

# Persian Gulf Into The Grand Design

*Israel's alternative is 'The Crash of '79'*

The emerging Grand Design strategy of West German Chancellor Schmidt, Soviet President Brezhnev and other advanced sector leaders for relaunching the world economy is meeting opposition from the sponsors of the famous "Crash of '79" scenario. A key arena in the show-down is the oil-rich Persian Gulf.

The Persian Gulf is an absolutely critical component from the side of the Grand Design. According to available information, West Germany, France, and Japan are actively planning to make the upcoming advanced sector economic summit meeting in Bonn a strategy session for stabilizing the world economic and monetary crisis and mobilizing Western industry for development. In that scheme, the immense surplus funds from the states of the Persian Gulf will be invested in real production and in financing a massive increase of exports for development in the Third World, particularly the Middle East.

At the meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) that ended June 19 in Geneva, Saudi Arabia and Iran together backed a continued freeze on oil prices and demanded that OPEC stay with the U.S. dollar as a means of pricing and payments. Together, Saudi Arabia and Iran form an axis which no combination of other OPEC "price hawks" can break, and both countries reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening the world economy and the dollar.

In the Paul Erdman novel, "The Crash of '79," the collapse of Western civilization results from a military confrontation between Saudi Arabia and Iran, instigated by the Israelis. This bestseller was sponsored by the City of London banking house Lazard Freres.

The "Crash of '79" faction — led by the Israelis, key British financial circles, Edmond de Rothschild's international Zionist faction and Henry Kissinger, are completely opposed to the establishment of a prodollar Saudi-Iran axis, and fear the emergence of a worldwide development alliance linking the large Gulf states to the United States, West Germany, France, and Japan. In the weeks that preceded the OPEC meeting, tremendous pressure was exerted by Israel, Great Britain, and Kissinger on the Shah of Iran to compel the Shah to break his alliance with the Saudis and join the price "hawks."

In fact, immediately before the OPEC meeting, Henry Kissinger and former British Prime Minister Ted Heath paid a secret visit to Iran for talks with the Shah. In addition, the surge of riots and demonstrations against the Shah by dissident Shi'ite factions is known to be coordinated by a long-established British intelligence network, with Israeli support, that is based in Iraq, Algeria and southern Lebanon. But the Shah did not crack.

## *The Israeli Threat*

With the results of the OPEC meeting confirming continued support for the U.S. dollar, and especially with Saudi Crown Prince Fahd's important visit, now underway, to West Germany and France, the British-Israeli faction that supports Israel's Moshe Dayan has decided to train its guns on the Middle East, especially the Persian Gulf.

In recent weeks, leading Israeli military analysts, including Air Force General Ben Peled, have openly advocated that Israel launch an air strike to destroy Gulf oil fields in a new war, alternately targeting Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

The Israeli Cabinet decision, made after weeks of postponement and timed to coincide with the OPEC meeting, that Israel would not ever consider a withdrawal from the occupied West Bank — despite American pressure — was a direct challenge to the Persian Gulf states' decision; and represents a Dayan-led attempt to at least keep the future of the Gulf unstable, if not actually to launch a war.

The implication of the Cabinet decision was explicitly acknowledged by Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, who, along with U.S. Senator Jacob Javits, has emerged recently as a dovish opponent of the Begin-Dayan strategy, fearing the disastrous implications of a military policy and advocating a softer — but still hard-line — policy. Weizman, leaving the cabinet June 19, told the press: "I am going back to my office to prepare the Army for the next war."

## A Nuclear Alert?

Italian sources last week gave indications that Israel may be planning some action, in coordination with General Haig and NATO, to destabilize the Middle East.

Pope Paul, in a major address June 22, warned of the grave danger that some national leader might "go crazy" and make use of nuclear weapons in a crisis. At the same time, *Il Popolo*, the Christian Democratic newspaper with close Vatican ties, urged that international action be taken to stop Israeli Premier Menachem Begin before his policies lead to a new Middle East war.

