

Release of EIR's 'Lavie Report' will make international shock waves

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This review's intelligence staff issued for publication in May a strategic estimates report on the subject of the Israeli defense industry's current status. This report, titled "The Military, Economic and Political Implications of Israel's Lavie Jet Project," is bound to provoke howls of indignant denials by Britain's Secret Intelligence Service and the Soviet KGB. The Israeli Mossad will not very much mind the publicity; and the American intelligence services, still trying to recover from the blow they received from the mass murder of the CIA's team of top Middle East analysts in the April 18 bombing of the American embassy in Beirut, will have the opportunity to re-examine what has been going on in Israel and the Middle East from a fresh standpoint.

Much to the initial surprise of our own analysts, the investigation into Israel's current military acquisitions program led to the discovery of three shocking but, ultimately, not surprising monstrosities.

The first such discovery was the fact that Israel's military acquisitions program, military posture, and current strategic thrust, which make no sense unless examined in conjunction with the military policies of South Africa, are ultimately controlled by British grand strategy and have been so controlled since the founding of Israel in 1948. The basic parameters of this British long-term strategy were outlined in a February 1943 communication from Chaim Weizmann, Israel's first president, to South African Field Marshal Jan Christiaan Smuts, titled "Memorandum on Africa."

The second discovery, outlined in the *EIR* Special Report, is that Chaim Weizmann's nephew, Ezer Weizman, led over the years a team of British-influenced and British-manipulated prominent Israelis in a protracted effort to implement the policies of his uncle's "Memorandum on Africa" with an added thermonuclear component which was lacking in the year 1943. This team of Israelis, which includes Defense Minister Moshe Arens, Minister of Science and Development Yuval Ne'eman, Treasury Minister Yoram Aridor, Finance Minister Yakov Meridor, former head of the Israeli Aircraft Industries Adolph Schwimmer, former head of the Mossad Meir Amit, international arms merchant Shaul Eisenberg, and others, came to major national prominence with

the election of Mr. Menachem Begin, the quintessential Anglophobe of Israeli politics, in 1977. They captured total control of Israel's destinies in the beginning of 1982, with or without Mr. Begin's cognizance.

A miniature thermonuclear Sparta

The third discovery, elaborated in the *EIR* Special Report, is that these men, since the signing of Camp David, have transformed the state of Israel into a miniature militarist-thermonuclear Sparta which they intend to transform into the world's third largest nuclear weapons-exporting power during the 1990s. It is for this reason that this group of persons decided in February 1982 to go ahead with the manufacture of the Lavie Jet airplane, a program which is designed to give them the added sophisticated technologies with which to improve the existing Israeli Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile capability. Israel's existing military industrial base, upon which Ezer Weizman, Yuval Ne'eman, and their associates base their future plans, has the following characteristics. In 1981, Israel had the world's highest per capita military expenditure: \$1,514. The United States is a distant second by comparison, with \$782 per capita in military expenditures. Israeli defense spending was 28.7 percent of GNP, the highest in the world. For the United States, it was 6.1 percent.

In 1981, over 40 percent of Israel's exports was weapons. Over 35 percent of these exports went to the Republic of South Africa. Israel supplied 100 percent of Guatemala's military needs, 80 percent of El Salvador's official military imports, and, until Somoza's overthrow, 98 percent of Nicaragua's military imports.

Israeli defense production as of 1981 employed over 15 percent of Israel's industrial labor force, and the percentage is scheduled to go up to approximately 25 percent by the next decade.

As a military exporter, Israel has grown dramatically.

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Since 1970, its military exports have grown 16-fold. Since 1977 alone, they grew six-fold. Israeli has already projected major advance sales for the Lavie Jet, including undercutting the price of the American F-16 by about 50 percent. The purpose of this ambitious arms export program is to enable Israel to sustain a weapons-manufacturing industry a few times greater than the Israeli civilian economy itself.

