

MIDEAST

LABOR PARTY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TO VISIT IRAQ

NEW YORK, March 31 (IPS)--The National Caucus of Labor Committees today announced that its chairman and U.S. Labor Party 1976 Presidential candidate, Lyndon H. Larouche, Jr., will leave for Iraq, April 7, to participate in the celebration of the founding of the Arab Ba'ath Socialist Party.

The trip is viewed as a valuable opportunity for fact-finding concerning U.S. sector cooperation both in developing the "fertile crescent" and other forms of collaboration with the developing sector.

Candidate Larouche takes pleasure in the opportunity to participate in the celebration itself, as a way of expressing the Labor Party's admiration of the courageous leadership shown by the Ba'ath and government of Iraq during the crucial period to date. He emphasized "the appropriate irony that the Mesopotamian cradle of civilization should once again revive to contribute decisive initiatives in this most critical period in the history of civilization."

Although the trip had been planned some weeks earlier there has been a serious reassessment of the trip's advisability in the light of CIA-directed atrocities against Labor Committee leaders in Mexico City. Although the candidate would be secure in Iraq itself, the space of travel between New York and Baghdad provides the CIA with opportunity for applying such typical tricks as tampering with the aircraft. It was decided that publicizing the fact of the trip would make it extremely hazardous to Rockefeller interests to permit assassination of another U.S. presidential candidate at the hands of "mysterious agencies."

Candidate Larouche reportedly intervened in the deliberations to note that the point had passed at which his leadership of the Labor Committees was indispensable. It was agreed that the assassination of a Labor Party presidential candidate would demolish the massive and costly "containment" effort of the CIA, FBI and allied forces. Larouche would be almost as dangerous to Rockefeller dead as alive.

In the opinion of the Labor Committee and the candidate, there is no foolish risk involved. Larouche stated, "Under zero-growth "triage" policies, tens of millions of people in the Asian subcontinent and the African Sahel are doomed to die of hunger and disease during the next months. The Arab nations have taken a decisive first tentative step toward stopping that Rockefeller genocide. If we can even start the Bengal and Sahel development programs, Rockefeller's genocidal policies are set back, and the human race has won a fighting chance to stop the threat of ecological holocaust. Every significant act of solidarity with Iraq's contribution to this cause is a matter of the highest priority for the human race as a whole under those circumstances."

GROWING ISRAELI HYSTERIA REFLECTED IN U.S.

March 24 (IPS)--A spokesman for the American Jewish Congress (AJC) revealed that an "emergency meeting" of the heads of all leading Jewish organizations is currently underway. The meeting was called to plan an overall strategy in the wake of the total breakdown of Kissinger's negotiations and the probability of Mid-east war within the next few days.

The AJC spokesman stated that the main thrust would be a "public information campaign."

ISRAEL MAY BE INTERESTED IN ARAB DEVELOPMENT FUND

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 25 (IPS)--Israeli government sources indicated today that Israel would support the call of the Ninth Arab Oil Conference for a \$35 billion Mideast and Third World development fund, if political tensions were eased between Israel and the Arab states.

TANKS NOTE ISRAEL'S "SAMSON COMPLEX"

March 25 (IPS)--Asked about possible Israeli reactions to the growing war cries in the Middle East, a leading Middle East expert at the Brookings Institute in Washington, D.C., told IPS today that Israel, in his opinion, was plagued by a "Samson complex." The term refers to Israel's reported willingness to destroy the entire Middle East region, including itself, rather than "surrender."

FAISAL ASSASSINATION GIVES CIA NEW CRISIS OPTION IN MIDEAST

March 25 (IPS)--King Faisal of Saudi Arabia was shot and killed today by a "mentally deranged" nephew of the King, according to the official Saudi radio in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Amid the escalating red scare and growing war build up in the Middle East, the elimination of the 70 year old Faisal creates conditions that will allow the CIA to build a phony crisis around the lie that another chunk of the U.S. empire--Saudi Arabia, the oil rich Persian Gulf, and the Middle East--is on the verge of collapse.

ISRAELI MOBILIZATIONS

NEW YORK, March 25 (IPS)--The Armed Forces network in Europe is broadcasting reports today that Israel is "heavily building up their defense lines in the Golan Heights." AFN reports that the "region looks like a World War I battlefield," with "tanks rolling through the entire Golan Heights region." Egyptian diplomatic sources in Bonn told IPS today of Israeli military deployments along the Lebanese and Jordan borders. This points to possible activation of the Israeli pincer movement scenario, which calls for a two-pronged Israeli attack on Syria.

participation, other hard issues...." She refused to elaborate.

