

Editorial

Mideast war alert

There are increasing indications of a buildup of tensions in the Mideast, despite Israeli disclaimers to the contrary. Breaking a six-year policy of refusing to talk to the United States, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein told the *Wall Street Journal* of June 28 that such a war is inevitable unless the U.S. blocks Israel's thrust against the Palestinians.

The context of the interview was the formation of a new hardline government in Israel, combined with U.S. moves to break off talks with the Palestinians.

In a similar interview the week before, Jordan's King Hussein compared the current escalation to the tensions which developed right before the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. The stated policy of the new Israeli government, to make the absorption of hundreds of thousands of Soviet immigrants the top national priority, has not helped the situation. More than 10,000 Soviet Jews are arriving in Israel each month, which makes Housing Minister Ariel Sharon's assurances that Israel does not intend to immediately move them into the occupied territories less than credible (considering his generally aggressive attitude on the subject).

The official view of the Bush administration is that while war is neither imminent nor inevitable, the situation is deteriorating. Sources close to the administration, however, report that Israel is preparing for a Middle East war, which it is likely to start with a "preemptive" raid on Iraq.

It is rumored that financing for this—to the amount of \$25 billion—will come through drug money-laundering and other dirty operations by people like Ivan Boesky and Michael Milken. According to this account, the plea bargain agreements struck by Attorney General Richard Thornburgh with these two characters effectively shut down an ongoing investigation into the magnitude and whereabouts of those funds.

Despite the word circulating around Washington that the Bush administration has a plan to help install Yitzhak Rabin as head of the Labor Party and then as prime minister, replacing the Shamir-Sharon hardline

government, a deal in fact exists between Rabin and the Likudniks to establish a national unity war government, with Rabin participating in a major capacity. This will be the government that launches the Mideast war.

This scenario is highly credible, with one proviso: If such a war does occur, it will fall within the game plan of Anglo-American/Soviet condominium politics; it is entirely coherent with the recent escalation on the environmentalist front. A war in the Middle East means an oil shortage and energy crisis. This will drive up oil prices and will put the Europeans and the Japanese in the position of having to go to the Soviets for secured oil deliveries.

Mideast wars are never as they seem. We know from past experience, that the Israelis usually call upon the Syrians for cooperation when they wish a provocation for a military adventure. This time, an Arab-Israeli war has already been prediscussed by the Anglo-Americans, some of whom support it, wish it. This is also known to the Soviets, among others.

A war today in the Mideast would have a profound cultural, as well as economic effect—particularly if nuclear or chemical weapons were used. It would tend to heighten the mood of cultural despair upon which "eco-paganism" is now feeding. Cults such as Gaia, which say that the Earth Mother must be served with blood, not to speak of the more outspoken Earth First!ers, who wish to see the world's population reduced to half a billion, would welcome a Mideast war. And of course, such a catastrophe would place a serious obstacle in the way of present German plans for economic development.

This is a war which should not be allowed to happen. To stop it, means that those forces who recognize that their interests run counter to the Anglo-American game plan for the Aquarian Age, must stop playing by the rules of the condominium. The failure of any Western leader to recognize free Lithuania was a disastrous capitulation to condominium politics. Such a failure of nerve must not happen again.