

# Europe races to stop the Crash of '79

*Iran crisis focus for Britain's 'New Dark Ages' policy*

The political leaderships of France and the Soviet Union are racing to put together a diplomatic and economic package for the Middle East and Iran that can avert, at the eleventh hour, a threatened nuclear confrontation between the U.S. and the USSR provoked by the British-Israeli destabilization of the Islamic world.

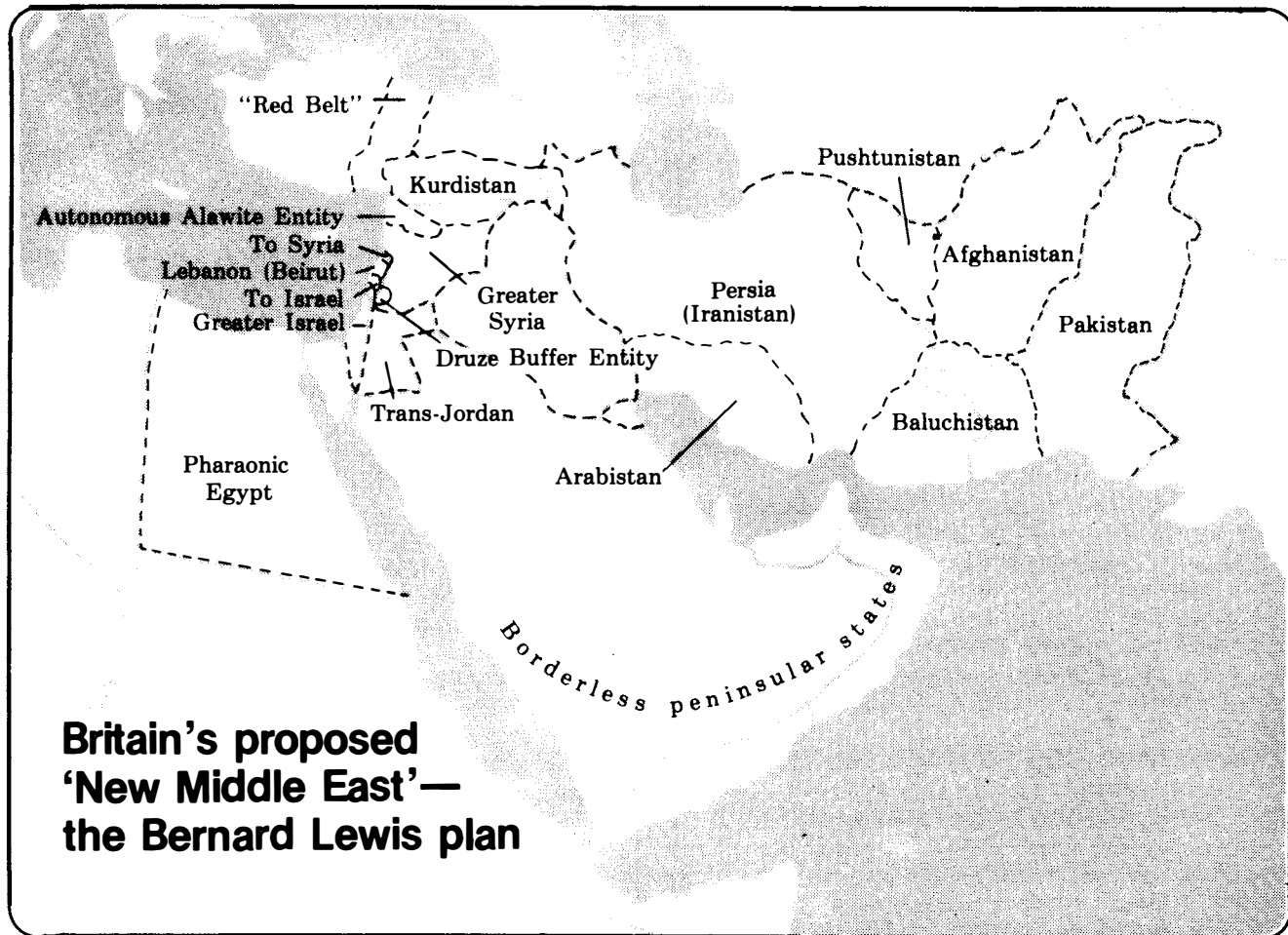
The Middle East crisis point is the focus of efforts centered in the British oligarchy to derail the European Monetary System and thus maintain British oligarchical financial hegemony over the stagnant world economy. The British perspective centers around the "New Dark Ages" perspective articulated in this century by Bertrand Russell and H.G. Well — a wave of "Thirty Years Wars" in the Middle East, Africa, the Indian Subcontinent, South America and elsewhere to upset the ambitious industrial development programs being prepared by the EMS.

