

Meathead Netanyahu brings in Butcher Sharon

by Jeffrey Steinberg

It is not very often that this writer and this publication endorse the views of Zbigniew Brzezinski, the Carter administration National Security Adviser and Democratic Party alter ego of the mad Dr. Henry Kissinger. But in a recent CNN television appearance, on John McLaughlin's "One on One," which aired on Oct. 17, 1998, Brzezinski accurately identified the short- to medium-term likelihood of serious Middle East violence, as the result of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's recent appointment of Gen. Ariel Sharon as his Foreign Minister. Sharon is known as "the Butcher of Sabra and Shatila" for his genocidal assault on Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon in 1982.

Unless they are stopped, soon, Netanyahu and Sharon will blow up the Oslo peace talks and set the Middle East on a course of war and devastation beyond anything seen in the 1956, the 1967, and 1973 Arab-Israeli wars. This time around, Israel will likely resort to the use of tactical nuclear weapons.

"There is the real risk that the Palestinians will declare an independent state of Palestine on the territory on which they currently have authority," Brzezinski told CNN's McLaughlin. Indeed, Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat has stated that, if Netanyahu and Sharon sabotage the final status talks, scheduled to begin in November, he will consider declaring Palestinian independence on May 4, 1999, the date that the Oslo Accords are to be concluded.

"That will cause a collision with the Israelis, perhaps a showdown involving the use of force, in which case there are likely to be very high casualties, particularly on the Palestine side but some also on the Israeli side," Brzezinski warned.

McLaughlin: "You're talking war?"

Brzezinski: "I am talking a collision, not a war, because 'war' means 'there are two sides that can keep fighting.' The Israelis will crush the Palestinians rather quickly but at some

cost; in lives, extremely high cost politically, because a lot of the world, I think, will recognize the independent state of Palestine."

Referring to Sharon, Brzezinski concluded, "He wants an emasculated Palestinian state, with maximum territorial gain for Israel and with maximum limitations on Palestinian sovereignty. And that's going to be what the major, serious negotiation, the real Camp David will be about sometime in the next year."

Others in the United States and Israeli national security establishments are even more blunt: Unless the Sharon-Netanyahu government is driven from office in the immediate weeks ahead, there will be no "real Camp David." Only a Sharon-orchestrated war.

Return of the Butcher

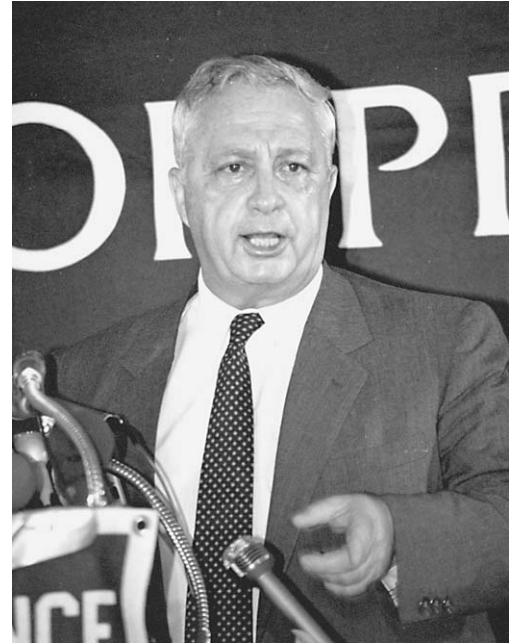
In the Oct. 23, 1998 *EIR*, Joseph Brewda provided a detailed account of Sharon's murderous career ("Sharon Appointment in Israel Makes Death of Oslo Accords Official"). Sharon's policy toward the Palestinians has always been to either expel them from Israel and the occupied territories, or herd them into self-governing "bantustans" not much different than the refugee camps in Lebanon that he razed during the 1982 Israeli invasion, an act of genocide that even Prime Minister Menachem Begin labeled a "betrayal."

As Brewda documented, for decades, Sharon has been the "godfather" of the West Bank settlers movement, terrorist gangs like the Kach Movement and Kahane Chai, and the hard-core Temple Mount Faithful, who have no compunctions about instigating an endless religious war in the region, by blowing up the Al Aqsa Mosque at the Dome of the Rock, on Jerusalem's Temple Mount, the third holiest site of Islam.

