

ments were leaked to the press and to hardline members of Israel's Knesset, who loudly demanded that Shak'a be "disciplined."

Once the phony crisis was launched, the West Bank situation rapidly began to get out of control. In the past week, all twenty-five elected mayors have resigned from their posts, in solidarity with Shak'a. The situation on the West Bank has been described by all the most influential London press—the Nov. 19 *Observer* and *Sunday Times* and Nov. 17 *London Economist*—as "explosive." The *Observer* portrays the 1.25 million Palestinians in the West Bank as "united as never before" and concludes that the chances are great for "uprisings" and "violence" rivalling the widespread outbreaks of West Bank unrest in 1976. The *Economist* claimed that "the West Bank seems set to collapse into disorder."

What is particularly revealing about the Shak'a affair

is not, however, the more sensational aspects being headlined in the Anglo-American daily press. What is most interesting is that the order for disciplinary action against Shak'a came from the man who has heretofore been the most prominent public spokesman in Israel for a "pragmatic" policy toward the Palestinians, Defense Minister Ezer Weizman.

Most accounts of Weizman's role in ordering Shaka'a deported or arrested insist that the Defense Minister "acted hastily," or made a "slip of the tongue," an "error," when he authorized action against Shaka'a. This is not the case. In reality, Weizman is beginning to drop his "pragmatic realist" profile, and is beginning to revert to his better-known profile as a reckless, cowboy-like adventurer ready to launch Israel on highly risky paths, up to and including direct confrontations with the Soviet Union.

This shift by Weizman is, however, not a Jekyll-

The 'Ayatollah' Yuval Neeman

One observer of the Israeli political scene remarked that the fictional "Dr. Strangelove" is a model of mental health compared to Yuval Neeman, the leader of the new Renaissance-Covenant of Eretz Israel Party. Neeman, called the "father of the Israel A-bomb," is nominally a scientist. However, he believes in "quarks," the quack theory derived by two Greenwich Village beatniks from the Tibetan strain of Buddhism. Neeman, in fact, claims to have helped develop the theory.

Neeman is primarily a devout practitioner of "master race" psychology which he calls "pure Zionism." As in H.G. Wells' "The Time Machine," Neeman envisages a tightly organized elite—the "pure Israelis"—armed with superweapons and ruling over a mass of loyal slaves (the people of Israel) and feuding peasant tribes (the Arabs).

Already, the Neeman lunacy is evident in the Begin government's land-grabbing "austerity and settlements" program—the Renaissance-Covenant Party demands the annexation of all Arab territories captured in the 1967 war, and the subordination of all economic and military resources to the service of the expansionist cult of "Greater Israel" Neeman and his friends are prepared to hold every person in the Mideast—and the world—hostage under threat of a nuclear war to reach that objective.

Neeman's ideas did not spring full blown from his mind alone. They are a logical extrapolation of

the reasons the British Special Operations Executive circles around Sir William Stephenson set up a Zionist intelligence service in the first place.

Neeman was recruited to the Stephenson-created Israeli intelligence services not long after Israel became a state. Having developed a reputation as a scientific whiz-kid and as an advocate of applying highly computerized gimmicks to war-fighting following his studies at the Ecole de Guerre in France, Neeman was spotted by then-chief of staff Moshe Dayan and brought into Israel's Aman military-intelligence division.

At the time, Dayan was a leading protégé of Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, a staunch believer in a "Fortress Israel" permanently at war with its neighbors. As a result of various "dirty tricks" and purges of the intelligence and defense establishment, Dayan and Ben-Gurion, by the 1954-55 period, had emerged so much in control that they were able to involve Israel in the joint Suez operations with the British and French against Egypt's Nasser. This locked Israel into decades of bitter hostility with its Arab neighbors.

A favored agent

By 1954-55, Neeman was a favored agent of Dayan in procuring both weaponry and the most advanced knowledge available in nuclear and military science. Dayan dispatched him to London in the 1950s, for

and-Hyde-like "personality change." It is an event of equivalent strategic importance to the resignation last month of Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, ostensibly in protest against the Begin government's determination to annex the West Bank during the next years. The Weizman shift signals that, under current circumstances, the Israeli rulers are not even bothering to maintain the *illusion* of reasonableness.

