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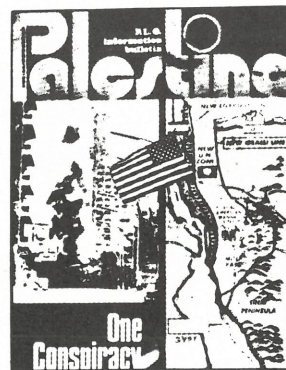
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## EDITORIAL

# THE INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE

Day by day the Palestinian Cause is improving its position in the world political arena. The Palestinian reality achieves more and more international recognition. An example of this new international political success on the way to liberation is the late EEC resolution concerning the Palestinian "homeland" (released on June 29, 1977).

In spite of the vagueness of the resolution as regards the future status of this "homeland" and its location, it can be considered as a step forward towards a just and durable settlement in the Middle East. The EEC resolution comes with delay, and the nine European countries should take practical steps to show their seriousness. This includes recognition of the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and consequently the removal of all restrictions against the opening and the work of PLO offices in their capitals. The EEC resolution endorses President Carter's "homeland" declaration for the Palestinians which was made in March. But it seems that the U.S. President could not go through with his declaration. He was faced with an immense pressure from the Zionist lobby in the United States which brought about a change in his attitude. On July 13, the White House issued a statement calling for "ties" between the Palestinian "homeland" and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, thus denying the Palestinians the independence of their homeland.

The PLO does not wish to doubt the good will of the U.S. President, but realizes that he is unable to implement his peace efforts in the Middle East. In order to succeed, he must free himself from Zionist pressure in both, his own

country and abroad.

It is common knowledge that PLO principles are strictly against all forms of tutelage on the Palestinian people. The PLO never authorized President Carter to talk on the behalf of the Palestinians or to decide the political status of their homeland. It is for the Palestinians themselves to decide whether their homeland should be "tied" to the Hashemite Kingdom or not.

The PLO understands well the problems the U.S. President is facing, but is not willing to submit to pressure from any side. The Palestinian people did not consult anybody when starting their resistance against the Zionist settler colonialism in Palestine, and they will not ask anybody how to form the future status of their homeland.

Taking into consideration the fact that there are more than one million Palestinians living in Jordan, and that they form the majority in this country, the PLO will not hesitate to establish special relations with Jordan. But that doesn't mean that the Palestinians will accept to be ruled by the Jordanian Monarch.

The PLO is aware that all such declarations are manoeuvres to split the Arab ranks, and to make the Arabs once again fight each other.

Above all, if the U.S. President is really serious in his peace efforts, he must stop the arms supplies to the fascist aggressors in Israel. And he must establish contacts with the PLO, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.





Fateh delegation being welcomed to China.

## FATEH DELEGATION VISITS CHINA VIETNAM AND NORTH KOREA

*In response to official invitations from the People's Republic of China, the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and the People's Republic of Korea, a High-ranking Palestinian delegation representing the Central Committee of Fateh headed by Abu Jihad, member of Fateh Central Committee and the General Command of the Assifa forces, toured the three friendly socialist countries and held high-level talks with senior officials in the concerned countries. The*

*consultations dealt with the current situation in the Middle East in general and the development of the Palestine cause in particular. Bilateral relations were discussed in a warm atmosphere. The three countries stressed their support for the just Palestinian struggle against imperialism, Zionism and local Arab reactionary forces. They also promised full moral and material aid to the Palestinian revolution.*

The Fateh delegation headed by Abu Jihad, member of Fateh's Central Committee and of the Assifa forces General Command, arrived in Peking on June 27 on an official visit which lasted for a week. Included in the Fateh delegation was Abu Maher, another member of Fateh's Central Committee.

The Chinese Foreign Minister, Arab diplomats, and the PLO

representative in Peking, Abu Ramzi, received the delegation at the airport.

On June 27, the delegation started its official talks with Chinese officials in Peking. The first meeting was with the Chinese Foreign Minister and lasted three and a half hours, and dealt with the current situation in the Middle East in general and with bilateral Chinese-Palestinian relations in par-

ticular. The talks took place in a fraternal and positive atmosphere.

