

## Middle East Report by Judith Wyer

### A new 'Haddadland' in Lebanon?

*Ariel Sharon and his British co-conspirators are using the cults against President Gemayel and the United States.*

**T**he Chouf mountain region southwest of Beirut is being primed for a full-scale ethnic war modeled on the genocidal strife Britain triggered in the 1860s.

Israeli mafia boss Defense Minister Ariel Sharon and his neo-Nazi allies within the Lebanese Falange under the old British intelligence agent Camille Chamoun are moving to carve out another "Haddadland" in the southern strip of Lebanon now controlled by Sharon's mafia through Israeli mercenary Col. Saad Haddad. One of the main attractions they perceive in the Chouf, as in southern Lebanon, is the growing illegal drug and gun trade there.

Plans for this phase of destabilization were made at an Oct. 15 secret meeting held in Dir-el Kamar, the Chouf headquarters of the old warlord Camille Chamoun. The meeting, which was attended by Sharon and Israeli mafia boss Meyer Lansky's representative Uri Dan, as well as Charles Douglas Home, the editor of the London *Times*, was a planning session for the destabilization of the Chouf.

This grouping is committed to ousting U.S. influence from the Middle East as part of its drive to consolidate control over the lucrative Mideast black market. For weeks now, fighting between Falange and the Druse, the minority which dominates the Chouf, has raged, raising the spectre of renewed full-scale civil war and the collapse of the pro-U.S. regime of Le-

banese President Amin Gemayel.

On Dec. 1, Walid Jumblatt, the leader of the Druse sect, narrowly escaped death when a bomb exploded in front of his car in West Beirut. Jumblatt had repeatedly warned in recent weeks that the Israeli occupation of the Chouf is contributing to the escalation of violence in the area.

Gemayel is reported to be extremely worried about the Chouf crisis. In late November he warned that it was a "pressure point" against his government. During the first week of December he issued two urgent calls to President Reagan to send 4,000 more U.S. troops to Lebanon into the Chouf to replace the Israelis, who call their presence there a "peacekeeping mission."

The blueprint for the Chouf crisis was first made public two weeks after Israel invaded Lebanon. Sharon's crony, Minister of Science and Technology Yuval Nehman, writing in the *Jerusalem Post* July 24, called for the "comeback" of the neo-Nazi Arslan clan as the leaders of the Druse, and for the elimination of the Jumblatts!

Earlier this year, the Jumblatt family's connections to drug running were exposed by the Swedish press in what some speculate could have been the beginning of the effort to replace the Jumblatts with the Israeli-backed Arslans, an ancient feudal family whose leaders consider themselves to be princes. The head of the Arslans, Prince Feisal Majid Arslan, main-

tained close ties with the Nazis.

Sharon's Falangist allies, led by Chamoun, are supporting the bid to oust Jumblatt, and aim to use a Chouf blow up to finish off Amin Gemayel's government.

On Dec. 1, at the invitation of the Israeli government, Etienne Saqr, a leader of Lebanon's fascist Guardians of the Cedars organization, visited Jerusalem and absolved Ariel Sharon of responsibility for the September Beirut massacre. Saqr told the press that the slaughter of the Palestinians was a "Lebanese reaction from the relatives and parents of our martyrs." The Guardians of the Cedar, founded by the Lebanese poet Said Akl, has only gained prominence since the September assassination of Amin's brother Lebanese president-elect Bashir Gemayel.

Like the Arslan wing of the Druse, the Guardians are an extremely racist cult. They insist that they are not Arabs but Phoenicians, and are racially and culturally superior to the Arabs and Palestinians.

Sharon's mafia has established strong ties to the Guardians, who recently went on a world tour promoted by Israel to defend the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and to explain why the "Arab cancer" (the PLO) must be removed.

Saqr is calling for a formal treaty between Lebanon and Israel, something Sharon is known to want. Such a treaty would "open the door" between Israel and Lebanon—to enhance cooperation between the Israeli and Lebanese mafias.

Since taking power three months ago, Amin Gemayel has repeatedly said no to such a treaty. It should be noted that Lebanon remains dependent upon aid from Saudi Arabia, a crucial block to Gemayel surrendering his country to Sharon.