

dramatic intervention than that, taken suddenly, would be sufficient to ensure that the looming spiral of religious warfare does not erupt very, very soon.

8. The question will be asked: What about those lunatics on both sides of the Congressional aisle, who are so rabidly pressing for Middle East war?

Should the President act, he would have little to fear from those elements of the Democratic and Republican parties.

Presently, except for his position as President, he has very little credibility; but, at the moment, the members of the Congress have even less. The collapsing financial system, and the depression conditions now gripping the U.S. increasingly, create an ideal opportunity for a President who understands the implications of his situation.

The discredit of the leaderships of both the Republican and Democratic parties, especially on all leading economic issues, puts the President in the curious position of having both everything and nothing to lose: like the commander who has discreetly arranged an anti-personnel minefield around his own combat forces.

In a combat situation—and the threat of an ominous, unwanted war is a combat situation—the troops will rally to the commander who has led them to safety. Such is the implicit strategic constitutional authority of a sitting U.S. President.

9. The question is, does this President have the combination of advisors and ability to listen to them, which is required of him in this perilous situation? The question is, do we others have the wisdom and will to act on the basis of that set of facts?

Temple Mount Fanatics Seek To Blackmail Bush

by Anton Chaitkin

One day after a U.S. intervention moved Israel to block a catastrophic religious provocation at Jerusalem's Temple Mount/al-Haram al-Sharif, Armageddonist "evangelicals" and their right-wing Jewish Zionist allies converged on the White House. Participants in the secretive July 30 meeting interviewed by *EIR*, said the "end-timers" conveyed a chilling blackmail message to President George W. Bush: Approve an all-out war on the Palestinians by the Israeli regime, or your evangelical Christian political supporters will desert you.

The explicit aim of these crazies is to detonate a war which will *destroy* Israel, and provoke Armageddon, the end of the world, and putatively the Second Coming, which they so much desire.

Participant Herb Zweibon, head of the tiny pro-war Jewish group, Americans for a Safe Israel, said that the meeting's purpose was to panic Bush about losing his base among the

purported 70 million evangelical Christians: If only 10% of them are solidly behind our agenda, that is an enormous force that could swing the balance of U.S. political power and destroy your Presidency, they told the President.

Protestant fundamentalist Ed McAteer (who, together with Catholic right-wing spook Paul Weyrich, founded the Religious Roundtable), organized three July 30 events.

The group assembled first at an institution next to Israel's Washington Embassy, where end-time Christians gather to strategize on Israeli operations. They then proceeded across the way to the embassy, and were hosted at a luncheon by Israeli Ambassador David Ivry, to discuss what they would tell the Bush Administration.

They met at the White House with Bush liaison Tim Goeglein, who warned them everything was "off the record"—that, as one participant recalled, "we didn't meet, we didn't talk."

Elwood McQuade, leader of "Christian Friends of Israel," who has a weekly broadcast on *Jerusalem Post* radio, was a senior spokesman at the meeting for the campaign to destroy the Al-Aqsa mosque which now stands on the Temple Mount, and to rebuild the ancient Jewish Temple of Solomon. Under U.S. pressure, Israeli police on July 29 stopped a group of McQuade's Israeli colleagues, bearing a Temple "cornerstone," from provoking an Armageddon war.

McQuade told *EIR* that he is encouraged by the President's recent hard-line stance, blaming Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat for the escalation to war. This is what the July 30 meeting insisted Bush must do, and McQuade believes that their message has been conveyed to the highest official levels and has influenced the President.

McQuade said that Muslims claim Solomon's Temple was not on the Temple Mount (or al-Haram al-Sharif, as the holy site is called in Arabic). He says this is just like denying Hitler's Holocaust. "I've worked extensively with the archeologists," McQuade boasted, referring to the British Masons and Anglo-American intelligence operatives pushing for a Jewish-Muslim showdown over the Temple Mount. He raved, "If you destroy the fact that the Temple was there, you destroy the credibility of Judaism! And of Christianity! What Jesus said, was in the Temple. . . . Only Islam will be left."

Also at the meeting were Pat Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN), International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem, Christians' Israel Public Action Committee, and the Zionist Organization of America.

A Push for War

CBN will not comment on the July 30 meeting, but six days earlier, CBN's "700 Club" broadcast a wild attack on Arafat, in which Robertson interviewed Derek Prince, a British "Bible prophecy expert," trained by British imperial authorities in handling Jews. Prince says that 144,000 Israelis will be the first ones "raptured" at world's end; and that Israelis are getting tired of Judaism, and are now looking toward Christianity. Robertson then says that Arafat is a life-long

terrorist, persecuting Palestinian Christians; it is God's will that the Palestinians shall have none of Jerusalem. He justifies all-out war with the claim that Arafat "does not represent the Palestinian people."