Later, the Chinese Foreign Minister gave a dinner reception in honour of Abu Jihad and the accompanying delegation, which was attended by top Chinese officials and representatives of Arab diplomatic missions.

During the dinner, the Chinese Foreign Minister made a speech in

which he welcomed the Palestinian delegation on behalf of the Chinese government and people, stressing the militant ties of friendship between the Palestinian and Chinese peoples. He also praised the Palestinian armed struggle to recover their national rights. In addition, he praised the resolutions of the 13th session of the Palestinian National Council which confirmed the firm stand of the Palestinian people in preserving Palestinian unity, continuing the struggle and resisting against imperialism and Zionism. He also stressed China's stand in support of the Palestinian people's struggle to recover their occupied lands.

Abu Jihad then made a speech, on behalf of Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian revolutionaries and Palestinian people, in which he saluted the Chinese people, party, and leadership for their firm stand in support of the Palestinian Revolution. He also reviewed the current situation of the Palestinian Revolution and the Arab region, and the imperialist - Zionist - reactionary fascist conspiracy launched in Lebanon against the Palestinian Revolution. He added that "the Palestinian Revolution and its allies in the Lebanese National Movement confronted this conspiracy and proved a model of courage and steadfastness."

Regarding the situation in southern Lebanon, Abu Jihad said that



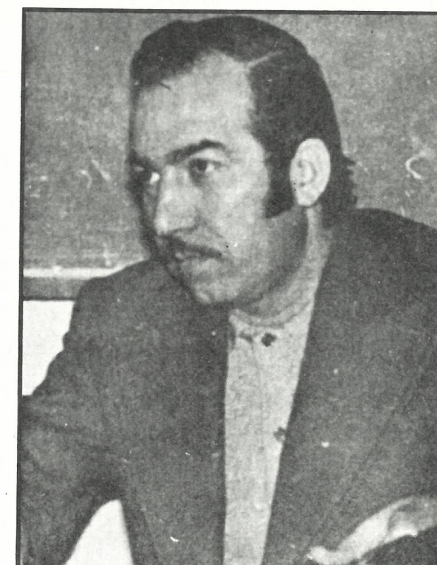
Fateh Central Committee member Abu Maher.

fighting continued there and that the Zionist enemy and its local agents were seeking to empty the south of its inhabitants. He stressed that South Lebanon would probably be the stage of the coming Arab-Israeli war.

Abu Jihad then spoke about the situation in Occupied Palestine and the continuous uprisings there, saluting the struggle of Palestinian militants detained in Israeli jails.

Regarding the new US administration and its Middle East policy, Abu Jihad affirmed that it is pushing the region back into a "no-war, no-peace" situation in order to facilitate the exploitation of Arab riches and reinforce the differences and backwardness of the Arab countries. He considered the new US policy to be merely an attempt to disguise the ugly US face. Abu Jihad added that the USA is still supporting Israeli aggression with all possible means, and he concluded by confirming that the Palestinian people will continue their struggle to liberate their land and recover their rights.

On the morning of June 28, the Palestinian delegation met with the Deputy President of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, who stressed China's firm stand of principled commitment and of support for the Palestinian struggle, and for the Arab countries' struggle to regain their occu-



Fateh delegation leader Abu Jihad.

ried territories. He added that armed struggle is the only way to solve the Middle East problem, and reaffirmed the importance of Arab solidarity and unity in the Arab ranks to confront imperialist conspiracies.

Abu Jihad then reviewed the situation in the Arab region in general, as well as the developments witnessed by the Palestinian Revolution recently, and Zionist ambitions in the region. Abu Jihad confirmed the Palestinian Revolution's determination to continue its struggle inside and outside Occupied Palestine as the only basis to achieve victory.

On the afternoon of June 28, Abu Jihad and the accompanying delegation paid a visit to the Third Regiment of a Guards Division of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, in the presence of the PLA's deputy chief of staff. Later, the Palestinian delegation met with the commanders and officers of the Third Regiment during a military and popular reception, where they observed a military maneuver with live ammunition. After the visit, Abu Jihad presented the shield of the Assifa forces to the regiment.

