

Israel Adds Nukes to Subs

While Israel's *Ha'aretz* on Oct. 10 and Germany's *Der Spiegel* on Oct. 11 carried reports that an Israeli military attack on Iran is imminent, the *Los Angeles Times* on Oct. 12 reported that Israel now has an operational, nuclear-armed cruise missile capability. Two unnamed Bush Administration officials have disclosed, according to the *Times*, and an Israeli official confirmed, that Israel has modified U.S.-supplied cruise missiles, and installed them on the three German-built submarines in its navy.

Not only does the new capability strengthen Israel militarily (or, as the *Times* puts it "bolsters Israel's deterrence") but it also complicates efforts to persuade Iran to abandon its suspected nuclear program. Unlike Iran, however, Israel is not a signatory of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

"The presence of a nuclear program in the region that is not under international safeguards gives other countries the spur to develop weapons of mass destruction," said Nabil Fahmy, Egypt's ambassador to the United States.

"Any future conflict becomes more dangerous."

One of the officials who spoke to the *Times* admitted that this is a factor in the dispute over Iran's program. "A big source of contention is Israel," he said. "This is a magnet for other countries to develop nuclear weapons." Joseph Cirincione, the director of the non-proliferation program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, said, "You are never going to be able to address the Iranian nuclear ambitions or the issues of Egypt's chemical weapons and possible biological weapons program, without bringing Israel's nuclear program into the mix."

Israeli officials interviewed by the *Times* did not provide any details beyond confirming the new nuclear capability, but U.S. officials believe the Israelis modified Harpoon missiles to carry the warheads. The Harpoon normally carries a 488-pound high-explosive warhead, so the Israelis would have had to reduce the size of the nuclear device to make it fit, a task well within their engineering capabilities.

The Israeli daily *Yediot Aharonot* on Oct. 12 published a photo of the Dauphin submarine, with graphics explaining how it could "sneak up" toward Iran and fire its nuclear warheads.

—Carl Osgood

mony on Syria and Lebanon from Daniel Pipes and Gen. Michel Aoun, former Lebanese Prime Minister (1988-90) and a prop in the Hudson Institute drive for a war against Syria. The Hudson Institute Mideast project is headed by Meyrav Wurmser, wife of David Wurmser, now of Cheney's staff. She also co-authored "A Clean Break," along with Richard Perle, Charles Fairbanks (Paul Wolfowitz's closest friend and disciple), Douglas Feith and others.

- On Oct. 5, Israel bombed sites inside Syrian territory. While the attacks were ostensibly in retaliation for a suicide bombing in Haifa the day before, the Israeli Cabinet had in fact approved the bombing raids into Syria six weeks earlier. Sharon's announcement of the Syria raids used formulations taken verbatim from President Bush's March 20, 2003 announcement of the launching of the U.S. invasion of Iraq.

- Oct. 9, the Bush Administration lifted its opposition to the Syria Accountability and Restoration of Lebanese Sovereignty Act—a bill modeled on the Iraq Liberation Act—that would pave the way for sanctions and "regime change" in Syria and Lebanon. The bill is being pushed through Congress on a fast track, delivering an unambiguous message to Sharon that he has a green light from Washington to attack Syria.

- Oct. 12 marked the opening of a five-day conference in Jerusalem, which can only be described as a "gathering of the beasts" to prepare for the new wars, targeting both Syria and Iran. The event is co-sponsored by the U.S.A.-based Christian Zionist front, the National Unity Coalition for Israel (NUCI);

the City of Jerusalem; the Israeli Ministry of Tourism; and the Mikhail Chernoy Foundation, a Russian Mafiya front in Israel. Along with the most rabid Israeli "Beast-men"—from Bibi Netanyahu, Rabbi Benny Elon, Effi Eitam, Ehud Olmert, Avigdor Lieberman to Uzi Landau—other featured speakers include Richard Perle, Frank Gaffney, Alan Keyes, Yossef Bodansky, Daniel Pipes and Rev. Mike Evans.

Partner-in-Crime Is Shultz

LaRouche emphasized that Cheney is accountable for the Iraq fiasco. Cheney was the point-man for the war party faction. He is accountable for the fact that the U.S. military is at the breaking point. If President Bush and Secretary of State Powell fail to get 50,000 foreign troops into Iraq before year's end, then the Pentagon will be forced to call up 100,000 more reservists and National Guardsmen for duty in Iraq, to rotate out the existing forces. The military hospitals are overflowing with casualties from the Iraq war. Some eyewitnesses describe it as a situation unseen in the United States since the Civil War. This is the hidden scandal of the ongoing Iraq war, a scandal that is too big to hide.

And Cheney's partner-in-crime, LaRouche concluded, the real "Beast-meister," is George Shultz. He is not only the Godfather of the neo-con team that seized control of the Bush Administration before it even came into office. Shultz is also the man behind the Arnold Schwarzenegger recall election atrocity in California.