

for the petrochemical industry.

Egypt's petrochemical industry is in a nascent stage, and the country must advance quickly in utilizing coal gas. Through hydrocracking, coal gas will produce feedstocks such as parafins, naphthenes, and aromatics. Similarly, liquefied natural gas on distillation will produce such high-value primary products as ethylene, polyethylene, polypropylene, and ammonia/urea. Further downstream, products such as glycol, polyvinylchloride, olefins, and propylene-based gasoline can also be obtained on successive distillations.

In the heavy industrial sector, Egypt must increase its steel-manufacturing capability. As Indian planners of the late 1950s realized prior to the drafting of the Second Five-Year Plan, special-alloy steel plays a pivotal role in building heavy machinery, pressure vessels, tubular products, and machine tools. Egypt must build up its indigenous capability to produce capital goods machinery over the next decade.

Egypt's trade capacity is today affected seriously by a lack of port facilities. Port traffic is increasing daily and in the near future Egypt will need new and larger ports, many of which should be constructed along the Red Sea coast. On the east coast, Port Said on the Mediterranean and Port Suez on the Red Sea will not be able to handle the increased volume of cargo. Two existing small ports, Safaga and Quesir on the Red Sea, must be expanded to specialize in bulk traffic items such as raw materials, heavy machinery, and semi-finished goods.

Egypt must aggressively pursue a program to achieve self-sufficiency in cereal and cattlefeed production. Today, out of Egypt's total land area of 250 million acres, only 8 million acres of land are farmed. Egypt's wheat crop output is substantially less than internal consumption needs. Egypt's wheat imports represent a massive drain on the nation's economy; close to a billion dollars in foreign exchange are used to buy wheat from abroad.

A larger land area should be allocated to wheat production, and output may be increased substantially by improving the factor productivity of the land. Introduction of dwarf wheat and subsequent development of high-yielding varieties (HYVs) has noticeably increased wheat yield per acre worldwide. Semi-irrigated land in the Western Desert can be tilled to grow alfalfa and other high-protein cattlefeed.

Opening up 6-8 million acres of new land, cutting down land area for cash crops such as cotton, and vigorously pursuing development of new varieties of crop seeds and a mechanized farming system will make Egypt a nation with surplus food.

Over the millennia, Egypt has survived in spite of worldwide upheavals because of its strong sense of destiny. Once again the Middle East is engulfed in turmoil and violence. It is through building of the nation that Egypt will be able to guide and influence the warring factions and bring peace to the region. It is imperative that the Egyptian leaders take up this challenge today so that future generations can live in peace and prosperity.

Mubarak's war against the Mafia

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The recent arrest of Esmat Sadat, brother of the late Egyptian president, provided a clue as to the nature of the war being waged by President Mubarak and his allies against the Mafia in Egypt and in the region. *EIR* investigations over the past few weeks have revealed the following:

1) In Egypt, the old Farouk Mafia which ruled the country under the monarchy, and the so-called Alexandrian *Nouveaux Riches* represented by Esmat Sadat, are one and the same organization, which maintains headquarters in Paris and London.

2) This Mafia is not Egyptian, but merely the local branch of a Mediterranean-based Mafia operating in the Lebanon/Syria region, Israel, Turkey, Egypt, and Italy.

3) As the dismantlement of the Italian Freemasonic P-2 Lodge showed, this Mediterranean Mafia is itself controlled by higher political circles, located in the British Freemasonry of the "Grand Mother Lodge of England" of the York and Scottish rites. These circles can be adequately described as the "magicians," as President Kyprianou of Cyprus declared in 1979 following an aborted coup in the islands. Indeed the same routes used nowadays by that Mafia to smuggle drugs and arms were in ancient times the routes used to spread black magic and witchcraft cults into Europe. The fact that in Egypt the center of the Mafia is the city of Alexandria only underscores the relationship between the Mafia and cults, Alexandria being the mother par excellence of all gnostic cults.

4) As shown by the recent crackdown in Italy and Turkey, it is these higher circles of the Mafia and of the Freemasonry which are actually controlling the lower species of professional assassins and terrorists, such as the Muslim Brotherhood. These are these circles which, through the Arab Masonic Movement in Amman, ran the assassination of Bashir Gemayel and the subsequent massacres in Beirut and are now plotting against both Presidents Mubarak and Amin Gemayel.

In modern times, the development of the Mafia in Egypt can be located both in relation to the British occupation of the country as well as the establishment in 1867 of British Freemasonic Lodges, especially the Kawkab al Sharq (Star of the East) whose grand master was none other than British intelligence agent Jamal ed Din al Afghani, the first international terrorist.

It was for these reasons that President Nasser decided in

1964 to ban the Egyptian Freemasonic Lodges discovering their connections to British intelligence via the Barclay family sponsored Quaker movement in Beirut.

Not by coincidence, Sadat's decision to implement the Open Door policy was coupled with the re-legalization of the Freemasonic Lodges. Hence, the work accomplished yesterday by the Kawkab al Sharq, is being continued today by the lodges Salahudin or its female counterpart the White Roses. It is against these networks that President Mubarak has waged a war, against the new "Al Capone" as he declared to the Kuwaiti daily newspaper *As Siyassah* in late November.

