

THE MIDEAST HOTSPOT

ISRAEL TO REVIEW MIDEAST PEACE POLICIES

April 28 (IPS)--The Israeli government has announced plans to review its policies on a Mideast peace, indicating they might offer new proposals to the Arabs for settlement. Yesterday's Israeli Cabinet meeting which delivered the new policy was given coverage in both today's New York Times and Baltimore Sun.

IRAQ OUTFLANKS CIA WAR PLAN WITH OFFER TO SETTLE BORDER DISPUTE WITH KUWAIT

April 28 (IPS)--In a major diplomatic move designed to advance Mideast peace and outflank Rockefeller plans for a nuclear confrontation over the area, the pro-socialist Baathist Government of Iraq has made a generous offer to settle its 14-year border dispute with Kuwait. The Iraqi offer recognizes Kuwait's land borders in return for Kuwait's agreement to lease to Iraq one-half of Bubiyan Island "for 99 years" and cede to Iraq the adjacent Warbah Island.

ROCKY TARGETS MIDEAST FOR PROVOCATION

April 29 (IPS)--Nelson Rockefeller emphasized the Middle East as a target hot spot in remarks before the National Chamber of Commerce today, in which he stated that the U.S. must be prepared for the possibility of another oil embargo. Rockefeller declared: "I'm not talking about fortress America. But being realistic, what if there is a cutoff, God forbid, of raw materials? I know what would happen if we had to face another oil boycott and we have not taken steps to protect ourselves." Winston Lord, head of the staff of the National Security Council seconded Rockefeller's remarks, stating "We're in for a rough few months because of the instabilities." Asked what were the hot spots by IPS, he replied: "Definitely the Middle East."

ISRAELI PAPER CALLS FOR GREATER RECEPTIVITY TO SOVIET INITIATIVES

April 29 (IPS)--The influential Israeli newspaper Ma'ariv in an April 22 editorial, writes that the initiatives in the Middle East "has passed to Moscow" and that, in this light Israel must pay much closer attention to the Soviet diplomatic thrust. Ma'ariv depicts the Soviets as carefully trying to prepare a real settlement with Israeli participation and concludes: "At a time when Moscow is becoming the focus of Middle East activity, Israeli efforts are still being directed towards Washington because of inertia and perhaps also because of hope that it is still possible to turn back the clock. However, it seems that listening to the voices coming from Moscow is more important now than attempting to revive the U.S. initiative, whose chances of success are very small."

ROCKEFELLER MEETS WITH TURKISH GOVERNMENT

April 29 (IPS)--David Rockefeller met "unofficially" with the Turkish Foreign and Finance Ministers and Premier Demiral, yesterday, according to the Daily News. The discussion followed the Bilderberger meeting held earlier in Izmir, where Rockefeller cabalists planned deployment for nuclear confrontation with the Soviet Union.

RENEWED SABOTAGE OF SOVIET - IRAQI MOVES TOWARD MIDEAST NEUTRALIZATION

April 30 (IPS)--Syria is circulating a story that 35 people in Baghdad were executed over the past three weeks for distributing leaflets against the current regime, in a rash attempt to sabotage Soviet and Iraqi moves to neutralize Mideast tensions.

SADDAM HSSEIN TO TEHERAN: IRAN MOVING CLOSER TO EURASIAN BLOC?

April 30 (IPS)--Saddam Hussein, Vice President of the Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council, yesterday visited Teheran, Iran's capital, to advance the normalization of relations between Iran and Iraq. Iraqi strategy has been to defuse the volatile Gulf-State region, a possible flashpoint in Rockefeller nuclear brinksmanship against the Soviets, by developing ongoing relationships with countries in the region. Iran, meanwhile, may well be moving closer towards participation in a Euroasian-bloc development zone, as suggested by a high-level delegation from Moscow to Teheran last week.

ROMANIAN PARTY EXECUTIVE AFFIRMS SABOTAGE OF GENEVA CONFERENCE

May] (IPS)--The Executive Committee of the Rumanian Communist Party has issued a statement fully supporting the results of Party Chief Nicolae Ceausescu's meetings with Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat, Syrian President Hafez Assad, and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. The statement, reported on Radio Bucharest yesterday, emphasized that the Geneva Conference on the Mideast must be rapidly convened in order to discuss "the national aspirations of the Palestinian people." This focus on the issue of PLO representation at the conference is the Rockefeller strategy designed to drive Israel into a frenzy, and block moves toward a positive settlement of the Mideast question based on full regional economic development.

ISRAEL'S ALLON, SEARCHING FOR "NEUTRAL" ALLIES, TO MEET GENSCHER

WIESBADEN, BRD, May] (IPS)--Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon will meet tomorrow with West German Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher according to West German radio reports today.

In recent days Allon has held a series of private meetings with French officials and today met with French Socialist Party head, Francois Mitterrand, a leader of the CIA-linked Second International. While Allon has voiced his opinion that recent Soviet ini-

tiatives toward Israel "have value" and should be taken seriously--in opposition to the majority of the Israeli Cabinet--his visits to France and Germany are at best hopeless efforts to find "neutral" allies for Israel, which is being pushed to the brink of nuclear war by Rockefeller.

ISRAEL-CHINA CONNECTION

May 1 (IPS)--Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin revealed this week that he has asked the "leader of an East European country" to mediate relations between Israel and China. In view of the leading wrecking role currently being played by Rumania's peasant King Nicolae Ceausescu in the Middle East, there is little doubt that Ceausescu is the "leader" contacted by Rabin.