Thus, while prominent Israeli politicians were belly-aching in the last five years over the character of the future, mature Israeli society, Weizman, Ne'eman, and their British-controlled associates did in fact carry out a profound transformation of Israel. Travelers to Israel in the last year have been shocked to discover the large-scale breakdown of the social fabric. The state no longer resembles what the survivors from the Nazi holocaust built in 1948. Ariel Sharon's Sabra and Shatila genocidal massacres were a first indication of the ongoing collapse in moral orientation. Later, Rafael Eytan, the chief of staff of the Israeli Army, made a speech in the Knesset whose main thrust was to characterize the West Bank Palestinians as "cockroaches." Alarmed liberal opinion inside Israel quickly pointed out that General Eytan's ravings were identical in intent with Joseph Goebbels' characterization of German Jews as "vermin," i.e. a deliberate drive by

the state to "dehumanize" a certain part of the population in the minds of the majority, so as to induce the majority to passively accept the eventual extermination of thus dehumanized "vermin" and "cockroaches."

Israel's thermonuclear military-industrial complex is thinking *Vernichtung* (annihilation)!

The British 'grand strategy' behind it

But the policy is not Israeli; it is British and is an integral part of the military plans of the racist regime of the Republic of South Africa. Current British grand strategy is to reduce the United States's global power projection to approximately 25 percent of its present extent and to supplant it, in a hoped-for deal with the Kremlin, with a British-dominated European "Third Force." This British-led "Third Force" would be in control of the entire African continent by means of projected Israeli and South African thermonuclear military power over the continent, establishing, among other things, total control over Africa's strategic minerals upon which the United States depends for over 90 percent of its supplies for the manufacture of jet aircraft and missiles. Such an arrangement was, in fact, the content of the Weizmann-to-Smuts "Memorandum on Africa."

Lavie provokes policy fight in Washington

by Jeffrey Steinberg

The "Lavie Plan" issue has been at the center of a quiet but intense fight in the policy-making corridors of Washington, D.C. for the past several months, a fight that is now on the verge of spilling over into a bloody confrontation on Lebanese soil. The two main protagonists in the policy debate have been Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger and Secretary of State George Shultz.

The conflict revolves around the fact that the Israelis cannot implement the Lavie project without receiving sophisticated component designs from the United States that have been previously protected by U.S. national security classification. These technologies include particularly advanced graphite production methods that allow for lightweight, high grade steel casting. Such casting is required for the Lavie jet and also for large-scale production and deployment of cruise missiles.

Both U.S. and Israeli sources acknowledge publicly that Israel has the designs and several prototype model

cruise missiles. A recent issue of the *Jerusalem Post* reported that Israel is currently testing a prototype cruise missile at a testing site in the Republic of South Africa. However, without the blueprints for building a graphite production facility in Israel, no genuinely independent production could occur.

On April 17, Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Arens, the architect of the Lavie Plan, used the occasion of a U.S. nationwide television interview to deliver his personal "thanks" to Secretary of State George Shultz for convincing the Reagan White House to give approval to the previously embargoed Lavie components. Previous to the Arens television appearance, there had been no public announcement that the Reagan administration had indeed approved the lifting of the classification restrictions.

Within a week of the Arens television tribute to Secretary Shultz, the Pentagon issued a counterorder, backed by the White House and apparently pushed through by Defense Secretary Weinberger, "clarifying" the export license decision to exclude the critical graphite formulas and blueprints. The United States would, according to the updated Pentagon announcement, provide finished products including the graphite and tail components for the Lavie, but would withhold the necessary information that would allow Israel to independently reproduce the components.

The reversal was based on the solid argument that once released to the Israelis, the "secret formulas" for the

The Israeli leaders named above are also employing the manipulation of religious passions as one of their principal political instruments. They all are involved, in one manner or another, in the notorious "Temple Mount" project, of building the new Temple of Solomon over the site now occupied by the Islamic religious site, the Dome of the Rock (*EIR*, April 26, 1983). The purpose of the "Temple Mount" project is to launch an integrist religious "Thirty Years War" in the Middle East, a useful ingredient in the drive to successfully complete Israel's transformation into a nuclear garrison-state.

