

and until December 1982, the head of the Israeli Air Force. According to an April 17 *Jerusalem Post* account, Ivri was a prime mover in conceptualizing the Lavie project.

That same weekend, readjustments began to be made in Israeli economic planning. As the country continued in a hyperinflationary economic crisis, the Israeli Treasury issued a statement casting doubts on Israel's most ambitious civilian infrastructure project, the building of a canal between the Mediterranean and Dead Seas. Despite the fact that extensive investments had been earmarked for the canal through investments in Israel bonds in the United States, the Treasury declared that revenue from these bonds could be used for any purpose the Israeli government chose. The Treasury intoned that Israel "cannot afford to fund two major projects requiring massive financing at the same time. Now that the decision to push ahead with the new generation Lavie fighter aircraft has been confirmed, the canal project should be postponed for a few years, if not abandoned altogether."

The Begin government's brazenness extends to the occupied West Bank as well. On April 10, the cabinet announced an expanded settlements program in the West Bank, and public relations campaigns are being mounted to convince the population to resettle in the territories. The World Zionist Organization's Settlement Division, headed by the extremist Mattitayu Drobles, has published a 30-year master plan for expanding the Jewish population of Israel to 6 million from its current level of 3-1/2 million, while holding the Arab birth rate down.

For the first time, the Israeli press is openly publicizing what *EIR* had exposed last year as the "land scam" in the West Bank. Typical of this new trend, the *Jerusalem Post* reported April 14, in an article entitled "Booming Business," about the enthusiastic response to advertisements to buy land from a consortium in the Ramat Kidron area. The consortium, called Jumbo, is run by Israeli chocolate magnate Amiel Fromchencko; Israeli diamond magnate David Moore, a top funder of the international Herut Party grouping of Prime Minister Begin; and Knesset member Ronnie Milo, Begin's son-in-law. Some of the land purchases are coming from abroad; buyers include a group of wealthy Iranian emigré Jews living in Milan.

As *EIR* has documented, the local land-scammers received major assistance last year from Henry Kissinger, who was involved in an elaborate West Bank land-purchase scheme with Britain's Lord Harlech, among others.

An astounding justification for these operations was given in mid-April by outgoing Chief of Staff Rafael Eytan, who declared that the expansion of settlements would make Arab protesters in the West Bank "as effective as drugged cockroaches scurrying around in a bottle." Indicating the current mood in Israel, Eytan was fully exonerated for his statements by Arens, and, in an interview with the Israeli press, Menachem Begin stated that he would like to make Eytan the second man on his Likud Party's electoral list, implying that he views Eytan as his chosen successor.

How Kissinger sabotaged a Reagan Plan breakthrough

Henry Kissinger is personally responsible for sabotaging President Reagan's Middle East peace plan, Arab intelligence sources say.

"Kissinger has a deal in effect with the most extremist elements of the Palestinian movement operating out of Damascus," stated the sources. "When Kissinger met last November in Morocco with Ahmed Dajani, a leading PLO representative, he told Dajani that the Palestinians could do better by working through him than by dealing with President Reagan." Since that meeting, Palestinian radicals Ahmed Jebril, head of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command, and Nayef Hawatmeh, head of the Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, have used Kissinger's "promises" to sabotage PLO chief Yasser Arafat's efforts to come to a deal with Jordan's King Hussein that would help the Reagan Plan along. "The radicals told Arafat that they could get a better deal with Kissinger. They said to Arafat, 'Why should we accept what Reagan is offering if Kissinger is offering something better?'" This torpedoed the Reagan-Hussein-Arafat negotiations, thereby undercutting the Reagan Plan.

The appearance in the April 7 *Washington Post* of a story on the secret meeting between Kissinger and Dajani was the signal that the Jebril-Hawatmeh-Kissinger "deal" was operational, and the assassination of Dr. Issam Sartawi, the leader of the PLO's peace faction and one of Arafat's closest associates, flowed out of that. "It is our view that Kissinger assassinated the Reagan Plan, in the same way that he was behind the assassination of Issam Sartawi," the sources concluded.

One day after Sartawi was murdered in Portugal, Kissinger's friend Jebril gave a press conference in Damascus, in which he said, "I am very, very pleased by the death of Dr. Issam Sartawi."

Jebril is recruiting dissident Algerians and Tunisians for terrorist actions in North Africa, Europe, and elsewhere, using training camps in Damascus and receiving assistance from Iran. According to North African sources, Jebril, who works closely with Hawatmeh, is considered the most worrisome security threat to several regimes in the area.

Elements of the story on Kissinger have appeared in Kuwait's *al-Watan* newspaper.