FOREIGN POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE: IMMINENT SYRIAN-KURDISH ESCALATION AGAINST IRAQ

May 1 (IPS)--Harvey Seagrem, Persian Gulf expert at the Rockefeller-connected Foreign Policy Research Institute, informed IPS today that he is "almost certain" that the CIA-fueled "Kurdish rebellion" against the pro-socialist government of Iraq will recommence "full steam" in the immediate future.

ISRAELI PRE-EMPTIVE STRIKE LIKELY IF CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT ERODES

May 1 (IPS)--One of Washington's top Middle East think-tank experts told a caller close to IPS today that Israeli rulers are watching the mood of Congress "extremely closely" and at the sign of any change in sentiment away from Israel will likely launch a pre-emptive strike of nuclear proportions against neighboring Arab states.

SYRIA AND EGYPT BLOCK SOVIET PEACE EFFORTS IN MIDEAST

May 1 (IPS)--In spite of strong Soviet pressure on Syria to settle its provocative dispute with Iraq over its blocking of the Euphrates river, the Syrian delegation today walked out of an Arab League meeting in Cairo called specifically to mediate the problem.

FORD AND SADAT TO MEET IN AUSTRIA

May 2 (IPS)--Egyptian President Sadat and President Ford will meet in Salzburg, Austria June 1-2, following the NATO summit in Brussels, according to new dispatches today.

ISRAEL TO BE TEST CASE FOR AMERICAN "ABRASIVENESS," ANTI-SOVIET CONFRONTATION

May 2 (IPS)--New York Post columnist Mary McGrory claims today that Israel might be the "beneficiary" of the American setback in Vietnam, since it "could provide the first test of what Kis-

singer calls 'the global perception of our will.'" Kissinger and Ford have been warning the Soviet Union "not to conclude from their gains in Indochina that they can take advantage of us elsewhere.

MIDEAST DESTABILIZATION INCREASING

May 2 (IPS)--Israeli Likud Party leader Menaham Begin hysterically stated yesterday that with the fall of Vietnam there are no international guarantees for "security of a nation." He linked the Indochinese situation to the "scrapping" of East-West relations, according to the Washington Post. Reviving up the suicidal Masada complex on which Rockefeller depends to pull off his brinkmanship scenario, Begin wailed that there could be no Israeli pullbacks now because there could be no international guarantees of its security. Comparing the Israeli position to that of the Vietnamese he claimed that there was one difference. That this time the Israelis "would and could" defend itself, unlike the "demoralized" Vietnamese Army.

GOLDWATER ASSUMES ROLE IN ROCKEFELLER MIDDLE EAST SCENARIO

May 2 (IPS)--In an atmosphere of mounting Israeli hysteria, U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater has conjured up the spectre that Israel might not even receive "temporary aid" from Congress, and that the mood of Congress and "the people" is such that "if a sudden invasion occurs of Israel," both increased and temporary aid to Israel would not be approved. Goldwater's remarks, made on "Face the Nation" this week, were carried in Jewish Week.

OTHER SENATORS ACCUSE FORD OF DESERTING ISRAEL

May 2 (IPS)--Senator John J. Sparkman, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, accused President Ford of "risking open conflict" in the Middle East by waffling on aid to Israel. Sparkman further stated that Congress will vote for any aid the President seeks, and warned of increasing Soviet presence in the area, which, he indicated, was the result of tension in relations between Washington and Tel Aviv.

TURKS ON ALERT

May 4 (IPS)--The NATO-controlled Turkish Army was put on a state of alert along the Aegean Sea and the frontier with Greece, according to CBS radio this morning. The ostensible reason for the mobilization was to counter "suspicious" moves by Greek forces. ICIC intelligence is monitoring very closely the possibility that NATO and the CIA would seek to provoke a crisis between Greece and Turkey as part of their ongoing attempts to threaten Soviet allies in the Balkans. The Turkish Army also controls Soviet naval access to the Mediterranean Sea through the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus straits, which would become critical in the event of

an Arab-Israeli war.

May 4 (IPS)--A powerful time bomb exploded in a Jerusalem apartment complex this morning, wounding four Israelis, according to American radio reports. In Beirut, an obscure Palestinian faction claimed responsibility for the attack, along with yesterday's detonation of two Katyusha rockets in Jerusalem.

ISRAELI PEACE DEBATE GOES PUBLIC

NEW YORK, May 4 (IPS)--The simmering factional warfare in Israel over whether or not to accept recent Soviet offers to guarantee Israel's "existence and development" within her 1967 borders erupted openly this week with a paid, two-page announcement by two private individuals in the April 29 Jerusalem Post presenting a "proposal for a national debate." A reprint of a peace proposal originally presented in March to "several members of the Israeli government and to a select group of public figures," the authors urge that Israel "undertake a vigorous diplomatic offensive with a view to improving relations with the Soviet Union."

ROCKEFELLER AGAIN TARGETS MIDEAST

May 2 (IPS)--For the second time this week, Nelson Rockefeller signalled out the Mideast as a chief flashpoint for the nuclear confrontation with the Soviet Union which he is desperately attempting to provoke. Speaking at a meeting of the National Urban Coalition yesterday, Rockefeller said that the defeat in Vietnam should not prevent the United States from becoming involved in the Middle East and other international disputes, the Washington Post reports.