

it is Israel that has to play voluntarily the role of the fool rushing in where angels fear to tread....

There are no foundations to the contention that Israel and the Jewish people will benefit from a lengthy deterioration in U.S.-Soviet relations. This is an optical illusion evolving from desire. The truth of the matter is that in times of crisis it is the weight of the huge Islamic bloc countries which rises and Israel's weight which decreases....

... Israeli politicians, in their ill considered declarations, [are lending] support to those forces in the Soviet establishment who maintain that Zionism is, in essence, the enemy of the Soviet Union. ... One should always think not only about tomorrow but about the day after as well, that is to say, about the future that is beyond the horizon and avoid oratorical anti-Soviet exercises which add absolutely nothing to Israel's strength and weight on the international plane.

There is no guarantee that there will be a normalization in Israeli-Soviet relations but it is clear that from the point of view of Israel's long-term interests and the real interests of the Jewish minority in the Soviet Union the efforts to provide Israel with the image of an essentially anti-Soviet country are a serious error.

Beyond such commentaries, the Israelis are taking concrete moves to distance themselves from the latest policy turns of Carter's National Security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski, including calling upon "Jewish sportsmen" to participate in the Moscow Olympics and issuing statement from embassies in Europe advising the West to "go slow" on pressures against Moscow. These actions led the *Daily Telegraph* of London to go so far as to accuse Israel of "indirectly helping the Russians" in an editorial statement Jan. 22.

To reverse this situation, Anglo-American policy-makers are looking for some kind of "ace-in-the-hole" inside Israel who can rise to the occasion to make the desired geopolitical deal. Candidates include not only Weizman and Peres but also former Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, who is, according to France's *Le Figaro* of Jan. 19, "looking for all available signs to find the route to return to power" and who is staking out a "realist" position on the necessity of Israeli concessions on the occupied West Bank. But Dayan, a pragmatist, historically has been reticent about Israel directly confronting the Soviet Union and may now be staking out a "maverick" position in Israel to find a different kind of solution for Israel's dilemma than London's Cold Warriors have in mind.

Prince Fahd: Willing to supply the Soviets

On Jan. 10, Riyadh Saudi News Agency published an account of an interview given by Saudi Crown Prince Fahd to four foreign journalists. The account, officially sanctioned by the Saudi government, published what French, American, and British journals omitted to mention: the Saudis' active consideration of supply contracts with the Soviet Union.

His Highness Prince Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz expressed extreme displeasure with the media campaign which the kingdom is being subjected to by certain American and European media controlled by the Zionists. He said: We will not accept that our friendship with the Americans is one-sided. We are not obliged to befriend them. The doors open before us are many and legitimate in all fields. ...

At the beginning of his statement his highness expressed regret over the process of a campaign which certain American and European media have launched

against the kingdom despite the fact that Western civilization from A to Z chiefly relies on the kingdom, and that disruption of oil to it will turn its civilization into a cold piece of iron.

His highness pointed out that the policy of silence which the kingdom has hitherto pursued in the field of information must change. He added that neither the American press nor the American people have their interests served by such an unjust campaign, especially at this time, when states such as the Saudi Kingdom openly maintain their friendship with the United States. He described this friendship as being based not merely on sentiments but also on interests, and that there is not a single American state which does not benefit from this friendship.

Prince Fahd continued: We do not ask anyone to support us if we are in the wrong. On the contrary, the support we seek is for right and justice. *There are many states such as the Soviet Union which are only too ready to supply the kingdom with everything it wants. In other words, we could easily replace the Americans.*" [In Western news reports received by *EIR*, the sentence rendered in italic was distorted to omit mention of the Soviet Union—ed.]