

Tip O'Neill aids and abets Moscow in Lebanon

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Soviet moves in Lebanon are merely the epicenter of a global squeeze play designed to progress to a thermonuclear confrontation, probably by the spring, in which the stakes will far surpass those involving the destinies of Lebanon, the Middle East, or even Mideast-dependent Western Europe, as *EIR* founder Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. warned in his nationally televised half-hour address on Jan. 21.

Soviet Politburo member Geydar Aliyev is orchestrating the squeeze play from the ground in Damascus. The intended collapse of President Amin Gemayel and the intended proclamation of an Islamic fundamentalist republic of Lebanon is supposed to be the initiating point for a rapid-paced Islamic fundamentalist takeover in Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Jordan, Egypt, and the Persian Gulf as a whole, amid chaotic eruptions, bloodshed, and suspension of the last remnants of civilized life.

In turn, the fall of the Middle East, pivoted around the fall of Lebanon, is designed to be the opening phase of a fast-paced Soviet political-military assault against Western Europe. In the end, those persons are to rule Western Europe who like Kissinger believe in reducing the United States to a third-rate power, limited to about 25 percent of its present status and influence. The Soviet command has prediscussed the risk of an actual thermonuclear war in scheduling this objective for some time this year, before the U.S. election and most probably before the summer party conventions.

Are you surprised that the United States is about to be handed its hide in the Middle East and in Europe as a result of what is now happening in Lebanon? Had you watched LaRouche's Jan. 21 national television broadcast, as Speaker

of the House Tip O'Neill did, you would not have been surprised. In fact, had you been Tip O'Neill, you would be overflowing with pride over the unique contribution you made to this now unfolding national debacle.

During the Jan. 21 broadcast on CBS-TV, LaRouche, a contender for the Democratic presidential nomination, warned against precisely the kind of debacle now in progress. In putting forward his bid for the nomination, he identified the main source of this country's problem as the appeaser faction of political figures exemplified by those Democrats grouped around Chuck Manatt's Democratic National Committee such as Tip O'Neill, Averell Harriman, and Walter Mondale. In the 10 days following the LaRouche challenge, a flurry of countermeasures was launched by Manatt's Democratic National Committee (DNC), the KGB-riddled Mondale campaign, Henry Kissinger, and members of the Democratic congressional leadership, especially Speaker O'Neill. The goal was to silence LaRouche and thus facilitate an international intrigue to torpedo President Reagan's electoral campaign by a major international debacle.

The first of February was a busy day for O'Neill. He began it by breaking his own tradition and endorsing a presidential candidate before the Democratic convention—Walter Mondale. Part of that busy day was also devoted to putting in the "fix" to deny LaRouche the customary Secret Service protection afforded to candidates; the remainder was spent organizing for the infamous Democratic caucus resolution calling for the immediate withdrawal of the Marines from Lebanon. The following day, Feb. 2, the inflated Speaker of the House remarked publicly that he had succeeded in causing

Secret Service protection to be denied to LaRouche, and then went off to lead a Democratic Congressional Caucus meeting which, under the glare of cameras, overwhelmingly approved a draft resolution calling for the speedy withdrawal of the Marines from Beirut. This resolution, as "Topsy" knew, was a signal to be picked up by the Soviet command and translated into specific marching orders for the Soviets' surrogates, the Syrians and the Druze and Shi'ite warlords in Lebanon.

Within a day, all hell broke loose in Lebanon. With Tip O'Neill's green light, backed by the KGB-tainted Mondale campaign, and by Henry Kissinger's behind-the-scenes drive to take over day-to-day foreign policy making in the Reagan administration, fresh Syrian and Druze artillery batteries appeared on the hills around Beirut. Hafez Assad of Syria issued assassination threats against the members of the Lebanese cabinet, in some cases accompanied by actual assassination attempts. The moderate Muslim leaders of Lebanon received similar assassination threats, and were ordered to the Syrian capital. Under Syrian coercion, and with Tip O'Neill's faction resolved to deny them U.S. protection, Lebanon's moderate Muslims resigned from the Lebanese government, and many issued calls to Muslim members of the Lebanese Army to desert from their ranks.

