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executive vice-president, Harrison V. Smith. In response to questions from Ohio's Senator Howard Metzenbaum, a Zionist lobby favorite, Smith suddenly revealed that "three oil-rich Arab nations have invested \$2.2 billion in major U.S. corporations including significant ownership blocs in six airlines," according to a front-page account in the Nov. 23 *Washington Star*.

In an article entitled "Arabs Invest \$2.2 Billion in U.S. Firms," *Star* staff writer Leonard Curry emphasized that Smith's revelation was "the first disclosure of Arab investment in top-tier American companies since the petroleum exporting countries inflated world oil prices five years ago and began accumulating billions of dollars."

According to Curry, Smith detailed Morgan's hand in investing money for Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Abu Dhabi in equity positions, in some cases amounting to a near "controlling interest," in Seaboard World Airlines, Trans World Airlines, Braniff, Eastern, United, and Airborne Freight Corporation.

Hearing these details, Metzenbaum snorted, "This

looks more like reconrol of the airline industry rather than decontrol." Notably, the *Star* article concludes suggestively that "under federal law a U.S. airline would lose its right to operate in this country if more than 25 percent of its voting stock is owned by foreigners" — a clear implication that the airline industry as a whole is about to be hit by a Zionist Lobby-British financing scandal.

Corroborating this is a pattern of reopening of dossiers implicating U.S. air corporations in various bribery scandals. Thus, in Egypt, officials of Egypt Air with historical links to Seattle's Boeing Aircraft have come under investigation during the past two weeks for having accepted bribes. And in Iran, the dossier has suddenly been reopened on a two-year-old case involving "dubious dealings" and "questionable payments" between New York State's Grumman Corp. and Iranian military officials, according to a Nov. 28 piece by *Wall Street Journal* reporter Jerry Landauer. In a piece titled "Jets and Iran: Documents at Grumman Raise Questions About Role of Shah's Aides in Plane Sales" Landauer predicts an immi-

Great Britain pushes 'astonishing arms sales' in Persian Gulf

In a Nov. 28 interview, one of Washington's most respected experts in the field of military developments in the Middle East laid out the alarming prospect that Great Britain has begun to undercut both American and French interests in the Middle East through a rapidly expanding arms sale campaign throughout the area. The source began by evaluating recent evidence that the French are having sudden difficulties in marketing aircraft and other military equipment to Egypt and other Arab countries under contracts previously worked out between France and the Arab Gulf-funded Arab Military Industries Organization (AMIO). He continued:

Reports are now circulating around Washington that the British have stepped into the AMIO situation in a big way, trying to market their Hawk jets.

This follows other reports that the British have been showing that plane off to various Middle East airforces, including Abu Dhabi, Jordan, Kuwait, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and others. There is growing competition between Britain and France on this, and maybe growing British competition with us as well. But the basic struggle is between Britain and France.

This is part and parcel of a very active British program to sell arms abroad. The British, as a matter of national policy and not just aerospace interests' policy, have launched an astonishing sales effort abroad, including various delegation tours of the Gulf. The latter delegations are obviously in competition with the French and the Americans, and there are reportedly new goings-on between the British and the Saudis.