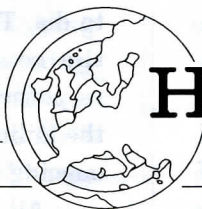




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# THE CRISIS THAT IS COMING

France's four million Moslems form the country's second religion and the London *ECONOMIST* of April 6 reported over 400 attacks on synagogues and other acts against the Jewish community in France since the intifada began in September 2000 and February of this year.

A French writer devoted five pages of the magazine section of *FIGARO*, Paris' leading morning paper, of April 6, to the bombings of synagogues and attacks on Jewish property in the principal cities of France as acts of anti-Semitism. The news section reported that five young Arabs had been arrested with the smell of gasoline still in their car ten minutes after the synagogue in Val-de-Marne was ignited. Young Moslems from city suburbs were considered guilty of the attacks. The war without classic battles or chivalry and in which Israel and America and all countries friendly to them are Islam's enemies had started.

The American Jewish Congress and its many committees also deplored such acts as anti-Semitism instead of seeing them as replies to Prime Minister Sharon's creation of 35 new settlements in Palestine since his election 15 months ago.

The 64 organizations in France's CRIF,

the Council Representative of Jewish institutions, organized marches in Paris, Lyon, Marseilles, Bordeaux and Strasbourg for Sunday, May 6, in support of Israel.

Cecilia Gabizon's column in *FIGARO* of May 7 called it the first time in history that the sentiments of the Jewish organizations and those of the republic were not the same.

Cecilia reported that though the marches were supposed to be solely in support of Israel, non-practicing Jews in Organizations such as *PEACE NOW* took part and left when militants marching for Sharon arrived.

Sixty Christian organizations held demonstrations to express shock at the triumph of hate on the mount where the savior was born, and a petition calling for international intervention in Palestine was signed by their presidents.

A screaming headline headed Dominic Kennedy's London *TIMES* story of May 7: "40,000 British Jews rally to side of Israel. Organizers of such a march knew they were setting up a provocative act of war for which Britain would pay and real anti-Semitism would surely follow.

The accompanying photo showed a ravishingly beautiful girl, her arms flung out in joy. "Gwendolyn Lamb rose long before

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dawn yesterday, dressed entirely in blue and white to match the Israeli flag," Mr. Kennedy wrote, "then began her 350-mile journey to Trafalgar Square." "She was among an estimated 40,000 people to converge on London for the biggest show of Anglo-Israel unity in history...The crowd was so vast that speakers such as Peter Mandelson and Lord Janner of Braunstone could be heard by only a minority, but when Benjamin Netanyahu appeared a respectful silence fell across the square," He told them they must throw Yasser Arafat out.

"Mr. Netanyahu's message visibly changed the mood of the crowd, as if a burden of fear and dread was being lifted. Opposition to him came from about 300 peace activist Jews, shepherded by police onto the steps of the church of St Martin-in-the-Fields, who waved placards saying 'Jews against occupation' and 'Occupation not in my name' and shouted 'Shame!' at the right wing leader. The anti-Sharon group were called 'Nazis' by the main crowd." Moslem protesters were kept at a distance by the police.

"By the end of the rally Miss Lamb, like tens of thousands of fellow Jews, was feeling confident, cheerful and defiant. As the crowd dispersed she said: 'This is wonderful, wonderful. This is to show people that we are not an insignificant minority as the BBC makes out.'"

Fifteen days later THE TIMES reported: "al-Qaeda men head for Britain...Scotland Yard is investigating reports that 30 al-Qaeda and Taliban suspects have been smuggled into Europe and are reported to be heading for Britain...Interpol feared they would stage terrorist attacks from a newly established European base."

The headlines of June 6 went further: "M15 (the British equivalent of the FBI) lists 350 terror targets in Britain - al-Qaeda suicide missions prompt urgent security review."

U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld warned Londoners on June 5 of the al-Qaeda

cells in 50 or 60 countries, including America. Instead of telling General Sharon to remove the illegal settlements and give terrorism time to die, THE TIMES quoted him as calling "all the countries of NATO to sharpen their responses in order to be able to tackle not just the military, but also the political aspects of the ongoing campaign against terror."

All is happening as Martin van Creveld, the Jerusalem-based history professor, predicted in his book, "La Transformation de la Guerre", which we quoted in January 1998. Mr. van Creveld wrote that "lack of contiguous borders between Israel and her principal enemies made it inevitable that third countries would be battlefields in the war to come. It would be neither classic war between states with their heavy battalions or a nuclear area war. It would be a terrorist war on a grand scale within nations." That is the war that has started.

