

## Israel prepares 'final solution' for Palestinians

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's appointment of Gen. Rehavam Ze'evi to his cabinet on Feb. 3 is one of many indications that Israel has decided on the near-term implementation of its long-planned genocidal "solution" to its "Palestinian problem." Ze'evi is the leader of the Moledet ("Homeland") party, which explicitly calls for expelling all Palestinians from Israel's Occupied Territories. He will be a Minister without Portfolio, and more importantly, a member of the cabinet's crucial Ministerial Committee on Defense and Security, where he will form a special subcommittee on "security matters" at Shamir's personal request.

In explaining the motive for his appointment, Ze'evi stated on Feb. 4 that he would be a "partner in the struggle for operations" outside of those simply conducted at "the Iraq-Kuwaiti border," since Iraq's attack on Israel will "not be limited to missile attacks." Detailing this "other area of operations," Ze'evi announced an upcoming struggle for the future of Israel with the Palestinians who support Iraq. The general's professional expertise is "counter-insurgency."

Ze'evi's ravings against Arabs are so murderous—even by Zionist standards—that even Benni Begin, the son of former Prime Minister Menachem Begin, denounced the appointment as a "deep moral contamination" which would only confirm the United Nations resolution equating Zionism with racism.

Ze'evi's credentials for implementing aspects of this plan are impeccable, not only because of his "counterinsurgency" past, but also because of his ties to U.S. intelligence agencies.

A career military officer, Ze'evi was the adviser to the prime minister on the Warfare against Terrorism in 1974-76. That advisory office had been formed to oversee the "preventive" assassination of Arabs, especially within the Occupied Territories. In that capacity, Ze'evi also deployed various Jewish terror squads led by former CIA and FBI informant Rabbi Meir Kahane, among others.

In 1977, Ze'evi officially left the government and moved to Ecuador, where he established the Consultative Agency for the Fight Against Terrorism to advise the Ecuadorian government. The Israeli intelligence front helped promote the cancerous growth of the region's narcotics cartels, in partnership with the CIA. Ze'evi also helped set up arms deals between Israel and several Central and South American states, including with the "cocaine colonels" who seized control of Bolivia in August 1980.

It is significant that one of Ze'evi's successors at his job as Israel's "Warfare Against Terror" adviser was Amiram Nir. Nir became the Israeli government's liaison to Vice President George Bush in arming the cocaine-trafficking Nicaraguan Contras, using the same networks that Ze'evi had helped establish.

Ze'evi returned to Israel in 1980, where he became a consultant to the Justice Ministry and the Police Department. Many Israelis objected to that appointment, since Ze'evi had been identified by Israeli police-linked journalists as a "godfather" of the Israeli mafia. Other identified leaders of that mafia include current Housing Minister Ariel Sharon, who is also chomping at the bit to implement the "final solution."

hard at work building a "new PLO" directed by the Anglo-American puppet states of Egypt, Syria, and Saudi Arabia.

- "Economic reconstruction of the region." Since Baker has specified that this supposed "reconstruction" is only possible through "free trade," it is clear that the secretary means the continuation of the Anglo-American policy of preventing economic development and enforcing usurious austerity. In the Vaught *Defense News* proposal, this supposed reconstruction would be accomplished through looting Japan, which, after all, is dependent on oil produced in countries now under U.S. occupation.

- A "comprehensive strategy to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil."

As is to be expected, Baker's comments reflect formula-

tions made earlier by British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd, in a Feb. 2 radio address. In addition to emphasizing what Baker adopted as his first four points, with sanctimonious references to the "urgency" of the Israeli-Palestinian problem (which Britain created), Hurd also threatened to use nuclear weapons against Iraq. The foreign secretary said that there is a 50% chance that Iraq will use chemical weapons, and that such a step would provoke a "massive response" from the coalition, a response which he previously identified as nuclear bombardment. The nuclear incineration of Iraq will go a long way toward accomplishing the most obvious objective of the war: the extermination of the Iraqi people, as an object lesson to any Third World nation that would defy Anglo-American imperial dictates.