudi Arabia as a confrontation state against Israel, based on Saudi weapons build-up. To me this is nonsense, because the Saudis, for their own particularly paranoid reasons, are more concerned with the Shah, who is crazy, and with Iraq, which terrifies them, than with Israel. But the way it will work is that Israel will publicly made big noises about the Saudis' being the command and control center for Israel's Arab enemies, therefore necessitating Israeli operations against them. You will have, then, an Israeli strike across the Red Sea, then into the Gulf; then the U.S. will come to the rescue of the Saudis. What is then interesting is — What will the Soviets do?

3) Some leading people in Israel, and I include Peres, and some of Yadin's key backers, actually believe that there is something to be gained in fighting against the U.S. I know very well about the breakaway ally operations. Among Peres' considerations — and keep in mind that he is a total opportunist — is that if Israel were to invade Saudi Arabia, then, in a further new "settlement," the U.S. would openly accept Israel's position on the Palestine question "in return for" Israeli "concessions" in withdrawing from Saudi Arabia.

Open Letter To Shimon Peres

The following statement was released May 1, 1977 by U.S. Labor Party National Chairman Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

The use of Israeli nuclear weapons in behalf of David Rockefeller's effort to cut off the world's Middle East petroleum supplies has the strategic logic of the French "force de frappe." It triggers virtually immediate thermonuclear war — in the course of which it is certain that two Soviet thermonuclear warheads in the five-to-

twenty-five megaton range will descend on Israel.

I shall be most blunt. This is no time to waste words or obscure clarity by observing the pleasantries of traditional diplomatic cretinism. You know that I know what you in fact represent, and you know that my knowledge is based on the very best quality of political intelligence. You also know that I have attempted to save Israel before, and that I will do so again. You also ought to know that I can not save Israel if Israel herself is determined to commit national suicide. Therefore let us

Speak plainly and publicly.

I shall therefore now summarize the situation, shall outline the scenario you must seriously consider, and shall propose to you an alternative which corresponds to the real interests of Israel.

The Situation

We in informed positions in the United States know that your government is at the moment a de facto pawn of Messers. David Rockefeller, Mr. Rockefeller's Zbigniew Brzezinski and Mr. Rockefeller's Cyrus Vance. You and I know that the Soviets know this, and regard the Israeli government of the moment as an integral sub-unit of the forces deployed by Brzezinski's U.S. National Security Council.

We both know — and we both know that the Soviets know — that your government's posture in the Middle East, like Israeli intelligence complicity in Interpol-linked terrorist and related "wetwork" operations, has nothing in fact to do with any real interest of the Israeli nation and people. Israel's government hence the nation of Israel, is in fact a captive pawn of Mr. David Rockefeller and his apparatus.

We know that the reason for the blackmailing of former Premier Rabin and the blackmailing against Abba Eban are key included features of a Rockefeller operation aimed at putting you, Moshe Dayan and others firmly in place in command, because Mr. Rockefeller's friends regard you — rightly or wrongly — as their personal puppets.

You and I know, and each knows that the other knows, that the reason for the present Middle East crisis is that the Rockefeller and allied interests are bankrupt — hopelessly bankrupt, and that for the moment a section of the House of Rothschild and its friends, financially trapped in the same financial mess as the Rockefellers, are complicit in aspects of the Rockefeller global game. (Hence, the unfortunate shift of posture of the United Kingdom's Mr. Owen on the Africa issue.)

You know that Rockefeller has a three-part game plan.

The Rockefellers and their associates have cornered a significant part of USA and other coal reserves. They have gambled on their ability to cut off a major portion of the world's petroleum supplies, thus forcing the government to pour about a trillion of dollars into the wasteful, inefficient, highly-polluting business of coal gasification.

The Rockefellers also hope to improve their position by creating raw materials shortages. Hence, those aspects of the current Africa caper. A raw materials shortage would repeat the 1973-1974 petrodollar advantage on a much-enlarged scale, especially if combined with a massive petroleum price-rise made possible by constricted supplies.