Meanwhile, *Unita*, the daily of the Italian Communist Party, which maintains close collaboration with the Andreotti government, reported a strange alert by NATO forces, and ominously compared it to the nuclear alert during the 1973 Middle East war.

# 1. Israel Threatens To Strike The Oil Fields

A raging factional debate has broken out in Israeli intelligence and military circles over whether to activate Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan's scenario for invading and destroying Saudi Arabia's immense oil-producing infrastructure. Such a move would not only precipitate a devastating economic collapse of the West but would also block the consolidation of a worldwide Grand Design based around Arab, and in particular Saudi, cooperation over oil.

On June 2, Gen. Binyamin Peled, former commander of the Israeli Air Force, publicly called for an Israeli invasion of Arab oil fields. Reflecting the general hardening of Israel's military men, Peled also put forth outrageous territorial demands. Peled's statements are recounted in a June 13 feature in the *Jerusalem Post* by Elie Eliachar:

We have been witnessing a renewal of hawkish pronouncements by Israeli military authorities, diplomats and party pundits. But the former commander of the Israel Air Force, Binyamin Peled, has gone far beyond anything said so far by any responsible Israeli.

In his interview in *Ha'aretz* (June 2, 1978) he proposed that Israel should occupy the area up to the Litani River, that Sinai be divided in half for at least 50 years between Egypt and Israel, that Israel must keep the Jordan River, the road to Eilat and a direct line from Nueiba-Sharm-e-Sheikh to El-Arish.

Will Egypt, Syria, Jordan accept these boundaries? Peled believes he can force them to. And what about the Palestinians? Well, there just aren't any Palestinians to speak of—only Arabs living here. Those who fight us we'll kick out, or otherwise dispose of. And what of the oil problem and our dependence on America? "Well, America depends on us for her oil supply. We too can stop the regular flow of oil," Peled says.

Earlier, on May 19, the *Jerusalem Post* featured an article by columnist Yossi Goell calling for the destruction of Saudi oil fields to "counter" the new Saudi threat as a result of the U.S. sale of arms to Riyadh:

In the past, a Saudi military presence was considered marginal. In planning reactions to possible future attacks, the need to bring the war into Saudi Arabia—including the destruction of its oil fields—will now have to play a central role. . . .

It is often forgotten in the panic-stricken West that not just the Arabs can deny oil to its thirsty economies; Israel can bring about similar disruptions.

Late last year, Meir Amit, the former chief of military intelligence sounded the first call for a preemptive strike against the oil fields.

Saner elements within Israel understand that the talk by the proponents of a preemptive strike is literally insane. In a June 9 *Jerusalem Post* feature, Gideon Rafael, the former Director General of Israel's Foreign Affairs Minister, states this unequivocally:

Views voiced that preemptive action (against Arab oil) may be unavoidable to meet the looming danger go far beyond the mark. The exponents of this doctrine do not limit their strategic zeal to the frustration of potential Arab aggression. They have come to believe that the threat to interrupt the free flow of oil by a neat surgical strike against Arabian oilfields makes good political sense.

In their inanity, they fancy that such a threat will drive the U.S. back into the open arms and clenched fists of the Israeli friends whom they have abandoned. If—inconceivable as it may seem—such babble should become established political thought, we surely can expect our American friends to rush to the aid of Israel with a sizable consignment of strait-jackets.

## Red Scare

Several prominent Americans, who have been duped to sound the alarm about an imminent "Soviet-Cuban threat" to Middle Eastern oil supplies, are providing leverage to the Israeli preemptive strike faction.

In a policy statement to a New York energy conference on June 8, Nelson Rockefeller railed about the threat that "Soviet naval power" posed to "vulnerable sea lanes" in the Persian Gulf, and warned against the "Soviet-Cuban aggression extending from Angola, Ethiopia, and Yemen to impede the flow of Gulf oil."

