

United States. But over the past two months, Tariq Aziz has repeatedly stated that Iraq was prepared to upgrade its ties to the U.S.S.R. given Washington's support of Khomeini.

So outraged is the Lebanese government at the U.S. refusal to restrain Israel that the Lebanese Foreign Minister Wazzan on June 8 told *L'Orient de Jour* that Lebanon should "rupture" all links with Washington. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has sent two strongly worded messages to President Reagan since the beginning of Israel's June 6 invasion, warning Reagan about the consequences if the United States continues to be humiliated by Israel's actions. On June 8, Mubarak announced that he would boycott all future Palestinian autonomy talks until Israel withdraws from Lebanon. Less than one week before, he had refused an invitation to come to Washington to meet Begin and Reagan to renew the stalled autonomy talks mandated by the Camp David accords between Israel and Egypt. That day Egypt's parliament voted to break all trade relations with Israel, and Arab sources say Egypt could break relations with Israel altogether and scrap Camp David.

On June 5, Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali had reiterated Egypt's readiness to take Egyptian-Soviet relations out of the deep freeze, beginning with resumed economic and technical relations.

Even the Saudis

Saudi Arabia, too, has begun contacts with Moscow through third parties, including Kuwait and Jordan. Saudi Arabian Interior Minister Nayef made a surprise visit to the Marxist People's Republic of South Yemen on June 6. After Kuwait, it is the only Arab Gulf state to have official relations with Moscow, and he arranged a reconciliation between the PDRY and its neighboring adversary, the Yemen Arab Republic, a Saudi Arabian ally.

According to a Kuwaiti reporter, "the failure of the United States both economically and diplomatically" in the Arab world has created a new situation in which understandings with countries allied to the Soviet Union are being reached as a matter of regional security and war avoidance." He noted that (complementing the reconciliation between the two Yemens) Sudan, a strong ally of Saudi Arabia, is now holding talks with Marxist Ethiopia.

Immediately after the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, the Saudi government called upon *both* superpowers to work together to end the crisis. The statement reflects the awareness in Riyadh that in the long run only East-West cooperation can support stability. But if Saudi Arabia sees no other alternative, it will turn to Moscow to guarantee stability in the region.

The dismemberment of the Lebanese nation

by Nancy Coker

Israel's invasion of Lebanon came as no surprise to Middle East watchers and readers of this journal. For months now, Ariel Sharon, Israel's maniacal defense minister, had, at the behest of his British intelligence collaborators, been gunning for a full-scale military strike to reorganize Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, and even Saudi Arabia.

On June 6, Sharon got his way, ordering tens of thousands of Israeli troops into Lebanon to carry out the "final solution" of the "Palestinian problem" there—the liquidation of the Palestine Liberation Organization as a political and military force, and the partition of the country.

Sharon had one other goal: to emerge from his military adventures as Israel's new war hero and the assured successor to Prime Minister Begin.

There is a difference between what many Israelis hope to achieve by the Lebanon caper and what in point of fact will be achieved. Firstly, the PLO problem will not be solved. Sharon's invasion was calculated to further radicalize the Palestinian movement, and to set the stage for terrorist "Black June" retaliations that will make those of the "Black September" group pale in comparison.

On the strategic level, Sharon's actions are intended to radicalize the moderate Arab world and wreck America's position and credibility in the Middle East. Arab moderates will find themselves caught in a pincers between Israel on the one hand, and Israel's Islamic fundamentalist allies in Iran on the other. They will be forced—as indeed is already happening—to turn to the Soviet Union for protection.

Three-way split

Israel's plan for Lebanon is to dismember it. In *the south*, Israel envisions a Maronite Christian micro-state measuring roughly 25 by 30 miles under the nominal leadership of Israel's Lebanese puppet, the pathetic Maj. Saad Haddad. It was to Haddad that Begin, with such fanfare, turned over Beaufort Castle in southern Lebanon, captured from the Palestinians on the second day of the war.

Another deal with the Maronites is planned for *central Lebanon*. Bashir Gemayel, the leader of Lebanon's Falangist militias—the Lebanese outgrowth of Europe's fascist movements—is to consolidate his con-

trol in the Beirut area under Israel's tutelage.