You also know that Rockefeller is committed to an immediate thermonuclear showdown with the Warsaw Pact. The objective of this — on the condition that the Soviet leadership capitulated, which it will not — is both to force the Warsaw Pact to discard its war-winning posture and capability, and to break the will of every nation in the OECD and Developing sector, thus, Rockefeller intends — as the Trilateral Commission and other Rockefeller and allied agencies have repeatedly insisted — to impose Nazi-modeled IMF austerity on the

world, to squeeze out industry, agriculture and populations, as the Nazis did at Auschwitz and similar "primitive Bauweise" establishments.

You know that the Middle East operation is under the joint direction of Zbigniew Brzezinski and James Schlesinger and that the target is the gulf.

You know this, you know that I know this, and you and I know that the Soviets know this, as do most of the informed circles in the OECD countries.

The Middle East Scenario

Let us now look once again, more closely, at the scenario into which you are threatening to launch Israeli forces.

The planned scenario is, as we have all known since late 1974 and early 1975, that Israeli is to launch a "theater-limited nuclear-tinged" attack according to the political mode specified by the Rand Corporation's "breakaway ally" scenario. Although the operation is scheduled to be under the direct control of Zbigniew Brzezinski et al., the White House, the major news services, and your government will maintain the pretense — with suitable gestures to aid this thin deception — that Israel has acted contrary to the will of the U.S. government.

This arrangement is supposed to give Mr. Rockefeller's associates a variety of diplomatic strategic options vis-a-vis the Warsaw Pact command, and to manipulate the U.S. Congress.

Since you, Moshe Dayan and other relevant Israeli military officials are not fools in military matters — unlike the Vichyite strata among French officers — you know what must happen to Israel if Israel uses a single nuclear warhead against Arab nations with which the Soviets have certain agreements. Therefore, you would not tolerate the adventure being proposed unless you had been duped into believing that the Soviet response is somewhat inoperative.

Therefore, your behavior crucially demonstrates that you are operating upon Rockefeller and allied assurances to the effect that Mr. Rockefeller's Mr. Richard Barnet and certain Vienna-linked conduits have an official control within the Soviet-Warsaw Pact command. On this point, it must have occurred to you — if not, I suggest you consult with Mr. Abba Eban on this matter — that David Rockefeller is psychologically unstable, and that Messers. Brzezinski, Schlesinger and Cyrus Vance are in effect clinically insane. Are you willing to stake the existence of Israel on the obsessive wishful delusions of such bankrupt bankers and their adlebrained *Heinzelmaennchen*?

Consider a few military facts known to you.

First, although the United States' military forces have the capability of delivering a hideous penalty against the Warsaw Pact (between 20 and 30 percent of the Soviet population casualties), the United States does not have a war-winning capability against the Warsaw Pact. As the sick Mr. Schlesinger has stated the point, among others, Rockefeller strategic policy is based on bluff — the so-called "aura of power." Moreover the facts are so well-known that the Soviets know that the matter is a bluff.

Second, on the Warsaw Pact side, there is a marginal general-war-winning capability. This is only marginal, but represents a force that will be used whenever a

threat to vital Warsaw Pact strategic interests exceeds the threshold represented by the penalty. I am certain you agree, contrary to the lunatic strategic "utopians" of the U.S. A. and the French Vichyte, there is no such entity as an absolute deterrent, but only a balance of thresholds against vital strategic interests.

