

Israeli Hawks Demand 'Spirit of Entebbe'

Although Interpol's attempt to frame-up Palestinian leader Abu Daoud for the 1972 Munich massacre has backfired throughout Europe Israeli hawks are deliberately reviving an "Entebbe spirit" in Israel around the Daoud affair, in an effort to box in moderate Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and prevent both a Middle East peace settlement and the growth of European-Arab relations. This week, the Interpol-connected Israeli intelligence agency, Mossad, issued "warnings" to several Western European countries that "Arab terrorists," supposedly operating from bases in Iraq, are preparing to launch "reprisals for Entebbe." At the same time Israeli intelligence sources "leaked" reports of Israeli terrorist operations against the French and the Arabs.

The threats of terrorism are part of an overall political offensive by Israel's warhawk layers, who are openly seeking the outbreak of another Mideast conflict. In response to the meeting last weekend between King Hussein of Jordan and Egypt's President Anwar Sadat — a meeting that established the basis for a reconciliation between Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization in regard to a West Bank state — Radio Jerusalem announced that the Sadat-Hussein rapprochement was "more ominous than anything before" and warned that "the next war will be fought on three fronts" — Syria, Egypt, and Jordan. Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur has likewise warned that another war "could explode at any time," and has called for Israel to increase its state of war readiness to the maximum. Rabin himself has been pressured by these developments into adopting a more intransigent posture.

British Press Warns Of Reprisals and Terror

London Times, Jan. 16:

Britain, France and West Germany have been warned by Israeli intelligence that Arab terrorists are planning a spectacular reprisal for the Entebbe affair...

The tip-off suggests that the terrorist attack will happen before the meeting of the Palestine National Council, provisionally set for February 15, which will discuss Middle East peace proposals.

The attack would be on "European and Israeli" targets, possibly simultaneous operations that include hijacking...

Israeli agents say that, for the new coup, two leading terrorists have linked forces. One is 40-year-old Wadia Haddad, who was responsible for the hijack that led to Entebbe, and who runs paramilitary camps in Iraq and the South Yemen. The other is Abu Nidhal... who has set up an extremist rival movement in Iraq.

London Times, Jan. 16:

The French action (to release Abu Daoud) may lead to Arab terrorists being assassinated by "private enterprise" groups devoted to Israel's cause, according to Israel's leading military commentator, Zev Schiff of the newspaper Haaretz. And he says the French should not be surprised that most of the assassinations connected with Arab terrorism have so far been on French soil.

Schiff's... report is an intended warning to the Arabs and to France.

London Times, Jan. 14:

Mr. Gideon Rafael, the Israeli Ambassador in London, has hinted that an Entebbe-type raid might be launched to capture Mr. Abu Daoud, the Palestinian terrorist, who was released by the French authorities and flown to Algeria.

The ambassador said that the release... was a double invitation to lawlessness. It encouraged terrorism, and put heavy pressure on Israel to seek his capture.

New York Times, Jan. 17 (Reuters):

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin promised today that Israel would make every effort to bring Abu Daoud, the Palestinian guerrilla leader, to trial.

According to an official statement, Mr. Rabin told the Cabinet at its weekly meeting today that the release of Abu Daoud by the French last week "only served the cause of international terrorism.

"Israel has carried a heavy share of responsibility in fighting terrorism and will continue to do everything possible to bring to justice Abu Daoud and other murderers."