On June 29, the Chairman of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party and Head of State, Comrade Hua Kuo-Fung, met with Abu Jihad, Abu Maher and Abu Ramzi. The meeting dealt



Chinese Head of State and Chairman of the Communist Party Hua Kuo-Fung.



with the international situation, the situation in the Middle East and the Palestinian problem on all levels.

Comrade Hua reaffirmed China's fixed and principled stand in support of the struggle of the Palestinian people until the realization of all their objectives. The meeting was described as clear and frank.

That night, Abu Jihad and Abu Maher met with the heads of Arab diplomatic missions in Peking and explained to them the PLO's stand on various issues, stressing the importance of Arab solidarity to confront all possible eventualities.

The Palestinian delegation concluded its visit on July 3. Following the visit the spokesman of the delegation issued the following declaration:

"The Palestinian Revolution appreciates this friendship, recalling

the words of the late Chairman Mao Tse Tung, 'We support you,' and noting President Hua Kuo-Fung's words to Abu Jihad and Abu Maher: 'We support the struggle of the Palestinian people and will always do so.' Keeping in mind this principled revolutionary stand, our people are determined to continue their military, political, diplomatic and mass revolutionary struggle, relying on their own forces, their militant will, the huge potentials and capacities of the Arab nation, and the support of all friends and free-men in the world, until the achievement of all their goals."

The New China News Agency confirmed that throughout the visit, the Palestinian delegation was warmly welcomed, and reported Abu Jihad as saying that through this visit, the Palestinians were able to sense the friendliness of the Chinese people towards the struggle of the Palestinian Revolution.

## THE PALESTINIAN DELEGATION IN HANOI



Vietnamese Defense Minister General Giap.

The Palestinian delegation headed by Abu Jihad arrived in Hanoi on July 4, returning from Peking where they enjoyed an official farewell attended by the Chinese Foreign Minister, the Vietnamese Ambassador to China and the heads of diplomatic missions in Peking.

In Hanoi, the delegation was welcomed by General Vo Nguyen Giap, member of the Political Bureau of the Vietnamese Communist Party and Minister of Defense, and by top Vietnamese government and party officials.

Military talks began on July 5 between the Vietnamese side, headed by Gen. Giap, and the

Palestinian side, headed by Abu Jihad. The talks took place in a comradely atmosphere. Later at night, Gen. Giap held a banquet in honor of the Palestinian delegation. During supper, Gen. Giap made a speech in which he stressed his country's absolute support for the Palestinian people and the Arab peoples in their struggle against Zionism and imperialism on the way to the liberation of their lands and the recover of their legitimate rights, including the right of the Palestinian people to establish an independent democratic state on their own soil. He saluted the struggle of the PLO and said the PLO's victories have changed the balance of forces in the Middle East.

Abu Jihad then made a speech in which he thanked the Vietnamese government, party and people for their stand in support of the just Palestinian cause, praised the victory of the Vietnamese people against US imperialism, exposed US policy in the Middle East as aiming to continue Arab fragmentation and strike at the Palestinian Revolution, and stressed the determination of the Palestinian people and revolution to escalate their armed and political struggle to achieve their goals.

At noon on July 6, the Palestinian delegation was received by Comrade Pham Van Dong, the Vietnamese Prime Minister. Abu Jihad transmitted Arafat's greetings to the Vietnamese leader. During a one and a half hour long meeting, Comrade Pham Van Dong reaffirmed his country's full support for the Palestinian Revolution and the struggle of the Palestinian people by all means. The meeting was attended by high-ranking officials in the Vietnamese government and party.

In the afternoon, the Palestinian delegation paid a visit to the city of Haiphong, which survived the heaviest American bombardment throughout the US-Vietnamese war, and the delegation was received by the head of the Popular Front and the military governor of the city.

The PLO representative in Hanoi, Abu Ziyad, held a reception on July 7 in honor of the Palestinian delegation, where Abu Jihad praised the strong militant relations which link the Palestinian and Vietnamese peoples. For his part, Gen. Giap stressed his country's stand in support of the Palestinian people's struggle to achieve their goals and attain victory.

After intensive political and military talks with the Vietnamese officials, the delegation ended its official visit to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on July 11, 1977. Following the visit, a joint communique was released, in which Vietnam stressed its total support for the just struggle of the Palestinian people against imperialism and the Zionist entity, to regain their national rights and establish their independent democratic state in Palestine.