The key to the Weizman story is the inside account of how the Nov. 15 Cabinet ministerial commitment came to its expand-the-settlements plan. According to the *Jerusalem Post*, at that meeting Weizman dropped his often-acrimonious feud with Gush backer, Agriculture Minister Sharon, and on the basis of a "compromise" arranged by Education Minister Hammer, made a deal with Sharon to legitimize the settlement push.

What is remarkable about the account is that Hammer is a known leader of Gush Emunim! Heretofore

somewhat of an outcast in the Cabinet spectrum, Hammer is suddenly being portrayed in the Israeli press as a leading "power broker." This means nothing less than that Gush Emunim itself is determining and directing policy in a way that was impossible as long as a strong "pragmatist" strain existed in the Israeli Cabinet.

In fact, Gush Emunim supporters are usurping significant positions of power and influence in Israeli policymaking. According to the Nov. 16 *Jerusalem Post*, a "hefty contingent of Hammer's friends" has been brought into the advisory group around Hurwitz, including the new Director-General of the Finance Ministry, Ya'acov Neeman, and Hurwitz's expert on "saving schemes," Yosef Wolf. This contingent, *Post* reporter Mark Segal reveals, was brought in as part of a deal between Hurwitz and Hammer to get Hurwitz installed as Finance Minister.

a stint as military attaché at the Israeli Embassy and to obtain a PhD degree at the Royal College of Physics so that Neeman could become an insider in British scientific circles.

During the mid-to-late 1950s, most of Israel's actual weaponry came from France, however, a result of extensive direct ties between the Israeli defense establishment and the Rothschild and related networks in French intelligence and the French armed forces. It was from these networks that Israel obtained the necessary material to build its Dimona nuclear center, which has since been the production center for Israel's atomic bombs.

The French-Israeli bomb network derived from a collection of French and pro-Zionist scientists that had worked together during World War II under Stephenson's directions in the so-called "Marco Polo" group that operated behind Vichy French lines. After the war, many of the British agents in this network, typified by the leading cultist in France in recent years, Jacques Bergier, veered off into mysticism and irrationalist spiritual worship. The group was linked to the French military circles that pushed for an Israeli nuclear capability—including several "Ministers of Atomic Affairs" who were later to become leaders in the treasonous OAS/Permindex apparatus that attempted almost 30 assassinations against President Charles de Gaulle. The most important of these was Jacques Soustelle, who occupied the Atomic Affairs post from 1959-60, when Israel was consolidating its nuclear capability. He was a key contact for Yuval Neeman.

During the 1970s, Yuval Neeman has more than once resigned from governments that showed even the most minimal willingness to compromise with the Arabs. He formed his current party as a national movement of protest against Begin's act of "appeasement" in signing the Camp David pact with Egypt.

It is clear that the rise to prominence of Neeman's "Greater Israel" annexationist cult is an included component of the combined British-Jesuit intelligence project launched in the mid-1970s whose most notable feature is the Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran. The "Bernard Lewis Plan" which outlines the goals of the project involves spreading fundamentalist cults throughout the Islamic Middle East including Israel. These fundamentalist movements will break up the nation-states of the region, redrawing the map of a Mideast into Arab provinces dominated by a "Greater Israel."

Neeman's short-term aim, accordingly, is to have nuclear bomb-wielding Israel squat ruthlessly atop an Arab-Islamic world engulfed in chaos by the Muslim Brotherhood.

Yuval Neeman is a pure example of what is coming to be called the "kook faction" in international politics. A believer in the necessity of possessing "superweapons" to ensure racial mastery, whatever the cost, he is an ideologue who subordinates all political and economic reality to the furtherance of an irrational belief. He has no political independence from the geopolitical strategies of the British oligarchy. He can only be credited with being independently mad.