

the outbreak of hostilities in southern Lebanon. Although the details of his talks with Assad have been kept secret, Bush reportedly negotiated an oil exploration deal in northern Syria for the Enron Company of Texas, to which he is linked. Moreover, according to Bush's office, the former President assured Assad that President Clinton would not be reelected. Bush was accompanied on this trip by Brent Scowcroft, his former national security adviser, and, before that, president of Kissinger Associates, Inc. Their tour took them to most of the countries of the region including Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait.

Prior to his tour, Bush (who had earlier been knighted by Queen Elizabeth) was in London, where the entire Gulf war leadership, including Margaret Thatcher, former British Foreign Minister Douglas Hurd, and former Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev, attended the First International Conference on Kuwaiti POWs and Human Rights, bankrolled by the Kuwaiti royal family.

Regional center of terrorism

The identification of Syria as a center of international terrorism and the key spoiler in the current Lebanese crisis, is not sufficient. It is well known that Syria sponsors a host of Middle East opposition and terrorist groups, including the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Hamas, Islamic

Jihad, and the Kurdish Workers Party (PKK), which has been leading a bloody insurgency in southeast Turkey. Nonetheless, Assad plays host at the behest of the British Arab Bureau and other foreign interests. This is illustrated, as we said above, in the coverup of the bombing of Pan Am 103. One reason for the brazen coverup of Syrian involvement was the role of Syrian drug kingpin and terrorist Mansur al-Kassar, whose drug networks at Frankfurt International Airport were implicated in planting the bomb on that Pan Am flight.

Beginning in the spring of 1986, al-Kassar was recruited to work for the Iran-Contra apparatus run by Oliver North under the command of then-Vice President George Bush. Al-Kassar was paid at least \$1.5 million by Bush's "secret, parallel government," for Soviet bloc weapons that were passed along to the Nicaraguan Contras. As part of the deal between Bush and al-Kassar, Bush loyalists inside the U.S. intelligence community sabotaged efforts by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to nail al-Kassar for his drug-dealing, as well as for his role in the Pan Am 103 bombing.

Just as the Damascus-based PFLP-GC group of Ahmed Jibril—implicated, along with al-Kassar, in the Pan Am bombing—is operationally controlled by Assad, the Hezbollah guerrillas, operating in southern Lebanon and in the Lebanese Bekaa Valley, are also run by the Syrian regime, on behalf of London's Arab Bureau.

LaRouche: State Dept. covers up British crimes

Democratic Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. issued the following statement on April 14:

Readers of the publications associated with my work as Contributing Editor for EIR News Service, will recall a recently reported comment by a U.S. State Department press spokesman. In that statement, the State Department deplored the suggestion that Middle East terrorism could be attributed to Britain, that ally with which the United States presumably has the closest sort of "special relationship."

That State Department opinion was emitted under conditions that a continuing flood of evidence shows the authorship of Middle East terrorism against Israel to originate with organizations whose headquarters are in London. The State Department opinion is that Iran, rather than London, is the source of these attacks.

Hence, since the U.S. State Department refuses to ac-

knowledge the existence of the evidence pointing to London, the State Department implicitly instructs the government of Israel to bomb Lebanon areas indicated to be concentrations of Iran-based Hezbollah.

Already, the government of Israel has found itself pressed to account for injuries which Israel's attacks have inflicted upon innocent Lebanese. Israel accuses Lebanon of being responsible, for reason of failing to have disarmed the Hezbollah. Why will Lebanon not disarm the Hezbollah? Because Syria's Hafez al-Assad will not allow the government of Lebanon to do so. In the meantime, Israel does less than nothing to stop the terrorist attacks at the source, London.

Let all the guilty assume the blame they should. As a U.S. citizen, it is my moral responsibility to blame the State Department's role in, once again, covering up for the crimes of London, just as Secretary of State Christopher has covered up for London's continuing complicity in the Serbians' genocide and other atrocities in the Balkans. After all, London's geopolitical purpose in deploying terrorism against Israel's Peace Plan, is to shoot down every foreign-policy success of U.S. President Clinton; it is therefore all-too-logical, that certain State Department circles should assist London in Britain's effort to ruin President Clinton's policies.