On the same day, former head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Thomas Moorer, authored a *New York Times* op-ed article titled "Soviet Global Aims." The U.S., he said, has an urgent need to reach formal treaties with Iran and Saudi Arabia to defend them against "Soviet aggression."

Similarly, at a recent symposium in Washington on the Middle East strategic balance, former U.S. Air Force chief, Maj. Gen. George Keegan, praised Israel as a de facto extension of NATO in the "fight against communism." According to an account in the June 9 London weekly, the *Jewish Chronicle*, Keegan stated:

I could not have procured the intelligence on the Soviet air forces, their combat capabilities, their new weapons their jamming and their electronics and their SAMs, with five CIAs. Today, the ability of the U.S. Air Force in particular, and the Army in general, to defend whatever position it has in NATO owes more to the Israeli intelligence input than it does to any other single source of intelligence. (Israeli intelligence) has kept the Soviets at bay in the Middle East.

Rita Hauser, a New York lawyer and a contributor to the Brookings Institution Study on the Middle East, has gone so far as to call for Saudi participation, in cooperation with Israel, in the formation of an anti-Soviet bloc in the Middle East. In an op-ed piece in the June 5 *Washington Post*, Hauser states:

The building of a military alliance between Israel, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Iran, one based on their common interest in deterring Soviet power, should be the explicit aim of U.S. policy. . . .

The true test of American diplomacy is to persuade the Saudis, and not just the Israelis, to take risks for peace. In exchange, the United States would lead the way to an alliance of Mideast states desiring to safeguard the region from Russian incursion.

### *Saudi Coup*

To set the stage for a move against Saudi Arabia, Dayan and Weizman, in alliance with a network of backward Islamic sects and tribal clans — including a traitorous group within Saudi Arabia itself — are working to overthrow the pro-American regime ruling Saudi Arabia.

At a press conference on June 5, Weizman announced that Israel is “preparing for the worst possible contingency in anticipation of a possible confrontation with the F-15s” that the U.S. is to supply the Saudis.

Weizman then traveled to London to meet with top British financiers, and then to Switzerland, where, French radio reported, he was secretly meeting with Arab officials. Among them, according to well-briefed analysts, were Saudis linked to the head of the Saudi National Guard, Prince Abdullah.

While no details of the Switzerland meetings have been made public, the Middle East desk chief of a leading New York investment house claimed to be privy to “secret intelligence documents” from Riyadh predicting an imminent “right-wing tribalist-fundamentalist coup” in the country.

Abdullah’s ability to pull off such a coup is found in his close links to the Hashemite intelligence networks in neighboring Jordan, the descendants of tribal clans set up by T.E. Lawrence to control parts of the Arab East for the British during and after World War I. To this day, Hashemite and allied tribes play a key role in the National Guard and in the periodic unrest in Saudi Arabia.

Under orders from the controller of British intelligence operations in the Middle East — St. Jean Armitage, Ambassador to Dubai — Prince Abdullah and the Hashemites could wreak havoc in Saudi Arabia.

The Saudi coup scenario was designed by Britain’s leading Islamicist, Bernard Lewis, formerly of Oxford University and currently at Princeton. Last month, Lewis claimed that “Saudi Arabia is becoming increasingly unstable and vulnerable to destabilizations by tribal elements.” Two weeks ago, Lewis chaired a conference at Princeton to discuss the resurgence of tribalism and separatist movements in the Middle East.

## 2. The Balkanization Of The Eastern Front

The operational side of the plans by the Moshe Dayan faction in Israeli intelligence, to preemptively strike against Arab oil-producing infrastructure, involves the destabilization of the entire “Eastern Front” region through manipulation of the various feuding ethnic and religious groups in Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Iran and the Arab Gulf.

A key strategic aim of this operation is to arrange a crisis between Iran and Saudi Arabia, through playing upon the mutual paranoia of the two countries’ leaderships. More broadly, the Dayanists seek to “Balkanize”

the Mideast as means of asserting their wider political control over this region and eventually provide a pretext for moving directly against the oil fields themselves.

