

Kissinger Watch by M. T. Upharsin

Feeding the lambs to Henry's lions

Mideast capitals are abuzz with reports that Henry Kissinger will be the next U.S. Secretary of State. Arabs and Israelis freely say they despise the fellow and are aware of his hatred for Semitic peoples, Jews and Arabs alike. They are asking themselves, "Does the United States hate us so much that it will impose that ogre on us yet again?"

Israel is in an interesting case in this respect. Israelis harbor bitter memories of the role the bullying former Secretary of State played in fixing the Arab-Israeli war of 1973 and sabotaging Israeli intelligence and military capabilities.

There is a widely circulated joke in Israel:

"One day, it was decided to make Henry Kissinger the head of the Biblical Zoo, and suddenly the income of the zoo began to rise at a phenomenal rate. The star attraction was that Kissinger managed to put a lion and a lamb together in the same cage, much to the astonishment of all. Asked privately how he was able to pull off such a feat, Dr. Kissinger told friends: 'Easy. Just put in a new lamb every morning.'"

War against Weinberger and Lyndon LaRouche

However, the more Israelis are wont to denounce Dr. K., the greater his presence in that country seems to become. The most reliable information available to us is that, on or about Feb. 19-20, Dr. K. held a secret meeting somewhere in Israel with Minister

without Portfolio Ariel Sharon and others, reportedly to map out joint strategies against those American factions associated respectively with U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and with U.S. Democratic Party presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche, and against supporters of either of these two American figures in the Middle East and in Israel itself.

After this reported secret get-together, observers noticed an increasing pattern, particularly in certain Labour Party circles, of open talk about reaching an "accommodation" with Kissinger's best friend in the Middle East, the Jesuit-trained head of the Cult of Baal, Syrian President Hafez Assad.

Given the mafia involvements of the Assad brothers, Sharon, and Kissinger himself, it was not surprising that on Feb. 26 an article appeared on the back page of the *Jerusalem Post* entitled, "War on Drugs," editorially attacking those who advocate the "violent concept" of an "American-style 'war on drugs,'" and expressing anxiety that a growing number of Israelis were becoming attracted to this approach.

"Israel and the Jewish people have had strong drugs for a very long time. Alcohol is abundant in your stores and your traditions, tobacco is everywhere, *qat* [a drug plant common in the Middle East—ed.] grows free, hashish is part of your Semitic milieu," the article states, in an amazing apology for the drug pushers.

This was clearly an attack on the policies of LaRouche, the founder of the International Anti-Drug Coalition, which publishes *War on Drugs* magazines in several languages. The author of the piece, Canadian psychologist Bruce K. Alexander, had attended the same December 1983 World Congress on Drug Abuse and Alcoholism in Tel Aviv at which LaRouche representative Muriel Mirak had presented a speech calling for an international "war" against drug-traffickers and the "citizens above suspicion"

actually running this trade. On Jan. 3, *Maariv*, Israel's second-largest newspaper, had published excerpts of an interview with Mirak, in which she is identified as a leader of "an important and active group" founded by LaRouche for which "the war on drugs is one of the targets."

There is a large and bloody game involved in all this. Kissinger, through the mediation of Israeli Minister of Economic Coordination Yaacov Meridor, was invited to Israel to keynote a May 1984 Jerusalem Economic Conference on the theme of "Israeli high technology" (though he will not attend). Meridor has been described by an Israeli insider as a "mafia unto himself."

A source associated with Israel's Histadrut trade union organization has told *EIR* that, even in Henry's absence, the conference will expedite "Kissinger's economic ideas for the Middle East," applying to the Middle East the same sweatshop-and-cheap-labor approach espoused by the Kissinger Commission for the Central America region.

The conference is being put together over the dead bodies of opponents of the "Hong Kong-ization" of Israel. The Feb. 23 "suicide" of Israeli banker Yaacov Levinson, a man described by friends as a "tough boss in the American style of that term" who was strongly committed to the capital-intensive industrial development of Israel in cooperation with the United States, is part of "things to come" in Israel if Kissinger continues to get the red-carpet treatment. Meridor had reportedly been involved for months in bitter private warfare with Levinson; if Kissinger were brought in at this point, it would expedite a full mafia takeover of the Israeli economy (see *EIR*, March 6).

Israelis could redeem the situation if Kissinger were declared *persona non grata* in the country. Otherwise, the lambs await the slaughter—or the nation's "suicide."