

NSIPS: Are you saying that President Ford, who seems to be for Geneva, has wrecked Mr. Kissinger's confrontation plans for the Middle East?

Dr. L—: Ford is stupid. That's ridiculous. The U.S. is lily-livered. Do you know what the State of Alert in the 6th Fleet is? State Five! At State Six they dock and let the troops go swimming. Ha! There is zero chance of a superpower confrontation over the Middle East. Zero!

NSIPS: The Syrian troops appear to have been badly defeated at Sidon and they've been stopped long before Beirut, reports say. There are also rumors of many Syrian troops deserting to the Palestinian and Lebanese left forces, and that Assad is facing serious coup d'etat threats.

Dr. L—: Assad got his ass kicked? A couple of homosexual, bugged newsmen wander around stupidly in Sidon and see a few busted Syrian tanks. So a few rockets hit a few tanks. The Syrians have not yet made a decision to use their real force in Lebanon. They're playing around. And what do you mean the 'left'?? These people deserve the bilharzia they get. Leftists? A bunch of Muslim tribalists. They are not a force for anything but Bilharzia and destruction. And destroying hotels.

NSIPS: The Israeli rightists behind (former Israeli Defense Minister) Dayan and Israeli Defense Minister) Peres are threatening intervention and will almost certainly use nuclear weapons.

Dr. L—: Israeli General Sharon is pushing like he is because he knows the Israeli government is not capable of dealing with the PLO like it must be dealt with.

NSIPS: Will Syria make a decision to use their force in Lebanon, as you said?

Dr. L—: There is evidence they will. They said so, that they are still considering action. Iraqi pressure counts for nothing. It's Saudi pressure that counts, and the Saudis cut leftist theories. So Syria stopped. But they might move. Israel and Syria are in the business of building hotels, not to have them destroyed.

NSIPS: What evidence?

Dr. L—: There is evidence. believe me.

Exclusive Interview:

What L. Dean Brown Thinks About Lebanon Crisis

WASHINGTON, D.C. June 10 (NSIPS) — *The following interview of L. Dean Brown was passed to NSIPS today by a Washington newsman. Brown recently returned from Lebanon, where he functioned as U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's special envoy. Arab sources have identified Brown as chiefly responsible for the Secretary of State's effort to create a new Middle East war and nuclear confrontation with the Soviet Union. This interview was reportedly conducted by telephone with Brown who is now stationed at his former post in Washington's Middle East Institute.*

Reporter: Mr. Brown, what in your opinion does the Soviet statement on Lebanon signify. It seemed extraordinarily straight forward and to the point, that they consider their strategic interests to be involved in the situation, are militarily prepared, etc.

Brown: The Soviets have been sort of on the top in relation to Lebanon; the Syrian moves started when Kosygin arrived in Damascus. But the statement you mention, I think that's all part of the game, we warn about intervention, they warn about intervention. You say they warned us against doing anything there? Ha, Ha!

Reporter: But Mr. Brown! This is an obvious and qualitative shift from the previous character of Soviet statements. The Soviets have never said anything so forceful and directed ...

Brown: The Soviets have always been heavily involved in Lebanon. When I was there, a Soviet group, who called themselves journalists, was around, no one paid any attention to them specially, they maintained contact with Assad. I think the Soviets have always kept themselves in the situation; Soldatov is very active.

Reporter: What about the Arab League peace-keeping force. What does that do to the situation?

Brown: Arab League! I would read between the lines on that one. The question is whether Assad stops the war, because it'll be a late day in the morning before you get an Arab League army together. By the time the Arab League gets anything together, it'll be weeks at least. They'll spend more time fighting each other than getting an army. Why should Assad be concerned? His attitude must be, if you want me to come to a meeting, why not? Why shouldn't I go to a meeting? He'll ask, an Arab army to do what? Assad can save face, he can now say, using pan-Arab language, we're here for Arab unity, for the Arab cause?

Reporter: Are you then saying that Assad will move his troops into Beirut?

Brown: Continue his military advance? Why? He can stay where he is and sit and wait and apply a tremendous amount of pressure.

Reporter: But all reports indicate that Assad faces a coup ...

Brown: Nonsense! He's running a country through the army and the party. There are manifestations here and there, but that's to be expected. The problem is more one of economics than it is of internal struggle or strife; the moves on Beirut have hurt the economy enormously; it's had an effect on development internally.

Reporter: According to the New York Times and Arab sources, you have been an advocate of the Syrian invasion.

Brown: I didn't repudiate the Times article, I only objected that it tried to condense the two hours of talk into a few paragraphs. My attitude is to stop the killing, there's no way out of doing that first. I was never making considerations from the standpoint of U.S. policy, that's entirely up to Henry Kissinger. I just want the killing stopped, and I've thought the best way was to have the Syrians do it. If it could be done by a pan-Arab army, I'd support that, but don't count on that coming together.