The tragedy of September 11, 2001, took four years of planning and those who master-minded it have not been idle since. A lull followed the marches in Paris and London and the pro-Israel demonstration in Brussels on May 20, but it has been spent preparing greater blows, which pro-Israel demonstrations will bring down on the heads of people who have nothing to do with Palestine.

President Bush's campaign against terrorism in Afghanistan and the upsetting of al-Qaeda's bank transfers have hindered the enemy, but the greater war is coming. The colonization of Palestine is still the seed of troubles yet to come. So great is the hatred it has built up, neither Yasser Arafat nor any one else can now make suicide bombing cease. A billion Moslems see America as the source of Ariel Sharon's strength. A report in the London Times of June 11 was headed: "US backs Israel as tanks again ring Arafat." No one in Washington was willing, or strong enough, to say the words that were needed. Daily the threat grows and any country

M15



friendly to America risks violence from within, while a tough voice from Washington could puncture al-Qaeda's reason for existing.

The only bright spot in the flood of responsibility avoidance and changing decisions is the new political party founded by Yossi Beilin, the architect of the Oslo accords and former minister of Justice. The New Shahar (Dawn) Party will lead a broad based peace coalition against Ariel Sharon in the party primaries this fall and under Mr. Beilin will call for all peace-fighting Israelis to guarantee "the Jewish and democratic existence of Israel based on peace and social justice."

The platform of the new party is broadly in line with Saudi Arabia's peace initiative and the peace framework, which Mr. Beilin himself drew up with Mahmoud Abbas, the likely successor to Yasser Arafat in 1995, two years after his first secret talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization as Israel's deputy foreign minister. At this moment peace and Israel's future are in the hands of Yossi Beilin and Ariel Sharon, but, unfortunately, it is Sharon who has the lobbies and Bush's ear.

The writings of Martin van Creveld, the Hebraic history professor, on General Sharon's plans, should be taken seriously by every intelligence service of nations where Moslems reside. Professor van Creveld was back in the Sunday Telegraph of April 28 with almost half a page. "Sharon's plan," he declared, "is to drive the Palestinians across the Jordan." The thesis he disclosed was brutal in its honesty and academic in its clarity. Any reader would deduce that he was sending President Bush a message.

"During the 1948 war of independence, Israel drove 650,000 Palestinians from their homes into neighboring countries," he wrote. "If it were to try something similar today, the outcome could well be a regional war. More and more people in Jerusalem believe that such is Mr. Sharon's objective."

"It might explain why Mr. Sharon, famous for his ability to plan ahead, appears not to have a plan. In fact, he has always harbored a very clear plan - nothing less than to rid Israel of the Palestinians."

"Few people, least of all me, want the following events to happen. But such a scenario could easily come about. Mr. Sharon would have to wait for a suitable opportunity - such as an American offensive against Iraq, which some Israelis think is going to take place in early summer. Mr. Sharon himself told Colin Powell, the Secretary of State, that America should not allow the situation in Israel to delay the operation. An uprising in Jordan, followed by the collapse of King Abdullah's regime, would also present such an opportunity - as would a spectacular act of terrorism inside Israel that killed hundreds. Should such circumstances arise then Israel would mobilize with lightning speed - even now much of its male population is on standby. First, the country's three ultra modern submarines would take up firing positions out at sea. Borders would be closed, a news blackout imposed and all foreign journalists rounded up and confined to a hotel as guests of the government. A force of 12 divisions, all of them armored, plus various territorial units suitable for occupation duties, would be deployed: five against Egypt and one opposite Lebanon. This would leave three to face east, as well as enough forces to put a tank inside every Arab Israeli village just in case their populations get any funny ideas. The expulsion of the Palestinians would require only a few brigades. They would not drag people out of their houses but use heavy artillery to drive them out. The damage done to Jenin would look like a pinprick in comparison."

"Any outside intervention would be held off by the Israeli Airforce. In 1982, the last time it engaged in large-scale operations, it destroyed 19 Syrian anti-aircraft batteries and shot down



100 Syrian aircraft against the loss of one. Its advantage now is much greater than it was then and would present an awesome threat to any Syrian armored attack on the Golan Heights. As for the Egyptians, they are separated from Israel by 150 miles or so of open desert. Judging by what happened in 1967, should they try to cross it they would be destroyed."