The Temple Mount project enjoys the psychotic backing



Unless the insane policies of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (left) and his new Foreign Minister, Ariel Sharon, are stopped very soon, the Oslo peace accords, and the intensive efforts by President Clinton to bring the settlement to fruition, will be totally destroyed, and a new war will be on the horizon.



of a faction of U.S.-based Christian evangelicals, associated with people like Rev. Pat Robertson and Rev. Jerry Falwell, who pour millions of dollars a year into a group of cabalistic yeshivas and Jewish underground organizations, all devoted to the destruction of the Islamic holy sites at the Temple Mount.

In 1982, *EIR* exposed the role of Henry Kissinger and Britain's Lord Harlech (Sir David Ormsby-Gore, a cousin of the current United States Vice President), in a vast "Land-scam" real estate swindle, involving illegally buying up land on the West Bank and in the East Jerusalem Arab Quarters. "Land-scam" anticipated the expulsion of the Arabs and Palestinians and the transformation of Israeli into a post-industrial Biblical version of Disneyland, Las Vegas, and the Cayman Islands, all rolled up into one.

The original "Land-scam" plan was seriously set back, when *EIR* provided the Reagan administration with details of it, including eyewitness accounts of secret planning sessions at Ariel Sharon's ranch in the Negev Desert, involving Kissinger, Harlech, and representatives of the Canadian Bronfman family interests.

But the Temple Mount scheme was stalled, not permanently derailed. When Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu showed up at a Falwell rally at Washington's Mayflower Hotel in January 1998, he was not merely signalling his strong alliance with the most rabid "Get Clinton" elements in the so-called Christian Right. He was, for the first time, throwing the weight of the Israeli government behind the Temple Mount menace. In August of this year, on the eve of Netanyahu's trip to Washington, he dispatched several Cabinet ministers to a Jerusalem fundraising event for the Temple Mount Faithful, prompting Reuters and Associated

Press to pronounce the Temple Mount advocates part of a new Israeli "mainstream."

It is not written in stone, as if some act of Biblical prophecy, that "Meathead and his Butcher" will succeed in wrecking the peace process. However, if the Netanyahu-Sharon combination remains in power over the immediate weeks and months ahead, the chances of averting a new Middle East war—one in which Israel would likely use tactical nuclear weapons—converge on zero.

The Pollard blunder

Fortunately, Prime Minister Netanyahu is truly deserving of the nickname "meathead." At the recent Wye Plantation negotiations, he made a major tactical blunder, that could help drive him from power in time to avert a devastating war.

In the closing moments of the peace talks, after all of the issues dividing the Palestinian Authority and the Israeli government had been resolved, through a marathon personal diplomatic effort by President Clinton, Netanyahu tried to force the President to agree to immediately release convicted Israeli spy Jonathan Jay Pollard.

One eyewitness to the exchange described it to the *Washington Post* as "brinkmanship in the supreme. It was a showdown. Clinton looking into Bibi's eyes, and Bibi looking into Clinton's eyes, saying, 'draw.' I have seen much but I have never seen anything like this."

The President refused to cave in to Netanyahu's demand for Pollard's immediate release. He did, however, agree to "review" the Pollard file and consider executive clemency. Some sources close to the White House tell *EIR* that Clinton's failure to categorically reject Netanyahu's demand to free Pollard came as the result of pressure from Vice President

Al Gore, who arrived at the Wye Plantation on Maryland's Eastern Shore, along with Sharon, for the final session.

Fortunately, *EIR* had already alerted some senior officials in the Pentagon and the U.S. intelligence establishment that a "hard push" would be made at the summit to secure Pollard's release. Sharon, in particular, wanted Pollard free *before* the start of the final status talks.