The key to the British Middle East policy is the strategy advocated by Princeton's resident British agent, Professor Bernard Lewis. Lewis is a spokesman for uncorking a shattering of the governments and nations of entire regions of the world, through promoting

"nationalist" upsurges around every conceivable subdivision of populations along religious-sectarian, ethnic and other lines. Hence the Muslim Shiite fanatic component which has played a central role in the Iran crisis. The British attempted destabilization of Turkey is exemplary, as is the April 1975 launching of the proposed tripartition of Lebanon.

The French-Soviet package for the Middle East, according to European sources, will be put to President Carter by French President Giscard d'Estaing and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt at the four-power summit meeting with Britain's James Callaghan in Guadeloupe Jan. 5.

The effort, spanning virtually the entire Islamic world, is aimed immediately at blocking the implementation of the Bernard Lewis plan for the breakup and fragmentation of the Arab states, Turkey, Iran, and Pakistan. Britain and Israel have already spun out a major crisis in Iran — where a clique of NATO-British generals are threatening a "Chile-style" coup d'etat that would plunge Iran into civil war. They are now launching a spreading wave of "religious" unrest and sectarian warfare in Turkey, the



Yemens, and the Horn of Africa which, together with Israeli military provocations in Lebanon, threatens to unglue the entire area.

With a U.S. naval task force "poised" just outside the Indian Ocean, and with repeated Soviet warnings this week of the extreme danger of U.S. military intervention in Iran, the peace of the world is hanging by a thread as the Shah and key political and military leaders in Iran work to find a stable solution to the crisis there. According to highly placed West German military sources, if the U.S. blunders into a military adventure in Iran, the Soviet armed forces will immediately respond by moving into northern Iran — placing the world on the brink of a holocaust.

#### France wants peace

Because Carter is presently firmly in the grip of a little group of Anglophile conspirators led by Zbigniew Brzezinski and David Aaron of the National Security Council, France's Giscard has emerged in the last hours as the West's statesman to resolve the Iran problem.

In a New Year's Day address, Giscard said that during

1979 France would act to ensure that world peace is secured. This will be France's main role internationally in the coming year, he said, stressing especially the Middle East and Africa.

In Iran, France has thrown its support behind the urgent efforts by the Shah, Prime Minister-designate Shapur Bakhtiar, and Defense Minister-designate General Djam to establish a civilian government acceptable to all parties (see report below). Both Bakhtiar, who is a French-trained lawyer, and Djam, who received training at a French military school, have close ties to Paris.

More broadly, the French have assumed leadership in what is shaping up to be an international effort to reconvene the Geneva peace conference as an alternative to Camp David.

The French diplomatic effort, closely coordinated with West Germany and the USSR, is precisely the initiative that was first suggested by U.S. Labor Party Chairman Lyndon LaRouche late last week. LaRouche recommended that the bungling Carter defer to Paris for leadership in the Middle East. According to circles close to fascist Otto von Hapsburg in West Germany, the entire Arab world is

also calling on France to intervene to prevent the Iran crisis from spilling over into the rest of the Middle East.

### Brzezinski's gameplan

Brzezinski's gameplan to prevent Bakhtiar from putting together a government by a general left-right destabilization that also includes manipulating the religious opposition. If Bakhtiar's efforts can be wrecked, thinks Brzezinski, then the pro-NATO generals in the military can be induced to make a coup d'etat that would install a violently anti-Soviet army dictatorship.