"The Jordanians and Lebanese armed forces are too small to count and Iraq is in no position to intervene, given that it has not yet recovered its pre-1991 strength and is being held down by the Americans. Saddam Hussein may launch some of the 30 to 40 missiles he probably has. The damage they can do, however, is limited. Should Saddam be mad enough to resort to weapons of mass destruction, then Israel's response would be so 'awesome and terrible' (as Yitzak Shamir, the former Prime Minister, once said) as to defy the imagination. Some believe that the international community will not permit such an ethnic cleansing. I would not count on it. If Mr. Sharon decides to go ahead the only country that can stop him is the United States. The US, however regards itself as being at war with parts of the Muslim world that have supported Osama bin Laden."

This and Israel's power in the American house and senate has left Europe resigned to President Bush's inability to push through an independent Palestine, living in peace with Israel, which he said he believes in.

"Sharon does not," Karma Nabulsi, of Nuffield College, Oxford, wrote in the TIMES of May 12, "He has been against every peace initiative that was ever launched or signed in the past 30 years. He believes the Palestinians should be conquered and driven out."

Kitty Kay wrote from Washington in her London Times column of April 13: "American congressmen receive considerable financial backing from the Jewish lobby here and have responded angrily each time Mr. Bush or

general Powell have voiced criticism of Ariel Sharon, the Israeli Prime Minister."

The opinion of the Financial Times of April 22 was: "To call this a case of the tail wagging the dog would be inadequate - it is more a case of the tail dragging the dog around the room and banging his head on the wall." So let us drop the Middle East and let that war go its ineluctable way.

The wife of Mr. Duisenberg, the head of the European Central Bank, has received death threats after hanging the Palestinian flag from her balcony and Daniel Mermet of the FRANCE-INTER TV chain is being sued by three of the largest Israeli lobby organizations in France for broadcasting what the plaintiffs call Palestine propaganda, after spending four days in Israel and three in Palestine in search of the truth.

Before going into the causes of the India-Kashmir threat there are things President Bush should know about al-Qaeda which neither he nor the American public have ever been told.

Al-Qaeda is a global force made up of a patchwork quilt of national organizations painstakingly put together by native or immigrant Moslems in countries while citizens slept. A communications system perfected over the years-kept immigrants without national loyalties in contact with Moslem lodges making up the whole. At the bottom was the Jamiat, an Arabic and Turkmin word for organization. In countries where the language has regional changes Jamiat is deformed. In Indonesia it is Jamiyaa Islamiyaa. The earliest branch I have found of Jamiat al-Islam in America is the California order founded by Ahmed Kamal in the '40s, though there must have been many others.

Ahmed Kamal, born Cimaron Hathaway, in Denver, Colorado, should have attracted American attention in Peking in August of 1945, when he was seeking to establish contact with leaders of China's forty million Moslems,



known as the Hui-hui. General Pai Chung-tsi, the Generalissimo's chief-of staff, was a Hui-hui and one of China's finest generals.

Hathaway was of partly Turkish origin and a Prussian tutor is said to have given him his ideas. He became a Moslem and legally changed his name to Ahmed Kamal. Some years before the war he went to the Turkic region of North-west China, married a Russian woman and became an authority on the Turkic nations surrounding the old kingdom of Tashkent, famous for its apple orchards and irrigation system. When the war came he was interned by the Japanese but was never tortured as a spy, as an American would expect to be in an area where the Japanese saw no other reason for his being.

After V-J Day he and other internees were brought to Peking where dignitaries of the Sarts and the Uigers and other tribes in the Turkic region between China and south-east Russia had come with Prince Teh of the Mongols, to negotiate treaties with the Chinese victors. In mid October Kamal was taken to Shanghai on the troop transport MS Lavaca and successfully boarded a ship for America before consular services were fully re-established.

Never lacking for money he founded Jamiat al-Islam with an office in San Mateo, California, and a base in San Francisco where Mrs. Rauza I. Rogard was the Organization's secretary-Treasurer. Where Jamiat al-Islam got its backing has never been established and large sums passed through Kamal's hands after the Algerian revolt started in November 1954. America was still following the Roosevelt policy of anti-colonialism and Washington backed the Algerians, though Algeria's Bashagha Bualem, the hereditary lord of the Oursenais, was President of the French senate and thirty thousand of his followers were massacred for preferring French rule and employ.

Roger Paillat, on page 71 of his book DOSSIER SECRET DE L'ALGERIE, disclosed

a meeting in Geneva in 1955 where Kamal gave 25 Million francs, (approximately \$75,000) to the rebel leaders, Ferhat Abbas and Ben Bella.