The Israelis have, in the past, categorically rejected the participation by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) at Geneva. Thus, any demand for a PLO role would immediately threaten the talks. PLO's dominant faction is directly controlled by the CIA through Palestinian traitor Yasser Arafat.

BALTIMORE SUN URGES ROMANIAN PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA

March 27 (IPS)--In an unsigned editorial today, the Baltimore Sun said that Roumanian Communist Party head Nicolae Ceausescu is seeking his country's participation in the Geneva Conference on the Mideast, expected to reconvene shortly. The Baltimore Sun comments: "As the only European communist state that has been decent to Israel, Romania could play a constructive role." The appearance of this editorial suggests that U.S. representatives at Geneva will attempt to use Romania, whose CP leader Ceausescu tends toward nationalism rather than pro-Soviet internationalism, to undermine the position of the Soviet Union in the Mideast talks.

SOVIETS HINTING THAT CIA KILLED FAISAL

March 28 (IPS)--Today's Baltimore Sun's Moscow bureau reports that the Soviet Union "seriously suggested" yesterday that the Central Intelligence Agency had plotted the assassination of Faisal. In a short article, "Who Fired?" the Soviet government newspaper Izvestia, following the lead of recent items in the Soviet news agency, Tass, "left no doubt that it believes the CIA planned and probably helped carry out Tuesday's assassination" in order to strengthen American power in the Middle East."

ROCKEFELLER COORDINATES EGYPTIAN RED SCARE

NEW YORK, March 28 (IPS)--Within 24 hours after Nelson Rockefeller's unexpected meeting with Egyptian ex-Nazi President Sadat yesterday in Saudi Arabia, a major anti-Soviet red scare has been launched by the CIA press, with the object of portraying Egypt as falling victim to the Soviet bear.

Immediately after meeting with Rockefeller, Sadat issued a statement carried by today's Washington Post that Egypt might "end its working relationship" with the United States following last week's prearranged "collapse" of the Kissinger shuttle diplomacy. At the same time, the right-wing, fanatically anti-communist Prime Minister of Egypt, Abdelaziz Higazi said: "You have opened the doors to (the Soviets)," implying that the break in the talks would force the re-entry of the Soviet Union into Egypt.

TURKEY DECLARES MARTIAL LAW ON IRAQI BORDER

March 28 (IPS)--In an illegal move to further isolate pro-Soviet Iraq, the Turkish military has proclaimed martial law along 210 miles of Turkish-Iraqi border over the veto of the Turkish Parliament. According to today's Washington Post, the pretext for this move, an attempt to beef up Nato control of the Mediterranean re-

gion, is to insure that displaced Iraqi Kurds do not interfere with "Turkey's internal security."

ZIONIST WARHAWK "TROIKA" PLANNING VISIT TO U.S. NEXT WEEK

March 28 (IPS)--According to Jerusalem Post radio broadcasts last night, three core members of the Zfonist industrial-military cabal in Israel, two of whom worked hand-in-glove with the CIA in planning the 1967 Arab-Israeli war, will come to the United States in the near future to meet with American officials.

The three are Meir Amit, former chief of Intelligence and now head of the Industrial Planning Unit of the National Israeli Corporativist Labor Union, the Histradut; Dov Torkowsky, former head of the Israeli Air Force and now a leading industrial banker; and Aharon Yariv, former chief of Military Intelligence and recently Information Minister who resigned in protest against the incompetence of the Rabin government as part of a developing Watergate campaign used to reorganize the Israeli government in preparation for the next war.

TIMES BLAMES CIA MURDER ON SOVIETS

March 29 (IPS)--In response to the disclosures by informed sources internationally that the CIA was directly responsible for the murder of King Faisal, leading CIA conduit The New York Times in a front-page article written by Juan de Onis today links the accused murderer, Faisal's "deranged nephew," to the Soviet East bloc by claiming that "some point, he was in East Germany before returning to Saudi Arabia."

BRANDT, PONIATOWSKI CONSPIRE TO DESTABILIZE ALGERIA FOR CIA

March 29 (IPS)--Highly qualified sources in Europe have informed IPS that Kaid Ahmed, right-wing Algerian agent who has suddenly re-emerged from obscurity to issue threats against Algerian President Houari Boumedienne, has for years "enjoyed a privileged relationship with the West German Social Democratic Party." The SPD is the leading party of the CIA's Second International. Ahmed is also closely linked to France's top cop, Minister of the Interior Michel Poniatowski.