The *northern third* of the country is to be turned over to Syria—Israel's sop to the corrupt Hafez Assad.

In addition, the strategic port city of Tyre may be turned over by Israel to Lebanon's Shiites, some of whom are allied with Khomeini in Iran.

Gemayel's role in the three-way partition of Lebanon along tribal lines is crucial. Israel's intention is to bring Gemayel to power as the new puppet President of Lebanon in the end-of-July elections there. According to the agreement that has been struck, Gemayel, as President, will then sign a Camp David-style peace treaty with Israel.

In the first days of Israel's Lebanon invasion, the French daily *Figaro* reported on Israel's dealings with the drug-running Maronites. Gemayel's militias, the paper wrote, are "impatiently waiting for Israel to arrive in Beirut . . . and enter into contact with Bashir Gemayel." Israel will then link up Gemayel's units in Beirut and the central region with Haddad's forces in the south, a move, asserted *Figaro*, that will change "the whole political structure in Lebanon and the correlation of forces in a good part of the Middle East."

According to intelligence insiders, Philip Habib, the duplicitous U.S. special envoy dispatched by Reagan to resolve the crisis, is personally overseeing Gemayel's installation as President of Lebanon.

Commented one Habib associate, "Israel's invasion of Lebanon will push Camp David down the throats of the Arabs, and in particular will force Jordan to play the Camp David game."

Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir elaborated on this scenario. "Only the complete elimination of the PLO as a terrorist political element will prepare the ground for the fullest advancement of the process that began in Camp David, and will allow for the signing of peace agreements with the rest of Israel's neighbors."

Redrawing the map

Israel's establishment of a "clean zone" in Lebanon has meant the massacre of some 15,000 Palestinians and Lebanese civilians, as of June 11. Israel is moving to seal off the south of Lebanon from the rest of the country; Sharon has reportedly brought into Lebanon huge earth-moving equipment to build massive land barriers and to divert the Litani River into the south. In addition, all communications systems, roads, and bridges connecting north and south have been cut. Work is now under way to integrate southern Lebanon into Israel's electricity and communications grid.

To police the region, from Lebanon on south, Alexander Haig hopes to put into place a 20,000-man Sinai-style multinational force, comprised mostly of Americans, in the spirit of NATO's new out-of-area interventions.

Britain set up the Israeli ambassador

Democratic political figure Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. announced June 8 that "Corroborated intelligence supplied to me by Israeli and other sources constitute proof that the British intelligence services orchestrated the Abu Nidal gang's assassination attack against the Israeli Ambassador to London, Shlomo Argov."

The 1980 Democratic presidential contender qualified his accusation. "*Fact One:* The Ambassador was shot as he exited from a meeting at the Arab-owned Dorchester Hotel in London, under circumstances which prove conclusively that Britain's Special Branch had dropped the security-screen against the attackers.

"*Fact Two:* The screen was dropped precisely at the time the attack was deployed. The probabilities against a coincidence between the two facts are almost 100 percent.

"*Fact Three:* The British government had security-stripped the Ambassador of his own security forces shortly prior to the night of the attack.

"*Fact Four:* The attacking five-man assassination-team was a joint Syrian-Iranian unit linked to the notorious Abu Nidal. This is part of the Syrian-Khomeini faction involved in secret agreements between Israel's Defense Minister Ariel Sharon and President Hafez Assad of Syria, agreements covering planned partition of Lebanon.

"*Fact Five:* Ariel Sharon is not only a confederate of U.S. Mafia-figure Meshulam Riklis of Rapid America, and a confederate of both the Bronfmans and Montreal attorney Harry Bloomfield. Sharon is a confederate of a prominent figure of British intelligence, Lord Caradon (Foote), a key operative running networks inside both the Israeli and Arab governments.

"*Fact Six:* Prime Minister Menachim Begin had been attempting to prevent an Israeli military invasion of Lebanon, under agreements with President Ronald Reagan. The Prime Minister and President were scheduled to meet soon to plan measures for war-avoidance in the