

Middle East peace are worthless if they are premised upon a mere rearrangement of presently existing chairs and tables of Middle East policy-shaping. The first step toward practically effective action is comprehension of the extraordinary nature of the present strategic situation merely implied by the recent Madrid terrorist action by the present-day heirs of Hitler's Schellenberg, Schacht, and Skorzeny.

Were I President, the measures to be taken are clear. Sharon's latest atrocities were not possible without the implicit agreement of the current U.S. Bush Administration. The great mistake of much of the Arab world, in 2000, was the assumption that Bush would be better news for the Arabs than Clinton. We see the result of that error today. On the other side, it is clear that a U.S. President, such as Kerry or LaRouche, elected on the basis of opposition to the current Bush Administration's strategic and economic policies, could unite most of the world around a U.S. initiative for a strictly-imposed peace and economic reconstruction of the Southwest Asia region. Such a change in U.S. direction would make possible what is presently impossible under the current U.S. administration: a commitment to the kind of reconstruction of world affairs, which has the kind of effect on areas of today's bloody strife, which the 1648 Treaty of Westphalia brought to a Europe despoiled by the accumulation of religious and related hatred brewed by the religious warfare of Europe's 1511-1648 interval.

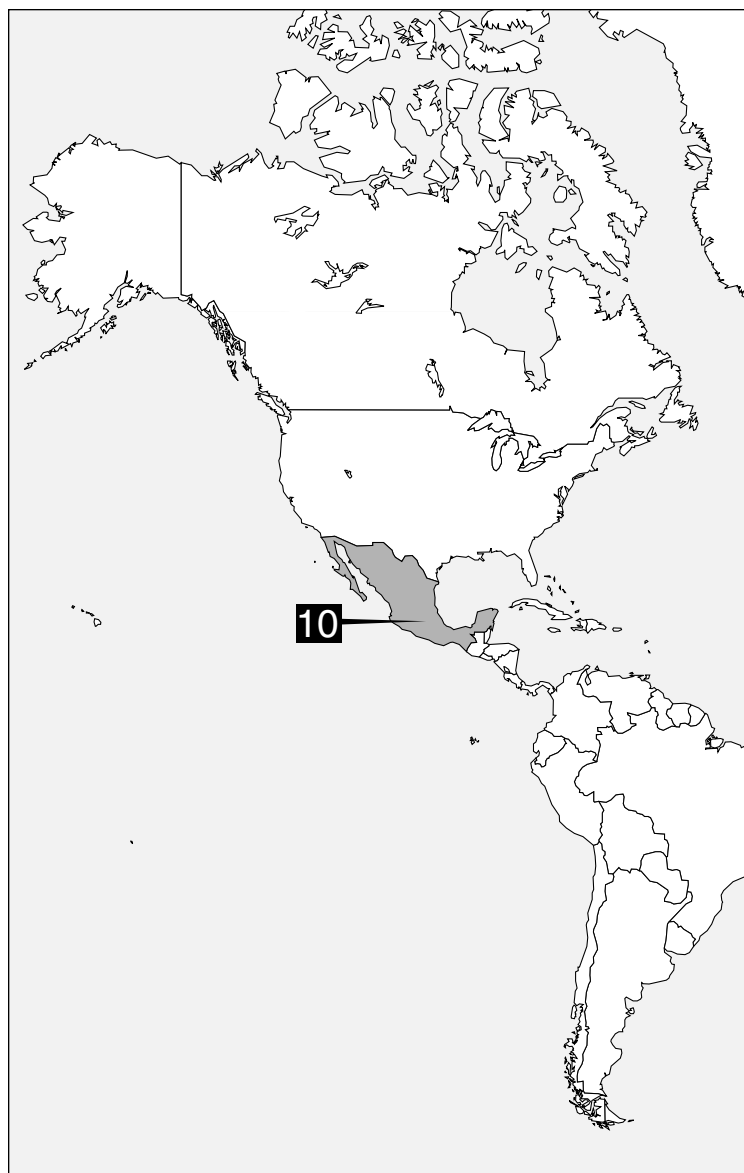
I suggest that the idea of that Treaty of Westphalia be studied in depth, and invoked as a programmatic campaign for the kind of peace which would be durable and profitable for each and all of the peoples involved.

## Synarchist 'Strategy of Tension' and Terror

The March 11 Madrid train bombings have been labeled "Europe's 9/11." Middle East specialists have described the March 22 assassination of Hamas leader Sheikh Yassin as "a new Sarajevo, launching a World War III in the Middle East." As dramatic as these characterizations are, they miss a larger point. Both acts were part of a global "strategy of tension" eruption, aimed at creating conditions of world-wide chaos and ungovernability.

Taken from the top down, these incidents represent a systematic campaign by Synarchist banking circles to blow up the world, rather than allow sovereign nation-states act to reorganize the doomed post-Bretton Woods floating-exchange-rate system.

Any competent probe into any of the recent incidents of asymmetric warfare must begin with a clear global map of the pattern of attacks.



**1. Balkans—Macedonia:** President Boris Trajkovski killed in a plane crash in Bosnia Feb. 27, just 40 miles from the site where President Clinton's Commerce Secretary Ron Brown died in a similarly suspicious crash.

**2. Balkans—Kosovo:** The worst ethnic violence in five years in Kosovo in mid-March, killing Serbs and Albanian Muslims, and continuing despite the deployment of U.S. and other peacekeeping troops.

**3. Spain:** The March 11 railway bombs that killed over 200 people in Madrid, led to a planned decree cancelling elections, by the ruling Popular Party, only blocked by the King.

**4. Syria:** Kurds rioted in northern Syria on March 12, triggering days of highly unusual violence in the North



between Kurds and Syrian police and military. The destabilization is connected to events in Iraq.

**5. Israel/Palestine:** Israeli Defense Forces assassinated Hamas spiritual leader Sheikh Yassin on March 22, with evidence of Washington pre-approval through Dick Cheney. General war with Lebanon, Syria, and other nations threatens, along with widespread terrorism.

**6. Afghanistan:** Major fighting erupted on March 20 in the West, between the Afghan Army and forces of Herat Governor Ismail Khan, triggered by the assassination of Khan's son, a Kabul government minister.

**7. Taiwan:** President Chen Shui-bian and Vice President Annette Lu were both shot on March 19, leading to a disputed March 20 national election outcome, with

demands it be annulled or immediately recounted.

**8. South Korea:** Acting President Goh Kun put the country on high alert on March 18, against terror attacks on public sites, following President Roh's impeachment and the Madrid bombings.

**9. Japan:** Transportation facilities throughout the country were put on high alert on March 22 against terror attacks, with Japanese troops deployed in Iraq.

**10. Mexico:** An attempt to assassinate Oaxaca Governor José Murat Casab, a national leader of the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), took place on March 18.

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