

## Menachem Begin's Blunders

*The following statement was issued on Jan. 18 by U.S. Labor Party chairman, Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.*

Like the Biblical Esau who sold his heritage for a bowl of pottage, Prime Minister Menachem Begin has bowed too much to the purpose of placating his enemies and has placed his political birthright in jeopardy.

I have great personal compassion for Prime Minister Begin. I know perhaps better than he might suspect the pressures acting to divert him from his course. Naturally, the incarnate evil, the Round Table gangsters of London, are at the center of his difficulties.

Yet when the fate of nations is at issue—and the fate of many nations is at issue in the current Middle East negotiations—no one has the right to make the sort of capitulation to London which Begin has made. I am certain he will be the first to concur with me—if he could but for a moment stand aside from the immediate pressures acting upon him and look at the situation from my vantage point.

There is a crucial feature of the Middle East peace negotiations which most observers are quick to overlook. No Middle East peace is possible without a massive economic development project for the region—and without uprooting the British intelligence-controlled "hard-liners" gang from the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). Without an economic development program for the region, there is no substance to give durable value to any agreement otherwise reached.

There can be no economic development project for the region unless continental western Europe and Japan break absolutely from London and the British pound and wilfully bankrupt the City of London.

Meanwhile the Soviet leadership now being manipulated by London, as it was during 1969-73, is being

lured into a foolish cold-war posture vis-à-vis the United States with British agents of influence like Kissinger, Brzezinski, Mondale, and Schlesinger manipulating the policies of the U.S.A. to aid in driving both the U.S.A. and Soviets into a cold-war posture right up to the brink of total war. This makes Middle East peace efforts more urgent but also more difficult.

As for President Anwar Sadat, I hope that from this experience he learns not to underestimate the significance of British agents of influence such as Dayan—one of his errors to date. Sadat too has replicated his Esau blunder: he has refused to give up the alternative of the Dayan option, has refused to burn his potential bridges to Dayan, and to London and Henry Kissinger.

As for the U.S. role during recent weeks, the overall performance of the Carter Administration has been wretched. Given the circumstances, it is difficult to estimate whether or not Secretary Vance has done as well as he might have.

Clearly President Carter lacks the toughness of a Nixon and thus capitulates to manipulation by Brzezinski and Mondale in a matter of days, while Kissinger and others required months to manipulate Nixon and years to break him. With British-connected Vice President Mondale in the wings, we must rescue Carter from the grip of the de facto traitors and surround him with positive forces—for the sake of the United States national survival.

So these are not easy times for Begin. He has my most profound and most compassionate sympathies for that, but I remind him again of Esau—would he rather give up Dayan and other British-linked "advantages" or give up the entire nation of Israel? Begin must throw away the pottage and resume the excellent course he and President Anwar Sadat began.