## FATEH DELEGATION ARRIVES IN KOREA



Korean President Kim Il Sung.

The communique also reaffirmed Vietnam's support for the struggle of Arab peoples to regain their occupied lands. It also stressed that no correct solution of the Middle East problem can be reached without the participation of the PLO, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

A spokesman for the Palestinian delegation made a statement in which he stressed that the "Palestinian-Vietnamese talks were a practical embodiment of the militant ties between the two peoples who stand in the same trench confronting imperialism."

He also praised Vietnam's victory over U.S. imperialism and the huge steps it has accomplished towards the unification of the country and towards development and progress.

At the invitation of the Government of the Popular Democratic Republic of Korea, a Fateh delegation headed by Abu Jihad, member of the Fateh Central Committee and of the General Command of the Assifa forces, arrived in the Korean capital Pyongyang, on July 12, 1977, within the framework of efforts to strengthen solidarity between the Palestinian and Korean peoples.

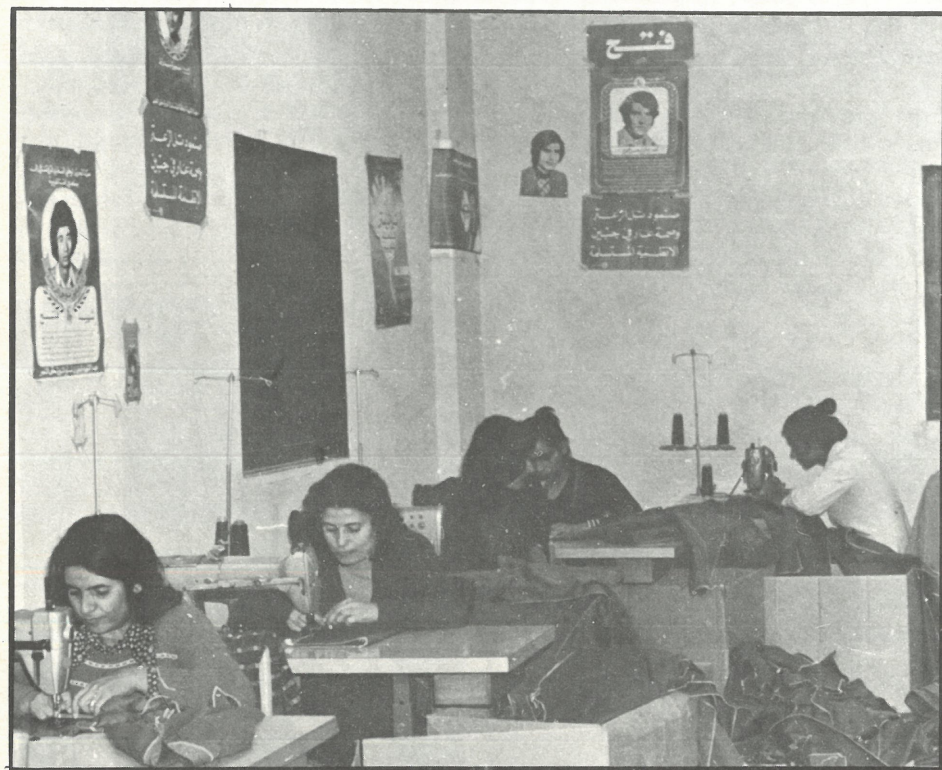
At the airport, the delegation was warmly welcomed by the Korean First Deputy Prime Minister, the Deputy Head of the International Department in the Central Committee of the party, the Deputy Chief of Staff of the

Korean People's Army, the heads of Arab and Islamic diplomatic missions to Korea, and other senior Korean officials.

The Palestinian delegation is expected to stay several days in Korea during which it will confer with Korean officials about the current situation in the Middle East and the bilateral Korean-Palestinian relations. The delegation is also expected to meet the Korean President, Comrade Kim IL Sung.







