

Bush Cannot Make Excuses For Sharon's Suicidal War

by Michele Steinberg

Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., Democratic Presidential pre-candidate for 2004, is warning that the Bush Administration must not make any excuses for what Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is doing in the Dec. 2-8 attacks on Palestinians. "Sharon and the IDF [Israeli Defense Forces] are determined to kill Arafat and to destroy the Palestinian Authority. We will not tolerate this," said LaRouche.

On Dec. 7, LaRouche further asserted that the present government in Israel represents currents inside Israel and abroad that must be judged as clinically insane. Even after the intervention by the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin—who warned that unless there was a fundamental change in Israeli policy, the nation would soon cease to exist—those same suicidal policies were continued, and were, in fact, the driving factor behind Rabin's assassination. LaRouche emphasized that a government that pursues suicidal policies cannot be treated as sane. If Israel persists in its current policies, somewhere down the line, the result will be the destruction of Israel, and its vilification as a Hitler-like state.

LaRouche demanded that the Bush Administration tell Sharon: Stop this Nazi-like policy toward the Palestinians, or the United States will come at you full force and crush you; such unequivocal action could stop Sharon's madness.

Killing The Palestinian Negotiators

At about 3:30 a.m. on Dec. 7, in defiance of appeals from Pope John Paul II and other leaders in the world community, Prime Minister Sharon escalated his attacks on the Palestinian Authority, ordering Israeli F-16s to bomb the police station and police academy of the Palestinian National Authority in the Gaza Strip. At the same time, in a show of Hitler-style

insanity, Sharon demanded the same Palestinian police crack down on terrorism, while he is bombing their headquarters, stations, and prisons.

The new attacks came on Pearl Harbor day, just hours after Sharon's government had told U.S. envoy Gen. Anthony Zinni (ret.) that Israeli security officials would meet with their Palestinian security counterparts to *begin* discussing how to end the violence. The deceit is an exact replica of Sharon's behavior, then as Defense Minister, in Lebanon in 1982. The Israeli Prime Minister not only is pursuing an agenda for war: He also has a clear ulterior purpose in mind—a continuing vendetta to kill Palestinian National Authority President Yasser Arafat, which dates back 20 years.

LaRouche emphasized that the Bush Administration and other leaders in the United States must have the courage to tell the truth, despite the U.S. mid-term elections next November and all the pressures from the right-wing Zionist lobby that go with them.

Sharon's actions, LaRouche said, are creating a Thirty Years War-type of situation, and the administration must not make apologies for Sharon and his IDF murder machine. The Israelis today are doing things that only the Nazis have done, and are violating every international resolution passed by the United Nations regarding Israel.

The Israeli people and institutions themselves must be told, said LaRouche, that "these madmen," Sharon and fellow Likud party leader, former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, are leading them and the nation of Israel to destruction. LaRouche compared the situation to that of Count Wallenstein in the middle of the Thirty Years War (1618-48), as described by the great poet Friedrich Schiller in his play of that name. Wallenstein, commander of Imperial ("Catholic")



Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon (center) at the Pentagon March 19 with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. Sharon orchestrated his Washington meetings by provoking Hamas bombings with clockwork predictability, in order to bully the Bush White House.

forces, was assassinated for his “unauthorized” search for peace with the Protestant alliance—guaranteeing nearly two decades more of war, and the absolute devastation of much of Europe.

LaRouche referred to the importance of the treaty that did end that war. “The Peace of Westphalia policy is what must be applied, now,” LaRouche said. “It is the only policy which can rescue the situation.”

Sharon ‘Alliance With Hamas’ Exposed

Inside Israel itself, evidence of opposition to Sharon’s actions is showing up in the press. In fact, some are exposing that Sharon has a secret deal with Hamas, reporting that a stormy Cabinet meeting followed Sharon’s return from the United States after meeting with President Bush, Secretary of State Colin Powell, and National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice. In the Cabinet session, members of Sharon’s inner circle were pounding the table and telling Foreign Minister Shimon Peres that they *intend* to bring the deadly Hamas group that claimed credit for the suicide terrorist acts, into power to replace Arafat. At that point, led by Peres, Labor Party members of the governing coalition walked out of the meeting, and are now debating whether to bring down the Sharon government.

This Faustian pact with Hamas was detailed in a Dec. 4 *Ha’aretz* article by senior commentator Akiva Eldar, who revealed that at a Cabinet meeting, Minister Silvan Shalom blasted Peres for advocating “negotiations” with Arafat. Shalom stated, “Between Hamas and Arafat, I prefer Hamas,” adding that Arafat is a “terrorist in a diplomat’s suit, while Hamas can be hit unmercifully . . . there won’t be any interna-

tional protests.” The *London Times*, owned by Rupert Murdoch, one of Sharon’s biggest backers, also reported that Sharon’s Cabinet wants Hamas to replace Arafat.

Those familiar with the 30-years-long mode of operation of Israel’s “Terror Against Terror” hit teams, dismiss the standard “preventive retaliation” explanation as calculated double-talk: The assassinations are pre-calculated to provoke revenge strikes from Hamas or other terrorists, which in turn unleash the IDF generals.