President Clinton's apparent blunder, in not shutting the door altogether on the Pollard release provoked a full-scale mobilization of large segments of the U.S. national security community. AP reported on Oct. 23 that Capitol Hill was crawling with CIA and Pentagon officials, demanding that the President categorically reject the "free Pollard" drumbeat. The message was not lost on Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) and other pro-Zionist Republican legislators. As you will learn below, in Michele Steinberg's exposé of the Jerusalem- and Washington-based Institute for Advanced Strategic and Political Studies (IASPS), the right-wing Likud and Mossad apparatus has extended its penetration of the U.S. conservative networks to include leading Congressional Republicans. But, faced with a wild-card election campaign, the GOP Temple Mount hawks beat a temporary retreat from their plan to quietly back a Clinton pardon of Pollard. On Oct. 28, Gingrich, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, House Intelligence Committee Chairman and ex-CIA case officer Porter Goss, and Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Richard Shelby (Ala.) wrote to President Clinton, demanding that he *not* release Pollard, on the grounds that the confessed Israeli spy still posed a national security threat to the United States.

Bigger than Pollard: the hunt for 'Mega'

Talk about chutzpah. The resurfacing of the "Free Pollard" forces comes at a moment when U.S. national security agencies are once again hunting for a high-level Israeli "mole." In the spring of 1997, the *Washington Post* revealed that the National Security Agency had intercepted a phone call between a Mossad agent posted at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, and Danny Yatom, then head of the Mossad. The conversation revealed that Israel had an agent code-named "Mega" operating inside the White House. Israel denied the allegations, but *EIR* has learned that the hunt for "Mega" is continuing, and that the focus of the probe is the Office of Vice President Al Gore.

As you will read below, in Joseph Brewda's review of the Pollard case and the "X Committee" of Israeli moles who abetted the Pollard treason, the Sharon-led penetration and subversion apparatus is still in place inside the Washington "permanent bureaucracy" apparatus. A crackdown on the "X Committee" and its offspring "Mega" operation is urgently called for at this time. Take out the garbage in Washington, and "Meathead and his Butcher" would be soon relegated to the waste bin of history — just in time to avert a new Middle East holocaust.

Profile: IASPS

Think-tank threatens U.S., Israeli security

by Michele Steinberg

In June 1998, when Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) was forced to cancel his appearance to speak at a forum in Jerusalem of the Institute for Advanced Strategic and Political Studies (IASPS), that should have triggered a security investigation of the right-wing extremist think-tank, founded in the mid-1980s and now financed by the "Get Clinton" networks of Richard Mellon Scaife.

Gingrich's speech was cancelled after the Israeli newspaper *Ha'aretz* exposed the fact that IASPS President Robert Loewenberg, who organized the event, had written an article comparing former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres, an architect of the Oslo peace accords, to the Hungarian Rudolph Kastner, "who helped the Nazis murder Jews." Loewenberg also charged that the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who was assassinated by right-wing Jewish fanatics on Nov. 4, 1995, was using "police-state methods" to implement the peace agreement. The *Ha'aretz* exposé prompted every major Israeli politician to immediately denounce the Loewenberg statements, leaving Gingrich, whose wife reportedly had a job with IASPS, exposed as a saboteur of his own government's support for the Oslo Accords.

Despite this Israeli scandal, the networks behind IASPS, from Gingrich, to the Hollinger Corp., to the networks of butcher Ariel Sharon, are counting on IASPS to help prevent the realization of the Oslo Accords by the May 1999 deadline.

The following profile, as a follow-up analysis of the interim agreement forced through by President Clinton at the Wye Plantation talks, provides an outline for responsible leaders in the United States and Israel to remove IASPS and its offshoots from any access to information or discussion of policy in the areas of military, economic, and especially security issues. For example, the revelation that Salem Rajeb Sarsour, the "Hamas" terrorist who carried out the Oct. 19 bombing that injured 64 Israelis, was a paid Shin Bet agent, is just a taste of the dirty operations that IASPS intersects in both the United States and Israel.

In the United States, the investigation should emphatically include the suspected "Mega" Israeli spy ring, which has been accused in press reports of activities ranging from theft of intelligence, to wire-tapping the telephone of Monica Lewinsky, and using alleged tapes of her conversations with President Clinton for blackmail.