The CIA has targetted President Boumedienne since he bucked Rockefeller at the recent OPEC meeting, where he came out strongly in support of pro-Soviet Iraq's Mideast development proposal.

PLO CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR JERUSALEM BOMBINGS

March 29 (IPS)--The New York Times and the Washington Post reported today that the Palestine Liberation Organization took full responsibility for two separate bombing incidents in Jerusalem yesterday, thus fueling the war scare build-up in the Middle East.

SADAT ACCUSES ISRAEL OF PEACE SABOTAGE

March 29 (IPS)--Reuters reports that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, in a speech before the Egyptian Parliament today, affirmed that the Israelis were responsible for the failure of the Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's "peace-making" attempts. Unless the Israelis agree to a settlement toward peace, there will be no renewal of the United Nations mandate for the peacekeeping force, which expires April 24. Sadat put forth a bid for Egypt, Syria, and Lebanon, and the CIA's Palestine Liberation Organization to go to Geneva under Arab unity. The presence of the PLO at the Geneva talks is designed to sabotage such a conference, assuring the possibility of another Middle East war.

Several newspapers play up the turn to militance of Egyptian President Sadat, his image tarnished by his recent illicit links with Henry Kissinger, as he tries to overcompensate by loud threats, in a manner reminiscent of the pre-October 1973 war period.

SULZBERGER SLANDERS IRAQI HUSSEIN

March 29 (IPS)--The New York Times editorial, "His Kurds and Why," by C. L. Sulzberger launched an attack against pro-Soviet Saddam Hussein, Iraq's Vice-Chairman of the Royal Command Council. Describing Hussein as the power thirsty, dominant political leader of a "security conscious Arab state," a vicious tyrant determined to destroy Kurds and Barzani, Sulzberger links Hussein's rise to power to the defeated Kurdish movement, which eliminated the possibility of war with Iran.

REP FINDLAY PROPOSES U.S. GUARANTEE MIDEAST PEACE WITH NUCLEAR ARMS

March 30 (IPS)--Rep. Findlay (R.-Ill.) announced today on CBS radio that he has a Mideast peace plan which would be backed by U.S. nuclear weapons. The plan which calls for 1) Return of Israeli occupied territory, 2) Guarantee of borders, 3) A permanent U.N. police force, run by the U.N. Security Council, 4) Right of self-determination for West Bank Palestinians, represents a significant escalation of Rockefeller's use of a Middle East war against the Soviet Union.

SULZBERGER TIES IRAQ TO MIDEAST WAR SCENARIO

March 30 (IPS)--Following his slander of Saddam Hussein, Vice-Chairman of the Revolutionary Command Council, in yesterday's New York Times, C.L. Sulzberger today attempts to tie Iraq into the CIA Mideast war scenario. While talking with Saddam Hussein, Sulzberger claims that he "got a feeling" that Iraq favored a much tougher line than either Egypt or Saudi Arabia, implying that Iraq's primary concern is to establish control over East Jerusalem.

MCGOVERN: US SHOULD CONSIDER RECOGNIZING THE PLO

March 30 (IPS)--Following a "first of its kind" meeting between Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO)-CIA agent Yasser Arafat and "leading American political leader" Sen. George McGovern (D.-S.D.), the latter called on the U.S. to seriously consider recognizing the PLO as representative of the Palestinian people. McGovern, who is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on the Mideast, was deployed to the Mideast as part of Rockefeller's destabilizing operation worldwide, itself a prelude to a bloodbath "lesson" to the working class. The Israeli refusal to recognize the PLO is scheduled to provide the pretext for the bust-up of any Geneva Conference--leading directly to a new Mideast war.

TIMES AND POST SAY KURDS DRIVEN TOWARD TURKISH BORDER

March 30 (IPS)--The New York Times and the Washington Post today reported that allegedly desperate Kurds were being driven toward the Turkish border in northern Iraq by Iraqi forces. This was coupled with reports that Turkey was sealing off the border refusing to permit the Kurds to enter the country. The "Kurdish question" is portrayed as one more potential trouble spot in the present destabilization scenario being unfolded in the region by the CIA aimed primarily at the Soviet Union.