or their Soviet allies on the simple issue of immediate Peking withdrawal from Vietnamese territory. To pretend otherwise is worse than a waste of breath — it is to contribute to the probability of thermonuclear war.

The crucial issue is the London-Carter-Jerusalem-Peking axis and the geopolitical policies of that axis. That is the issue which defines imminent World War III. That policy of that axis is the issue of war. Unless the Carter Administration backs off from and repudiates that Peking and related policies, general war is probable whenever war is triggered by the mere fact of push coming to shove on any subsumed developments.

"Incidents"

trigger a pre-existing state of virtual warfare.

The United States must break away from its special alliance with London, immediately break off President Carter's too intimate relationship to the household of British ambassador Peter Jay.

We are at the brink of a war which means the immediate death of between 50 and 60 percent of our nation's citizens. Admittedly numerous so-called and actual experts think the danger is not so immediate. Their arguments in each case show that they are considering wishfully only an isolated selection of the facts and not the facts as a whole.

## Egypt-Israel pact — the second front

The meeting at Camp David today of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil of Egypt, and Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan of Israel is slated to set up an operational command for a military "second front" against the Soviet Union to complement the Chinese invasion of Vietnam.

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat has reportedly told the United States that he has a shopping list for arms that includes 300 F-15 fighter-bombers, 500 tanks, and over 40,000 military vehicles. Such a huge buildup, which Arab sources expect Saudi Arabia to finance, is meant to help Sadat act as the policeman for what the Egyptian president called "an arc of crisis from Algeria to Afghanistan."

In alliance with Israel, the Egyptians intend to act as the cornerstone of a Middle East Treaty Organization (METO). METO was the goal of the recent swing through the area by Secretary of Defense Harold Brown, the first ever by a Pentagon chief, who visited Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Israel, and Egypt. Iran, which is almost without any government and on the verge of disintegration, might be expected to enter the METO pact following a coup d'etat by the Air Force.

During his visit to Egypt, Brown stated that the U.S. and Egypt should "act in concert with each other and with other nations in the region," calling for "new patterns of security cooperation." In an interview later with the New York Times, Brown said that he was looking forward to the increase of U.S. presence in the Middle East, including more frequent naval visits, possible U.S. bases, stepped up arms sales, and periodic meetings of Ministers of Defense. He also hinted that the Diego Garcia base in the Indian Ocean would be expanded for a Middle East role.

The London Observer reported on Feb. 18 that Brown's visit to Saudi Arabia has been coordinated closely with the current tour of the Arabian Gulf states by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth of England, who is giving her "assurances" to the nervous Arab sheikhs that Britain and the U.S. will stand behind them. Reportedly, Britain is pressuring the U.S. to set up a joint Persian Gulf command for the defense of the Gulf — an intolerable provocation to the Soviet Union.

According to the Christian Science Monitor, Brown intends to include Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Somalia, Jordan, Iran, and other states along with Egypt and Israel in his proposed METO pact. But, many observers say, drastic political earthquakes would have to shake Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Iran for those countries to consider joining a NATO-like bloc in the Middle East.

Reports are already in that in Iran and Turkey, NATO is planning for a bloody coup d'etat to establish a junta, like that in Pakistan, that could resist the tendency toward nonalignment that is current Turkish policy and was, until his overthrow, increasingly that of the Shah of Iran.

At the same time, Saudi Arabia is being blackmailed by the U.S. and Britain into support for the Camp David policy, although so far there are few signs that the Saudis are willing to play the role assigned to them.

Critical to this strategy is NATO's use of the festering crisis in Iran to destabilize and weaken all surrounding governments.

Iran itself has begun to disintegrate, with Kurdish, Baluchi, Arab, Azerbaijani, and other minority tribesmen beginning to demand independence from Iran. Without an Army — which fell apart after the fall of the Shah — Iran is unable to keep the unruly tribesmen under control, with British and Israeli intelligence conduits supplying arms and support to the rebels. This process, should it continue, will spark an explosion in Turkey, Iraq, and Pakistan — and possibly Saudi Arabia itself.

-Robert Dreyfuss