Headquarters: Paris, London

The old Farouk monarchical Mafia and a set of London-based bankers and Egyptian businessmen today represent the higher level of the Egyptian Mafia. On their agenda is a set of operations which includes an international reorganization of the Mafia to escape President Mubarak's war, including the use of terrorist groups to plan his assassination, and the plotting of civilian disobedience inside Egypt as a diversionary maneuver. The Mafia is working hand-in-hand with the British Anglican Church to finance and arm paramilitary Coptic groups such as the Soldiers of the Messiah (the Coptic equivalent of the Muslim Brotherhood). "The Anglican Church has been very disappointed with President Mubarak," said one of its spokesman after having organized a London mass in support of the Coptic Pope Shenouda.

Involved in such an operation is one Sobhie Rushdie, an Egyptian businessman who received Sedat's widow Jihan with great honor during her recent British tour. Rushdie, a London representative of Saudi Arms Merchant Adnan Kashoggi, is also a business partner of Egypt's most renowned Mafia leader, Osman Ahmad Osman, one of the few Egyptians to have been affiliated to Italy's P-2 Freemasonic Lodge.

In the center of that operation stands a shadowy bank called the Allied Arab Bank of which Rushdie is the chairman. Established in 1977, the AAB is primarily a joint venture of Arab Mafia elements with Barclay's Bank. It includes some of the most notorious mafioso of the Arab world such as Mahdi al Tajir, the wealthy ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to London known for his gold-smuggling activities as well as his financial deals with Khomeini's Iran; and Saad Jabr a former Iraqi minister who created in April 1981 a National Front for the Liberation of Iraq and is reportedly a member of the British-created Phoenician Lodge of Chicago. Also there is one Ghassan Shaker, a close associate of Rushdie and like him representing the Luxemburg-based "al-Mubarakah holding"; Shaker is the Mafia "case officer" for the operations against Mubarak.

The spiritual center of this operation is in Paris, where resides the Farouk royal family represented by Farouk's last wife, Queen Farida, and the Crown Prince Faud Ahmad. Prince Ahmad is a partner in numerous ventures with the Egyptian Mafia outside of Egypt, such as in his dealings with Osman Ahmed Osmān in the Gulf. Directly around him are

former courtisans such as the Lutfalla family represented by Michel Lutfalla, now a banker working closely with Kashoggi and his French representative Akkram Ojjeh. Such deals put them directly in touch with the Nazi International represented by François Genoud in Lausanne through Zuheir Mardam, a former business partner of Genoud and actual partner of Kashoggi and Ojjeh.

Perhaps the most fascinating aspect is the Mafia's unity at a regional level. Associated with Lutfalla are such Lebanese figures as Gabil Lahoude, former chief of intelligence and Kissinger's best friend in Lebanon, the Khoury family of the Banque de la Mediterranee in Paris, and Britain's "official" ambassador to Lebanon, Camille Chamoun. Are these individuals working for the restoration of the monarchy in Egypt under Prince Fuad Ahmad? The Crown Prince does intend to return one day and it may be that his mafioso partners are not privy to his dealings with the House of Savoy and the "International Monarchist Union" in Montreux (Switzerland) of Sardaigian Comte Puddu.

The Sadat family and the Mafia

Whatever Anwar al Sadat's real intentions, he was the one to encourage in the 1975-76 period talks about a return of the royal family to Egypt, if not to power. Hence it was no surprise that in following Jihan Sadat's recent trip in London and Paris, one should find her surrounded in London by the business partners of Prince Fuad or in Paris associated with the royal family directly during the U.S.-Embassy-sponsored event at the magazine *Politique Internationale* where she received in the presence of Queen Farida and Fuad's wife the "prize of peace."

Willingly or not, Jihan Sadat has become a rallying factor for the Egyptian Mafia in its war against President Mubarak and the rest of the Egyptian nation. As one official put it recently, the war on the Mafia is a "war of survival for Egypt; we cannot develop anymore if we don't crush them now!" It is a war in which the physical survival of the president is at stake. As the first revelations on Esmat Sadat have shown, it is clear that Esmat has been running a drug-and-arms smuggling network for at least a decade. Weapons for whom? For the infamous Brotherhood, the same one which assassinated Sadat when he timidly began to attack the Mafia then represented by Rashad Osman?

Surprising political realignments may emerge over the next weeks. An indication was given in late November with the creation in Algiers of the "National Front to Overthrow Mubarak," a new committee made up of General Saad Shazli, the associate of Muslim Brotherhood leader Salem Azzam in London of the "Islamic Council," Ahmed Ben Bella, another associate of Salem Azzam and a protégé of Nazi international leader François Genoud, and one Tawfiq Abdel al Hai, a renowned mafioso involved in frozen chicken rackets who fled Egypt for London last year when his friend Rashad Osman was arrested: in sum, a "Murder Inc." directly financed by the Mafia.