The basic contours of this strategy were recently exposed by maverick Israeli professor Israel Shahak in an interview with the spring, 1978, *Journal of Palestine Studies*:

*Q: If there were a new war (in the Mideast), in what way would Israel try to change the shape of the area?*

*A: Begin’s specialists on Arab affairs have spoken very openly, from the time of the war of 1973, about the necessity of dismembering Syria. By Syria they mean Syria and Lebanon together, converting it in great part to a mosaic of minority states. I think their present alliance with the Lebanese Christian Right points quite well to this. There is also a history of previous Zionist intrigues, or attempts at intrigue, with Syrian Druze in Jabal Al Druze. They really believe that by using minorities, by using the air force, by using the threat of an Entebbe sort of operation in case of what they call riots, they can hold Syria and Lebanon together in indirect — not direct — subjection.*

*Q: But you are speaking of Israel attempting to control very large areas.*

*A: The way they see it, they can work through auxiliary forces, like the British controlled India. A part they controlled themselves, but other parts they gave to maharajahs to control for them, and they hope that they will find Arabs who will play the role of Indian maharajahs.*

### *Bernard Lewis “Redraws” Mideast Map*

Shahak’s contentions are borne out by the strange activities of Professor Bernard Lewis, leading British intelligence expert on “Islamic mass movements.” Currently in Haifa, Israel, for a meeting on “conflict resolution” in the Middle East, Lewis earlier this month coordinated a private conference on “Tribalism in the Middle East” at Princeton University, where he is now resident at the Institute for Advanced Studies.

Lewis, according to knowledgeable Middle East sources, serves as a top-level policy maker for both the British and the Israelis; for weeks, he has been advising associates privately that “Saudi Arabia is ripe for tribal unrest” and that “most of the regimes of the Mideast could disintegrate rapidly under the impact of tribalism if the central authority of any country were seriously challenged.”

According to *Events* magazine, Lewis has provided vital input to Israeli intelligence for a project on “redrawing the map of the Middle East.”

### *Lebanon: Test Tube*

As Shahak points out, Israel’s activities with the Lebanese Christian right is the cornerstone of the Dayanists’ regional strategy.

Israel’s intimate involvement with Lebanese extremist groups is notorious. Arms have poured into the camps of the Falangists, Chamounists, Guardians of the Cedar, and renegade Lebanese Army militias — for months.

Most recently the Israelis have deposited enormous arms depots in the hands of the renegade army forces of Saad Haddad in the South, have relinquished sovereignty over occupied territories in southern Lebanon to Haddad's group in defiance of the United Nations, and have transferred units of the Falange from central Lebanon via the Mediterranean and Israeli territory into southern Lebanon.

At the same time, Israel has been constructing an alliance with a faction of the Lebanese Muslim Shi'ites in the South. Warnings to Shi'ite leaders about the dire consequences of cooperation with Palestinians have been combined with political bribery and pressure tactics to bring a Shi'ite faction into open cooperation with Israel. According to *France-Soir* June 21, a Shi'ite faction has this week abruptly reversed a decision taken earlier in June against cooperating with Israel.

While these events have been well publicized, what is generally not known is how extensively these Israeli-connected networks in Lebanon interconnect with networks as far east as Iran.

The head of the renegade Shi'ite faction, Lebanese Parliament Speaker Kamel Assad, has long received stipends from networks operating out of Iran. Similarly, Camille Chamoun, the former President and Interior Minister of Lebanon whom Egyptian President Anwar Sadat recently labeled "the leading British agent in the Middle East," has intimate ties with agents in Iran's Savak intelligence apparatus dating back to the days when Chamoun was an avid supporter of the British-motivated 1950s Baghdad Pact in the Middle East.

#### *The Kurds, Turkey and Iran*

One further paradigmatic case of Israeli intelligence manipulation of Middle East ethnic groups is that of the Kurds. Historical 1960s Israeli involvement with Kurdish leader Mustafa Barzani has recently been definitively exposed by Israeli Member of Parliament Arye Eliav, who itemized trips made by himself and others to aid Barzani's operations along the Iran-Iraq border.

