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A.Q. Khan Blows Hole In Western Lies

In a June 3 interview with the McClatchy news organization, the much-reviled “nuclear proliferator,” Pakistan’s Dr. A.Q. Khan, went straight for the jugular of the self-proclaimed promoters of nonproliferation, when he said he introduced German, French, and South African suppliers to Iran and Libya. “When Iran and Libya wanted to do their program, they asked our advice. We said: Okay, these are the suppliers, who provide all.” Khan said that the companies who provided the technology were European.

On the North Korean nuclear proliferation, Khan said that nuclear secrets obtained by North Korea came from Russia. “All the North Korean scientists and engineers studied in Russia,” Khan said, and he described Pyongyang’s program as having “excellent technology with very sophisticated designs.”

Khan was kept under house arrest after President Pervez Musharraf, who was all powerful in the U.S.-designed “war on terror” campaign in Pakistan until recently, claimed in 2005, that Khan had supplied the drawings and technologies of nuclear enrichment to Iran, Libya, and North Korea. Subsequently, Musharraf muzzled Khan, kept him under house arrest, and allowed the real proliferators (and violators of the primary clauses in the nuclear non-proliferation treaty) to blame a “lone Pakistani wolf” for all the mischief, and hide themselves.

Israeli Minister Mofaz Threatens Iran Strike

Israeli Transport Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Shaul Mofaz told the Israeli daily *Yedioth Ahronoth* June 6 that an Israeli attack on Iran is unavoidable, because sanctions have failed to stop Iran’s uranium enrichment program. “If Iran continues with its program for developing nuclear weapons, we will attack it. The sanctions are ineffective. Attacking Iran, in order to

stop its nuclear plans, will be unavoidable,” said the former army chief and defense minister.

This is not the first time that Mofaz has issued such a threat. On May 1, speaking at Yale University, he linked the Nazi atrocities to the Iranian threat: “Israel will not tolerate a nuclear Iran; and I’d like to believe that the rest of the world will not allow it to happen. All is fair in the efforts to make sure it doesn’t happen.”

Mofaz told the Yalies, “Appeasement has not proved an efficient policy, and in the Middle East, it is perceived as weakness.”

The Iran-born Mofaz also said in the June 6 interview that Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who has called for Israel to be wiped off the map, “would disappear before Israel does.”

Mark Regev, a spokesman for Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, did not address Mofaz’s comments directly, but said that “all options must remain on the table,” and that more could be done to put financial pressure on Tehran. “Israel believes strongly that while the United Nations sanctions are positive, much more needs to be done to pressure the regime in Tehran to cease its aggressive nuclear program,” Regev said.

Obama Hit Right and Left On Jerusalem Comments

Democratic Presidential candidate Barack Obama’s June 4 statement to the American-Israel Political Affairs Committee (AIPAC) in Washington, that he was committed to a “united” Jerusalem, and his “clarification” that followed, have been hit from all sides.

Gush Shalom, the Israeli peace bloc headed by Uri Avnery, placed an advertisement in the daily *Ha’aretz* June 6, denouncing Obama’s call for a “United Jerusalem”: “Every child in Israel knows by now that there will be no peace without dividing Jerusalem. But the candidate Barack Obama declared this week that ‘united’ Jerusalem must be the capital of Israel alone. Don’t his advisors know that this worn-out mantra is becoming obsolete even in Israel?”

Meanwhile, Obama’s “clarification”—

that he meant that Jerusalem is “not going to be divided by barbed wire and checkpoints”—has enraged the right-wingers, who had just applauded him a few hours earlier, when he first made the remarks at the AIPAC event. The *Jerusalem Post* quotes Natan Diament, of the Union of Orthodox Jews, saying that his organization was “extremely disappointed,” and implying that Obama has now misrepresented a formulation that everyone know means, “The holy city must remain unified under Israeli rule.”

Morton Klein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, who had also lauded Obama for his comment, found his clarification “troubling,” and said that, “It means he used the term inappropriately, possibly to mislead strong supporters of Israel that he supports something he doesn’t really believe in.”

German Milk Farmers Win a Battle

A ten-day milk strike in Germany ended June 5 when the milk industry and food store chains agreed to pay farmers more for their milk, thus giving them an approximate parity price. Although consumers will pick up the tab, the point was made that farmers cannot produce milk at their own expense, while the processing industry buys milk cheap and sells it dear.

The successful end to the milk delivery strike and protest actions across the country was made possible—despite heavy black-mail attempts by the industry—through the solidarity of milk farmers in other European countries, who staged boycotts of French and Swiss dairies, for example, to make sure no strike-breaking milk could be brought into Germany.

A concluding strike rally in Berlin June 5 drew about 7,000, farmers, from as far away as Bavaria and Friesland, many coming with their entire families—wives, children, and grandparents. LaRouche Youth Movement organizers reported that several thousand newspapers, brochures, and a new farm campaign leaflet were snatched up like hotcakes.