

## Editorial

# First Vance...then Weizman

It was not long ago that a horrified Secretary of State Cyrus Vance bailed out of the Carter administration on the eve of the U.S. intervention in Iran, telling close friends that the Carter White House was charting a course leading directly to World War III. Vance's disagreements with the Carter-Brzezinski team went far beyond mere tactics vis-a-vis Iran. At the time, it appeared for a few fleeting moments that Vance's resignation might provide enough of a shock to bring the world back from the brink of war. However, in the weeks after Vance's public break the Anglo-American elite did not coalesce around a competent war-avoidance policy, and Secretary Vance himself disappeared from public view.

The resignation of Defense Minister Ezer Weizman from Menachem Begin's cabinet this week, therefore, has a sense of *déjà vu*. At this writing, there are few indications that Weizman's move will have any effect at all on the Israeli political balance, except to consolidate in power the extremists who are careening toward another Middle East war. Weizman's resignation, which did not come as a surprise, is the result of the sponsorship of certain Anglo-American factions who seek to topple Begin and replace him with a more liberal—and malleable—social-democratic regime. In fact, the faction that urged Weizman to pull out are generally the same people who advised Vance to leave.

But whether it be the White House, London's Thatcher administration, Begin's Israel, or the Peking clique, the "kooks" are still in full control.

One case in point: Israel. The resignation of Foreign Minister Dayan, Weizman, and Finance Minister Erlich has left Israel in the grip of the most fanatical and extreme branch of the Zionist movement. Begin, General Ariel Sharon, and the ultra-nationalist Gush Emunim have now become almost the paradigm of what an Israeli analyst called "the crazy state."

Israel's current Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, whom Begin has proposed for the next minister of defense, is a former chief assassin and convicted murderer who served with the terrorist Irgun in the 1940s. Following Israel's independence, he joined the Mossad, Israel's foreign intelligence service, where he was the chief of its European division. From that post, Shamir was the coordinator of Israeli intelligence interface with the European Hapsburg-Pallavicini oligarchy and its terrorist arm, the Italian Red Brigades and the Baader-Meinhof gang.

Israel is now in danger of becoming a runaway state, whose actions cannot be controlled. Another ominous sign is the visit to Washington by Chinese Deputy Prime Minister Geng Biao, the warlord of Peking's defense establishment. Precisely at the time when the U.S.S.R. is letting it be known that they consider a *de facto* alliance between Washington, NATO, and Peking to be a *casus belli*, the Carter administration feasted the Peking visitor amid well-publicized promises of high-technology goods with military applications.

Thus it seems that the Washington-London-Jerusalem-Peking crew has set its sights on war. The burning issue is: Will the rest of the world, especially the continental European leadership and the American people, implement the necessary war-avoidance measures in time to halt the conflagration? The war crisis is fed by the unravelling U.S. economy and the crisis in Third World debt and underdevelopment—and its solution can only be found in a fashion that permanently eases the pressure resulting from that source. France, West Germany, Mexico, India, and the potential for a European-Arab alliance together represent a coalition for preventing war, if they act forcefully and in time. But as the clock ticks, it appears less and less likely that anyone from the camp of the Anglo-American elite is prepared to join them.