More recently, the tell tale signs of Dayan and the British have cropped up in a series of odd Kurdish disturbances in eastern Turkey.

For weeks, the Turkish newspaper *Hurriyet* has been running banner headlines about Savak responsibility for setting in motion the Kurds and other ethnic groups to destabilize Turkey. These charges have been denied by the Turkish Foreign Ministry, and it is likely that what is in operation is a "private" intelligence nexus operating on both the Turkish and Iranian sides.

*Hurriyet's* most extreme charges have included that Savak has created an organization named KAWA, which is aiming to establish an independent Kurdish state. This group, which ostensibly interfaces with the terrorist Turkish Workers and Peasants Liberation Army, has been blamed with at least one assassination of a top-level Turkish army officer and is further accused of links with other ethnic-separatist movements in eastern Turkey.

Notably, eastern Turkey has recently been targeted by Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit for a substantial regional development program. Ecevit is now in Moscow for talks with the Soviet leadership on considerably

expanding Soviet economic aid to Turkey. Previously, Ecevit engaged in discussions on trade and development with West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

It is therefore probable that Turkey is being actively incorporated into the nexus evolving out of the May Brezhnev-Schmidt trade and economic cooperation discussions, and that British and Israeli intelligence are aiming to keep this from happening.

### 3. Britain's Freemasons Behind Shi'ite Riots In Iran

The Shi'ite religious and student riots which have wracked the Iranian government in the last months and whose chief religious spokesman, Ayatollah Khomeiny, has called for the assassination and armed overthrow of the Shah of Iran, have one objective: to force a beleaguered Shah to revive the anti-Arab, anti-Palestine Iran-Israel axis under the thin guise of "anti-communism."

What is little known, though, is that the command and control centers for the destabilization of Iran are none other than certain London-based "Scottish Rite" masonic lodges which were introduced into Iran at the beginning of this century when Britain brought its brand of Freemasonry to Iran's elite. Freemasonry has a wide-spread following throughout Iran, and is also known to be the vehicle through which the Israeli intelligence organization (Mossad) and the Iranian counterpart (Savak) maintain their lines of communication.

What is at issue here is that the Shah, who backed Saudi Arabia's support for the dollar at last week's Geneva OPEC meeting, is surrounded by a financial-landowning oligarchy, historically London-oriented. Many of these landed power-brokers belong to the Freemasons as well as the quasi-religious Bahai cult which has networks in numerous Iranian cities including Teheran, and the Shah's court as well.

This Freemason-Bahai network is behind the systematic sabotage of the Shah's various industrial development and modernization efforts. According to a former Iranian political leader now residing in the United States, the Shah cannot make any independent decisions without this coterie of British-connected policy makers on hand. He referred to the former head of Savak, Nassiri, and the powerful Court Minister to the Shah, Hoveida, as being members of this Freemason-Bahai network.

#### *The Israeli Connection*

The connection of Iran's Bahai-Freemason network to Israeli intelligence circles is even easier to map. According to an American expert in Iranian studies, the Bahai cult enjoys a temple in the center of Tel Aviv and many Jews in Iran are members of this sect as well. Thus Israeli and Iranian intelligence have secured an appropriate cover for their efforts to sabotage the moves of the Shah to stabilize the Mideast and secure a future Palestinian state. The Shah is known to be in agreement

with Saudi Arabia and certain U.S., West German, and French industrial circles who wish to implement a massive development program to secure such a Mideast peace.

Recently, both Saudi Arabia and a member country of the United Arab Emirates banned Freemasonry as a Zionist front.