No stretched-out interpretation of Israeli national interest can supply the analyst with an understanding of the motivations of those people who have saddled Israel with this policy. Only if one views Israel as someone else's "marcher lord," does this whole deployment make sense. Many would suggest that Israel would be the United States's "marcher lord" in the region. Not true.

Those U. S. residents who support Israel's current drive for thermonuclear supremacy are a well-delineated group of people. They are, essentially, a group of conservative factions such as the Heritage Foundation and Joseph Churba's Center for International Strategy who have been prominent

in their opposition, "from the right," to President Reagan's policy of developing relativistic-beam anti-missile weapons systems and shifting the strategic doctrine of the United States away from the Kissingerian "Mutual and Assured Destruction" doctrine and its cognates.

Israel's projected role in the world strategic equation under the Lavie Plan, is to be fundamentally hostile to the United States. Israel is arguing its case for military self-sufficiency for the purpose of supplanting the United States in the Middle East and North African region. Israel seeks to supplant the United States for the purpose of presenting ultimately British-dictated terms to the United States on matters of international conduct. Those in the United States who argue Israel's current cause against the policy of the Reagan administration happen to be the same interests who argue against the administration's high-energy-beam-based doctrine of Mutual and Assured Survival. In the case of the Heritage Foundation and Mr. Churba's CIS, we have two groups which have previously been documented to be assets of British Intelligence manipulations of American politics.

The same is true of those religious fundamentalist groups, including Jerry Falwell and Oregon's Tav Ministries, which are involved in the Temple Mount scheme.

graphite process could not be secured. It has long been the view of experienced U.S. intelligence hands that the "friendly intelligence services" of Israel are a sieve that regularly spills sensitive intelligence into the hands of the Soviets and other adversary nations.

This was where the "Lavie dispute" stood on the eve of Secretary Shultz's Kissingerian shuttle diplomatic mission to Lebanon and surrounding nations. When the smoke cleared on the Shultz mission, the Middle East was on the verge of explosion, with potential short-term escalation into a strategic "Cuban missiles crisis"-type showdown between the United States and the Soviet Union, and Israel had won out on the fight over the export licenses for the Lavie secrets.

How this came about may go down in history as one of the most duplicitous pieces of diplomatic doublecross ever accomplished by a U.S. Secretary of State (with all due respect to Mr. Henry Kissinger). George Shultz placed his imprimatur on a made-in-Tel-Aviv "withdrawal plan" that was by its very nature unacceptable to the Syrian government, particularly a Syrian government responsive to the heavily-breathing presence of 5,500 Soviet military advisors and beholden to the Andropov crowd in Moscow with the latter's visions of a Russian-led Third Roman Empire. The plan, signed at Shultz's urging by Lebanese President Gemayel and by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, in effect gave legal cover to Israel's continued occupation of the southern half of Lebanon and sowed

the seeds of a renewed outbreak of violence between the rival Israeli and Syrian forces and surrogates, building increasingly toward a full-scale war between Israel and Syria.

With this withdrawal plan in hand, Secretary Shultz, according to Middle East sources, was able to extract a quid pro quo from the Reagan White House that unfroze the 18 export blueprints for the graphite processing facility, and additionally unfroze the F-16 jet fighters that President Reagan had withheld from delivery to Israel in the aftermath of the illegal Israeli invasion of Lebanon, an invasion that violated U.S.-Israeli military assistance treaties.

Barring yet another reversal of the Lavie decision in Washington, Israel is now fully embarked on a policy course that has been described by a number of Israeli political insiders as "Moshe Arens's dream." To the extent that official Washington comes to recognize the full implications of the misnamed Lavie Jet Program and the prospects of a nuclear-arms-exporting London-dominated Israeli marcher lord, the Reagan White House will find itself with yet another powerful motive for proceeding on a crash basis with the development and deployment of a laser ABM system and the immediate reassertion of the strategic defense doctrine of Mutually Assured Survival. It will increasingly take such a system and such a doctrine to reverse the course of events unleashed by the recent Shultz-Arens Lavie "coup."