Speaking to *EIR* on Aug. 15, McQuade said that there is a new alliance of politically conservative Jews and evangelical Christians, as Jews are stampeded behind Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. He described a recent meeting in a Philadelphia synagogue, attended by some of the July 30 grouping: "I was so excited by the change in the Jewish community. They sounded just like us!"

Temple Mount provocateur McQuade told *EIR*, "I've been involved with guys like McAteer for a decade and a half."

The organizer of the July 30 White House meeting, Ed McAteer is very close to Temple Mount terrorist leader Stanley Goldfoot, a former British military intelligence agent in Palestine. McAteer has told *EIR* that he was present in the White House basement for many of Oliver North's Iran-Contra fundraising schemes—which had a significant Israeli component.

Among McAteer's guests at his Religious Roundtable in Memphis, Tennessee, has been former Israeli Army Col. Yehuda Levy, whom the Anglo-Canadian Hollinger Corp. made publisher of the *Jerusalem Post* to convert it into a rightist pro-war paper in 1989. McQuade's current radio broadcasts for the *Jerusalem Post*, and Pat Robertson's CBN Jerusalem Bureau, are joint projects of the Israeli, American, and British faction now acting desperately to start a major war.

Israeli Leader Warns Of Full-Scale War

by William Jones

It was a rather sharp message which Deputy Speaker of the Israeli Knesset (Parliament) Naomi Chazan brought on her visit to Washington on July 13: The Bush Administration can adopt a "wait-and-see" attitude toward the escalating violence in the Mideast at its own peril. "I want to caution against a pull-back" of the U.S. role, Chazan said. "Restraint leaves the door open to a downward spiral of violence . . . and the United States will get sucked in to whatever happens as a result."

Chazan was speaking at a meeting arranged by the Middle East Institute and the Foundation for Middle East Peace. Chazan is a member of the Meretz Party, the most important of the opposition parties in the Knesset.

In the developments leading up to the latest surge in violence, the Bush Administration has done virtually nothing. When Prime Minister Ariel Sharon met with Bush in the Oval

Office on June 26, there was an appearance of some differences between the two. Sharon emerged from the meeting demanding seven days of "complete quiet" before he would agree to a "cooling off" period. But the reticence on the part of the Bush Administration to pressure the belligerent Israeli leader, raised suspicions that Bush was giving a "green light" to Sharon's intended crackdown on Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority, part of Sharon's long-term efforts to replace the "partner" in the Oslo Accords with the more militant Hamas, giving Sharon the pretext for reestablishing military rule in the Palestinian areas. This, despite efforts by U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, who seemed to understand the need for a U.S. initiative to prevent a full-scale war in the area. Rumors had been circulating that Powell had even told Sharon that his seven days must begin immediately, before Sharon's utopian "100% quiet," although the White House refused to confirm the rumor.

Well-placed sources indicated that Sharon was just waiting for a pretext to launch an all-out attack on the West Bank and Gaza. While Chazan played down such an attack, she stressed that the situation is clearly heading toward war conditions. "It may simply be that there is a steady increase in the violence until it reaches the level of war," she said.

Although Chazan would not put the blame directly on Sharon's policies, and wouldn't make any comments about a possible Bush Administration "green" or "yellow" light to Sharon, she did warn that a growing number of voices within Israel are now calling for a military solution.

She characterized Sharon's demand for "100% quiet" as "ridiculous," and a pretext for letting the situation deteriorate. While there is a need for a reduction of the violence, she said, it is foolish to wait for a situation of total calm before embarking on confidence-building measures. In addition, she said, any cease-fire must be linked to a package of diplomatic concessions for the Palestinians. "A cease-fire without a diplomatic package is a non-starter," Chazan warned. Any cease-fire would also have to be linked to a freeze on Israeli settlements, a measure which, she indicated, 50% of Israelis are now supporting. Chazan also warned against trying to "remove" Arafat as the leader of the Palestinians.

Chazan had no clear path for getting to that point, however. "The present Israeli government has no interest in a cease-fire working," she said. In that case, only "serious brokering" from the outside could bring about a change in the situation.

Nevertheless, she indicated that there are people in Israel "exploring alternatives" to the Sharon war plan, including possible unilateral measures which Israel might take to push the peace process forward.

There Must Be a Palestinian State

Ironically, the violence has brought to the forefront the absolute need for a Palestinian state existing side-by-side with Israel, Chazan said. Any other option would lead to an "apartheid" state, which is unacceptable to both parties. "There will