Frank Taylor, one of America's most popular syndicated columnists, reported that Kamal was bringing money from behind the iron curtain on another passport to fund the Algerians rebellion. The report was true but Mr. Taylor could not call on a foreign intelligence service to back his statements and Kamal (who may still be alive) threatened a libel suit. Mr. Taylor's syndicate was terrified, fearing an immense award to the plaintiff. Kamal, knowing publicity would end his game, settled out of court for a thousand dollars.

Time passed, the Kennedy era came and advance organizers brought California students to a frenzy, convinced that Robert Kennedy was unstoppable on his way to the white House. Putting a yarmulke on his head to speak in a synagogue Bobby told what he would do for Israel and a young Arab named Sirhan Sirhan shot him. The number of impacts suggested there may have been more than one gunman.

The files of Bernard Fensterwald's COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ASSASSINATIONS, in Washington, carried details of Sirhan's membership in Kamal's Jamiat al-Islam, the name of the family he lived with during his training period in Egypt, and details of his having been trained by Algerian terrorists in the Middle East. None of this appeared in the investigations into Bobby Kennedy's death but since September 11 of last year one must ask if Sirhan Sirhan's assassination of the candidate who pledged support for Israel was the work of a lone fanatic, a militant commanded by Kamal and Jamiat al-Islam or a member of even a higher group.

It is time to ask if America's Jamiat al-Islam still exists and how many other such organizations were set up in the years while Moslem immigration was rising. Meanwhile, it



is time to move on to another trouble spot which will produce rancor and hate until justice is perceived to have to have been accorded: the India-Pakistan struggle.

Before outlining that problem in simple words which the most uninformed will understand let us quote Nidal Firhat, the 30-year-old bomb-maker for the terrorist organization, Hamas, whose interview occupied a half page in the TIMES OF LONDON on June 9. In a single common sense paragraph Firhat put terrorism's cards on the table.

"The source of terrorism is Israel, the United States and the western world, he said. Give us back our rights, freedom and land, and the suicide attacks will immediately cease. It is that simple."

Granted, the Moslem nations were bent on destroying Israel when 68% of Palestine was taken from the people who lived there, to give those of another faith a home. Had Israel not embarked on her policy of expansion and colonization by settlements, other Arab states would have followed Egypt and Jordan in accepting the new nation. Employment and fair treatment would in time have brought peace and relocation of those whom the new arrivals drove out. President Bush is an intelligent man and a fine President but he can only go as far as senators and congressmen obedient to a biased press and a multitude of America-Israel Political Action Committees will let him. After spending June 7 in Camp David with Ariel Sharon, the paper which carried Nidal Farhat's declaration reported: "Rebuffing calls from Arab leaders, he (President Bush) refused yesterday to set out a political timetable for the creation of a Palestinian state. We are not ready to lay down any specific calendar, except to say we have to get started quickly, he said." The Financial Times' comment of June 13 was: "Mr. Sharon says he will not return to the

1967 borders. At some stage Mr. Bush will have to stand up to the Israeli prime minister if there is ever going to be a compromise...Without a peace process the present violence will never be halted...The time has come for a clear lead from the White House." With that discouraging note we leave the Middle East for the conflict, in Kashmir. <http://www.nypost.com/images/ads/trip/trip.htm>

Andrew Roberts, who wrote an excellent book, THE GREAT CHURCHILLIANS, stated in the Sunday Telegraph of June 9: "Two of the most dangerous crises facing the world today can be traced to a single cause. Both the India-Pakistan nuclear stand-off and the continuing Middle Eastern conflict stem from decisions taken in 1947-48 by Clement Attlee's postwar (Labor) government." A letter published in the Telegraph in early June disclosed the fact that 24 hours before the partition of India and Pakistan the boundary was shifted 20 miles westward by Labor's viceroy and "special plenipotentiary", Lord Louis Mountbatten, to give India a common frontier with Kashmir over which Indian Troops marched the following day.

By the decolonization agreement areas predominately occupied by India's hundred million Moslems would form Pakistan, and India would have the Hindu regions. Kashmir with its cool air and breath-taking mountains should have gone to Pakistan. In 1819 the Hindu Maharajah of Jammu bought Moslem Kashmir from the British for hard cash and did not want to be under Moslems. He called to Nehru for help. Nehru was born in Kashmir and sent troops to hold the country he loved. When the Kashmiris rioted Nehru promised a plebiscite, which he never intended to give, and that is how the present nuclear threat was created.

It will not go away unsettled anymore than the Israel-Palestine problem on which President Bush will soon have to declare himself with one side or the other.