The case of the exiled leader of Iran's Shi'ite community is elucidating. Ayatollah Khomeiny, who now resides in Iraq, is a direct descendant of the reactionary Shi'ite reformer of the 19th century, al-Afghani, a British intelligence operative who was secretly not a Shi'ite but a member of a London-based Bahai-Masonic lodge organized by Sir Richard Burton and Wilfred Blunt of the secret service. It was this "religious" leader and his reformist movement which overthrew the Qajar Dynasty in Iran in the so-called 1905 revolution, through the manipulation of the reactionary Shi'ite population. Iran was then partitioned into three parts.

It is such an operation that British intelligence, centered in a key Scotland Yard department and related Israeli intelligence circles, are using to derail Iran from the pro-industrial, pro-Arab policies which the Shah recently has espoused.

## 4. China's Anti-Soviet Front In The Gulf

Peking dispatched Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua on a series of visits to Mideast capitals over the last week to mobilize an anti-Soviet front in the Gulf region, extending into Turkey. Hua brought with him offers to increase the Chinese presence in the area and at the same time, he urged closer links of the Gulf states with NATO to challenge the mythical threat of Soviet expansionism.

After his warmongering visits to Zaire and Brussels, Huang Hua visited Turkey, Iran, and Kuwait, in a tour approvingly described by the London *Times* as a "Chinese anti-Soviet offensive." In Iran, he put out the

hysterical line that the Third World and especially the Gulf states must join forces with China and NATO against the Soviets. In an interview with the Iranian paper *Kayhan*, Hua raved that "the world should realize the common enemy (the Soviet Union) and prepare themselves to stand against it."

### *Hua on Soviet Imperialism*

"It is the Soviet Union which wishes to conquer the whole world (which) is now facing its severest threat to peace," said Hua, claiming that the Soviet Union is expanding its arms factories in preparation for war. Hua called upon the Third World, including China, "to unite with the Western countries to face the aggression of the Soviet Union." The U.S., Hua pointed out, "is an imperialist country and a superpower . . . but at the moment the United States is in a defensive position while the Soviet Union is in an aggressive position, and therefore at this stage the attention of the Third World must be drawn to the domineering attitude of the Soviet Union" evident in their operations over Africa.

Hua's four-day visit to Turkey came only one week prior to Turkish Prime Minister Ecevit's first official trip to Moscow, June 21, to sign a "political document" of friendship and cooperation with the Soviet leadership. Upon his arrival in Ankara, Hua unsuccessfully tried to sell the Turks his violent anti-Soviet line and scare them off from their present moves towards political and economic rapprochement with the Soviets. While in Turkey, Hua publicly attacked the Soviets for their "aggressive, expansionist and subversive activities in the Middle East, Africa and other areas in order to encircle Western Europe" and raved that both Turkey and China "had the common duty" of resisting the Soviet threat by establishing close political and military relations. He also offered to the Turkish government Chinese military equipment to make up for the U.S.-imposed embargo against Turkey. Turkish Foreign Minister Okcun responded to Hua's hysterics by stressing that "realism and mutual trust should dominate international relations."

Hua is expected to push a similar anti-Soviet position in the British-dominated Kuwait.

## Saddam Hussein Must Stop Israeli Agent Khomeiny

*A U.S. Labor Party Memorandum to the Arab Baath Socialist Party*

*Below is a shortened version of a memorandum issued June 20 by Criton Zoakos, Director of Intelligence of the U.S. Labor Party. The full memorandum, including discussion of why "the political considerations involved in prosecuting a Shi'ite religious leader in predominantly Shi'ite Iraq...should not be allowed to acquire an anti-religious coloring," due to British manipulation of the Shi'ite faith which Zoakos documents back into the 19th century, was printed in New Solidarity on June 23, 1978.*

It is in the vital interests of the Arab nations, including the interests of the present Iraqi and Saudi Arabian governments, to put a swift end to the present ongoing destabilization operation conducted by the Israeli government against the Shah of Iran. Ironically, Assistant Secretary General of the Baath Party, Mr. Saddam Hussein, is presently better situated to strengthen the position of the Shah of Iran against Israeli intelligence (Mossad) operations than the Shah himself.