Bully The White House

These events in the Middle East should shock no one who has heard LaRouche’s warnings that the region was being used to ignite a global religious war, by forces in the United States and Britain seeking such a “clash of civilizations.” The World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks had this purpose, and were an attempted coup d’état against President Bush. But already on July 20, LaRouche warned that the “Guns of August” were being readied, and that a faction inside the IDF command even more rabid than Sharon, might consider assassinating him, to blame Palestinians and justify launching a general Mideast war. Then on Oct. 21, LaRouche identified how the phony terrorism is used in detail. “Who benefitted from the assassination of [Tourism Minister Rehavam] Ze’evi?” wrote LaRouche. “None other than that section of the Israeli military command which is determined to bully the Bush Administration into allowing, or even conducting full-scale attacks on Syria and Iraq.”

And “bully the Administration” is what Sharon is doing, using the assets in Congress of the “billionaires club” of Jewish donors who call themselves “Mega.”

Leading Saudi Daily Covers EIR vs. Kissinger

On Dec. 3, the leading Saudi and international Arabic-language daily *Asharq Al-Awsat*, published an article by *EIR* authors Michele Steinberg and Hussein Al-Nadeem under the title: “Who Is Behind The Attack On Saudi Arabia And Egypt . . . And Why?” The subtitle answered the question: “An American Coup d’État, Aiming To Impose The ‘Clash Of Civilization’ Policies, And Creating A New Roman Empire.” The article is largely an Arabic translation of Steinberg’s article in the Nov. 30 *EIR*. The editors of *Asharq Al-Awsat* reported on what they characterized as “American politician and economist Lyndon LaRouche’s analysis of the Sept. 11 events and what followed, as a coup d’État.”

The same issue contained the Arabic translation of a recent op-ed by former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, under the title “How The Sept. 11 Attacks Will Shape The World Order In The 21st Century.” Kissinger’s article confirms many of the suspicions raised by *EIR* about the intentions of the “transatlantic” power elite for forming a New World Order modelled on the Roman Empire, and for fomenting a “clash of civilizations” with Islam.

Also published in the same issue of *Asharq Al-Awsat* were several articles by prominent Saudi businessmen—such as Dr. Abdurrahman Azzamil—and Saudi lawyers, who were replying frankly to the slander campaign being waged against Saudi Arabia and Egypt by major Anglo-American mass media organs.

Asharq Al-Awsat, both in print and on the Internet, is the leading Saudi business daily, with the largest international readership among Arabic newspapers, a daily circulation of 236,500. It is published by the London-based Saudi Research and Marketing Ltd., and distributed in most Arab Gulf countries, North Africa, and all major cities in Europe and the United States.

Sharon claimed he got a “green light” from Bush to give Arafat and the Palestinian Authority “the Taliban treatment.” But Israeli sources expose this as a lie. On Dec. 5, *Ha’aretz* correspondent Zev Schiff wrote that, in their meeting, Bush laid out a series of “red lines”—not “green lights”—to Sharon, warning him not to harm Arafat, nor topple the PA, which is the U.S.-recognized partner in the peace negotiations. Sharon is ignoring Bush and counting on Mega’s political clout.

To further the Sharon/Mega aims, a resolution sponsored by Henry Hyde (R-Ill.) and Tom Lantos (D-Calif.), two of Sharon’s biggest backers, was rammed through the House of Representatives by a vote of 384-11, to pressure Bush to crush Arafat in the name of a “war on terrorism.” At the same time, ten members of Congress, including Senators John McCain (R-Ariz.), Joe Lieberman (D-Conn.), Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), and Trent Lott (R-Miss.) sent a letter to Bush, demanding Iraq be made the next war target in the “war on terrorism.”

Despite the broad margin, however, there is some clear-minded opposition, reflected in the warning by Rep. John Dingell (D-Mich.), that this resolution pushes a policy for Israel and the United States that leads to world war.

Lebanon Legacy: Sharon Is Out To Murder Arafat

by Dean Andromidas

The bloody escalation of events in the Mideast of late November-early December has been orchestrated by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, and his Israeli Defense Force (IDF) generals, in collusion with their supporters in the United States among the “Mega” group of billionaires and the “Wolfowitz cabal,” named after Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, who are attempting to foment an all-out religious war. Sharon’s aims are clear: sabotage the peace mission of Gen. Anthony Zinni (ret.), U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell’s special envoy; overthrow the Palestinian Authority; and eliminate Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat from the scene forever.

Sharon’s bloody provocation would not be possible unless he got a “green light” from his friends in Washington. This does not refer to President George Bush or Secretary of State Powell, but to the circle of war-mongers who have decided to unleash their breakaway ally, Sharon, because the Bush Administration, despite the ravings of Wolfowitz and his cronies, refuses to launch war against Iraq, Syria, and Iran. Allowing Sharon to eliminate Arafat and overthrow the Palestinian Authority, would throw the region into a conflagration within which Sharon’s generals could unilaterally launch attacks on Iraq, Syria, or other Arab countries. This in turn, would drag the United States into a war with the Arab world and the “clash of civilizations,” which has been the intent of those behind the ongoing military coup initiated by the attacks on the United States on Sept. 11.

On Nov. 19, Powell gave his speech committing the Bush Administration to implementation of the Mitchell Commission plan—a report on steps necessary for Mideast peace by