

Israelis Attack U.S. Chicken-Hawk Faction

Echoes of Lyndon LaRouche's Middle East initiatives are surfacing in Israeli political discourse, especially concerning the danger that Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and the U.S. "Chicken-hawks" roosting under the wings of Vice President Dick Cheney, pose for the survival of Israel.

Akiva Eldar, senior commentator for the daily *Ha'aretz*, authored an article on Oct. 1, "Perles of Wisdom for the Faithful," blasting U.S. Defense Policy Board Chairman Richard Perle and Undersecretary of Defense for policy Douglas Feith. Current Washington discussions about redrawing the map of the Middle East, he writes, fit "some old dreams of a few of the key strategists around the Bush-Cheney-Rumsfeld triangle running America's Iraq policy." He references the infamous briefing at the Pentagon in July, organized by Perle, where a presenter's slide proclaimed, "Palestine is Israel, Jordan is Palestine, and Iraq is the Hashemite Kingdom."

A former Israeli security official, Eldar reports, "met two weeks ago with a very well-connected Republican member of Perle's Policy Board. . . . The Israeli warned the American about an all-out war with the entire Arab world, and added that the Perle plan would create 'an impossible strategic environment' for Israel."

Eldar quotes from the 1996 policy statement that Perle and Feith wrote for then-Prime Minister Benjamin Netan-

yahu, "Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm." This statement had been featured in a mass leaflet circulated by the LaRouche in 2004 Presidential campaign. Eldar comments, "The two Jewish experts, eventually to become key Pentagon players, are walking a fine line between their loyalty to American governments and Israeli interests."

Another Israel commentator, Aviad Kleinberg, writing in *Ha'aretz* on Oct. 1, wrote that "the political horizon for Sharon and his gang is clear. It is based on a somewhat primitive interpretation of Ze'ev Jabotinsky's 'Iron Wall.' The Arabs want to destroy us. They regard every sign of Israeli weakness as a crack in the door through which they can shove a foot or two. Israel, therefore, must never allow any such crack; no window of opportunity can be allowed to be opened. The only language spoken in the Middle East is the language of force. Israel must constantly use force, lest it lose its 'deterrent capabilities.' Deterrence does not serve any specific goal; it's an autonomous essence, a Moloch demanding endless sacrifices."

"Imposing fear, humiliating, lording it over the others—these are not character flaws, but carefully thought-out, deterministic instruments for survival," he writes, warning that these policies of Sharon will turn Israel into an outcast country. "If we become a state after Sharon's liking, we may be of some use to the Americans, but it's worth noting what happened to some of America's dubious allies of the past: When they finished their jobs, they were declared unfit to dine with respectable guests, and sent home. I wouldn't count on the Bush family's love of Israel."—*Dean Andromidas*