In the same connection, I am certain that you and your relevant associates are professionally competent respecting the past twenty years' history of Soviet and Warsaw Pact military doctrines, posture and capabilities. I am certain that you and other relevant Israeli military specialists can project yourselves for a moment or longer into the outlook of the Soviet military command. I strongly recommend you once more look at the proposed Israeli action through those Soviet and Warsaw Pact eyes. Forget what the wishfully deluded creatures of Mr. Rockefeller tell you, throw away the Rand Corporation print-outs. *Think for a moment independently.*

Up to that point, the implications should be clear to you. Now, let us turn to the scenario determined by those and related facts. This will involve one element of method which may be unfamiliar to you — unless you have studied the published relevant writings of my associates and myself. If anything is unclear for that reason, be assured I will promptly answer any questions you put to me in that connection

If Israel launches nuclear attacks, an immediate Soviet thermonuclear attack is not probable. Rather, the following "reversed Schlesinger" scenario typifies the thrust of the pattern.

First, Israeli occupation of the Middle East, jeopardizing the gulf petroleum supplies of Western Europe, Japan, and North America, will not be tolerated. So, any effective Soviet action will operate in an environment of widespread potential sympathy.

The first condition put before you will be that Israel

must surrender and turn over responsible officials for international Nuremberg-code proceedings as war criminals. Otherwise Israeli will be destroyed.

Second, because of the qualitative strategic considerations, the Soviets could not tolerate a U.S. thermonuclear umbrella over Israel for those circumstances. If the U.S. attempted to enforce such an umbrella, World War III would erupt directly and between 160 and 180 million U.S. civilian casualties would occur during the first day. Certain U.S. military forces would continue to operate, but the United States would be "dead" as a functioning nation. Israel, of course, would be wiped out in the same action.

For the world, the best way out of the predicament would be to turn you and other responsible Israeli officials over to Nuremberg proceedings.

The Alternative

The problem is: How do we get you and Israel out of Mr. Rockefeller's hands?

What you require is support against Rockefeller, Brzezinski et al. Europe and Japan are your natural resort.

You should immediately approach a suitable figure such as President Tito of Yugoslavia to intercede.

If you block a Middle East war, the Warsaw Pact will be in Israel's debt on that account, as will Western Europe and Japan. Provided you will then agree to act toward the Arabs along the lines proposed by the Mapam and others, we can extricate Israel from this ugly mess, and proceed to attend to Israel's monetary and economic problems.

You have available to you among mature political persons in Israel's life, the resources to determine for yourself the absolute competence and propriety of both what I have said and its implications. Stand up like a man, as I have proposed, and you will have given your life a quality of meaning which will not soon be forgotten.

Israeli Gov't Readies Preemptive Nuclear Strike

Two Syrian MIG-17s flying over the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights were fired on last week, reports the Israeli military command. The incident was the first such occurrence in more than three years and is a clear statement of intent on the part of the Israeli military to launch a pre-emptive military operation against the Arab countries. Such an action would trigger an almost immediate U.S.-Soviet thermonuclear showdown.

Internally, the Israelis are preparing for war. The Carter-backed Israeli government is now in the hands of the extreme militarist forces around Moshe Dayan and Shimon Peres, now acting Prime Minister since his moderate predecessor Yitzhak Rabin was forced out of office last month. According to the April 30 *Washington Post*, Dayan is advocating that Israel deploy its nuclear arsenal. Israeli President Katzir, when asked about whether Israel would use the bomb, replied, "Let the rest of the world worry about it."

In a May 5 interview in the West German *Die Welt*,

Peres rebuffed Arab peace overtures and asserted: "The Arabs don't want peace." Peres also termed any U.S. "pressure" on Israel as "insulting and intolerable." Such talk opens the way for an Israeli military action which would appear independent of the U.S. *New Outlook*, a monthly linked to Israel's Mapam party, has warned that Israel is planning to launch a preemptive nuclear strike against the Arab states as part of a "Kissinger-style U.S. poker game with the Soviet Union."

The threats of nuclear attack follows a phony report that in 1968 a West German ship carrying 200 tons of uranium was hijacked by Israeli forces on its way to Italy. The uranium was then sent into Israel for the production of bombs at the supersecret atomic reactor in Dimona. The Dimona facility was built by the French with the assistance of CIA technicians in 1957, and is capable of producing several atomic bombs a year. Reliable sources report that Israel now possesses at least