The immediate result of this coup would be the eruption of a civil war pitting the rightists against the more moderate army factions. The eventual result of this crisis would be the breakup of Iran — and Pakistan — into competing regional-tribal areas, and, almost inevitably, U.S. and Soviet intervention.

In a series of statements, the USSR has warned against such a coup encouraged by the U.S.

But, according to Iranian sources, Bakhtiar's efforts are being undercut by Carter, Brzezinski, and the NSC. The source said that Brzezinski is in telephone contact twice or more daily with Ardeshir Zahedi, the Iran ambassador to the U.S., who is presently in Iran. Zahedi is working closely with the rightist military, who insist that the Shah not leave the country.

The coordinator of the U.S. effort to undercut the Shah-Bakhtiar joint efforts to stabilize Iran is David Aaron of the NSC. Aaron, according to West German sources, is the man who ordered a special 60-man intelligence-military team into Iran last month for the purpose of "working against Bakhtiar." Aaron cooperates with Marvin Zonis and other anti-Shah American intelligence people, who comprise the British-linked Iran specialist group here. Also deeply involved in the disruption of Iran is the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, along with Noam Chomsky.

Should Brzezinski's gameplan succeed, a naval aircraft carrier task force is presently sitting off the coast of China, just outside the Indian Ocean, ready to be sent into the Persian Gulf for a "show of force" aimed at the USSR. Although Carter has reportedly ordered the task force to remain stationary, he is ready to order it to move toward Iran should the situation get worse.

The pretext for an intervention, presumably, would be the need to "protect American lives" by rapid evacuation, as well as to secure oil supplies. But, following a brief crisis when the Teheran airport was shut down and many foreigners stranded with no transport, the Iranian army moved rapidly to reopen the airport and ensure the orderly departure of anyone wishing to leave.

— Robert Dreyfuss

## Geopoliticians spell out

### Exclusive to the Executive Intelligence Review

In interviews last week which have been made available to the *Executive Intelligence Review*, high level "geopolitical strategists" connected to British and Zionist lobby policy circles spoke with unusual frankness and candor of the deeper aims behind their management of the Iranian crisis. Portions of three of the most revealing follow.

#### BERNARD LEWIS [PRINCETON UNIVERSITY]:

*Q: What is your evaluation of what's going on in Iran?*

**Lewis:** First, I think I know more about it working out of the library at Princeton than they know in Washington where ignorance prevails. It's all the Soviets. First came the coup in Afghanistan, then Iran was next on the list. They're infiltrating the Persian-speaking population of Russia into Iran. The Soviets are setting up separatist movements in Iran and throughout the region. They're carving it up through particularism. It has to be the Soviets behind all this. The proof is in the superb planning and staff. Only Moscow could pull it off. Even the PLO and Libya could not have organized so disciplined an insurrection. The other element in this is (French President) Giscard d'Estaing.

*Q: Do you think Bakhtiar can hold power?*

**Lewis:** Our best chance now is an army government, that is anti-Soviet.

*Q: Do you see confrontation developing?*

**Lewis:** Well, it would be great if Kissinger and Schlesinger were in there in key positions and we had a repeat of the 1973 nuclear alert. But, now, if it comes to a showdown Carter will back down. Did you see the recent London *Economist* article, "The Crumbling Triangle?" It was very good. The Soviets smell blood, they're moving on Turkey. We need a show of force, but it isn't directed solely against the USSR. If we have a showdown confrontation it will also be designed to force the Saudi Arabians, the Sheikh of Abu Dhabi, to toe the line and support us against Soviet aggression.

#### RAY CLINE [GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY]:

*Q: What is your analysis of the present Iran crisis?*

**Cline:** It's all Carter's fault. He's a fool who hasn't read the first page of the standard works on geopolitics like Mahan, Mackinder, and Haushofer. He doesn't understand the ABC's of geopolitics. It's part of a