Within three days of the O'Neill-sponsored Democratic Caucus draft resolution, the government had collapsed, the army had collapsed, and most of the capital had fallen into the hands of over 10,000 heavily armed Khomeiniac terrorists bent on proclaiming Lebanon an Islamic republic. The British, Italian, and French military contingents of the Multinational Force were ordered out by their governments. Simultaneously, these governments issued calls to introduce a Soviet-approved and perhaps Soviet-sponsored United Nations peacekeeping force in Lebanon.

What is going on around Lebanon while the media try to persuade the public that what is at stake is merely the presence or absence of the Marines at the Beirut International Airport?

Moscow's own NATO secretary

Poor Topsy O'Neill may have believed for a moment that he was doing something very clever with that withdrawal resolution, something which might pin down President Reagan in an impossible foreign crisis, cost him his re-election, and thus allow Tip's choice, the KGB-tainted Walter Mondale, to win in November. For all we know, Mr. O'Neill may not even believe that Mondale is KGB tainted. Having heard the charge, he probably dismisses it as mere campaign mudslinging from LaRouche. "Topsy" is either too drunk or too lazy to look at the damning evidence. Or, most likely, one of the KGB-tainted boys is brandishing a thick blackmail file before the eyes of the Speaker of the House.

The pettiness and corruption of our Congress, as aptly illustrated by the Speaker, the KGB influence over the Democratic National Committee and its hand-picked stable of candidates, the treacherous collaboration of Secretary of State Shultz with Henry Kissinger, a cabal deeply sunk in personal

corruption, greed, betrayal, and blackmail have all combined to play out this monstrous Lebanon gambit for stakes which go far beyond poor, shattered Lebanon. The United States is about to be felled as a world power under the triple blows of the Moscow-allied Islamic fundamentalist movement, the creature of a deeply embedded alliance of old Nazi and communist intelligence networks, of the Moscow-allied Pugwash arms control elite, and of the Moscow-allied sponsors of a "neutral" *Mittleuropa* political entity in Europe.

All three of these political coalitions are in agreement with the current imperial Russian leadership that the power, influence, and alliance commitments of the United States worldwide should be reduced to about a quarter of their traditional extent. Emerging from the current explosion in Lebanon, the governments of France, Italy, and Great Britain are engaged in an intensive effort to bring the Soviet Union into a U.N.-sponsored negotiating forum as a partner in a "crisis management" exercise whose object is to dislodge the United States from the entire Middle East.

The diplomatic bureaucracies under Foreign Ministers Claude Cheysson of France, Giulio Andreotti of Italy, and Geoffrey Howe of Great Britain are working in coordination under the supervision of Lord Peter Carrington for the purpose of accomplishing this objective. The British Foreign Office has been coordinating its Lebanon and Middle East policy with Moscow since at least last September, when it was settled that Lord Peter Carrington would be appointed the next secretary-general of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. On Feb. 9, 1984, the French cabinet announced that Cheysson, on behalf of the entire cabinet, had been coordinating its Lebanon policy with Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko of the Soviet Union. As for Andreotti, he is known to operate under the coercion of Soviet KGB blackmail files which are periodically waved under his nose.

The finishing touches for the Lebanon debacle were put in Stockholm on Jan. 17, as we warned at the time, when Howe and Gromyko met under the watchful eyes of Lord Peter Carrington. What appears to have been discussed during that session were not tactical details but rather the principles of operation and the redistribution of influence which are of special interest to Carrington, the inspirator of a "New Yalta Agreement" in which the power of the United States is to be reduced drastically in world affairs. Henry Kissinger, a business partner of Lord Carrington, has mounted an effort to take complete control of the entire foreign-policy machinery of the Reagan administration, with the willing aid of George Shultz. Kissinger's takeover effort is facilitated by the ever-growing Soviet military threats and by the coordinated activities of the KGB-tainted circles of the Democratic Party such as Tip O'Neill's congressional leadership, the Mondale campaign, and the DNC. The squeeze play has left President Reagan misinformed and disoriented.

In these circumstances, the mentors of Speaker O'Neill know better than the average informed citizen of the vital importance to their planning of silencing Mr. LaRouche and his campaign. The stakes could not be higher.