*Palestinian Workers*

#### SOVIET TRADE UNION DELEGATION MEETS WITH GUPW-GENERAL UNION OF PALESTINE WORKERS

Following a meeting held in Beirut July 6 between a Soviet trade union delegation visiting Lebanon at the invitation of the National Union of Lebanese Wor-

kers and Labourers) and the General Union of Palestinian Workers - Lebanon branch —, the two parties issued a joint communique in which they stressed the ties and solidarity binding the Palestinian and Soviet working class. The Soviet delegation reaffirmed its stand in support of the Palestinian people's struggle and declared its readiness to escalate its stands of solidarity.

#### ARAFAT RECEIVES CABLE FROM BREZHNEV

Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the PLO Executive Committee and General Commander of the forces of the Palestinian Revolution, received a cable July 5 from Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, in reply to Arafat's cable of congratulations on his election as Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet and thus Head of state. The cable reads as follows:—

"I thank you deeply, comrade Yasser Arafat, for your warm congratulations on my election as Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet. I would like to reaffirm that the Soviet Union, as a faithful friend of the brave Palestinian people, will continue supporting them in their struggle to recover their national rights, including their right to self-determination and to establish an independent state."

#### ARAFAT CABLES BOUMEDIENNE

Yasser Arafat, Chariman of the PLO Executive Committee and General Commander of the forces of the Palestinian Revolution, sent the following cable of congratulations to Algerian President Houari Boumedienne:—

"I present to you and to the Algerian people our regards and congratulations on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the independence of your great country, in my own name and on behalf of the PLO Executive Commottee, the Palestinian Revolution and the Palestinian people.

"The Revolution of the fraternal Algerian people, wchich cost them and still costs them the greatest sacrifices, is a vanguard model which we always place in front of us while continuing our just struggle to liberate our land and to achieve sovereignty and national independence for our militant Palestinian people.

"I wish you the best of health and the fraternal Algerian people all progress and prosperity."

#### ABU LUTF CABLES ALGERIAN, FOREIGN MINISTER

Abu Lutf, Head of the PLO Political Departement, sent a cable of congratulations on July 5 to Algerian Foreign Minister Abdel Aziz Bouteflika on the 15th anniversary of the independence of Algeria, in which he praised the huge steps realized by Algeria on the way to achieving the aspirations of the Algerian people. Abu Lutf added that the results of Algerian struggle are truly the ambitions of the Palestinian people and an incentive for the Arab nation to carry on the struggle until victory.



*An artillery piece that participated in maneuvers during graduation ceremonies witnessed by Chairman Arafat.*

#### ARAFAT TOURS SOUTH LEBANESE BASES ATTENDS GRADUATION OF ARTILLERY BATTALION

Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the PLO Executive Committee and General Commander of the forces of the Palestinian Revolution, visited bases of the Joint Forces in South Lebanon on July 6, where he met with the military commanders, cadres and fighters. During the meeting, Arafat explained to the fighters the latest developments of the Palestine cause and the Middle East crisis, and gave military instructions in light of the probability of an Israeli aggression against South Lebanon. In the afternoon

Arafat, accompanied by several Palestinian military leaders, supervised the graduation of the Martyr Lt. Hussein Ibrahim artillery battalion in South Lebanon. The ceremony was attended by Brig. Saad Sayel; Majed Abu Sharar, Secretary of the Fateh Revolutionary Council; and several Fateh officers and cadres.

In his speech, Arafat stressed the importance of revolutionary unity between the Palestinian Revolution and the Lebanese Nationalist Movement, and praised the role of the Palestinian fighter. He then watched an artillery maneuver with live ammunition.

#### BIRG. SHA'ER GIVES MOSCOW PRESS CONFERENCE

During a press conference held in Moscow June 30 on the first anniversary of the opening of a PLO offices there, the PLO representative Brig. Muhammad al-Sha'er, praised the important role of the Soviet Union in supporting the struggle of the Arab peoples particularly the Palestinian people, to implement their legitimate national rights. He added that the opening of a PLO office in Moscow has played an important role in reaffirming Soviet recognition of

the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people on the one hand, and in developing the PLO's relations with the Soviet Union — its natural ally — on the other.

He ended his statement by stressing the intention of the PLO office to continue developing its relations with the Soviet Union, which has always been on the side of the just cause of the Palestinian people.

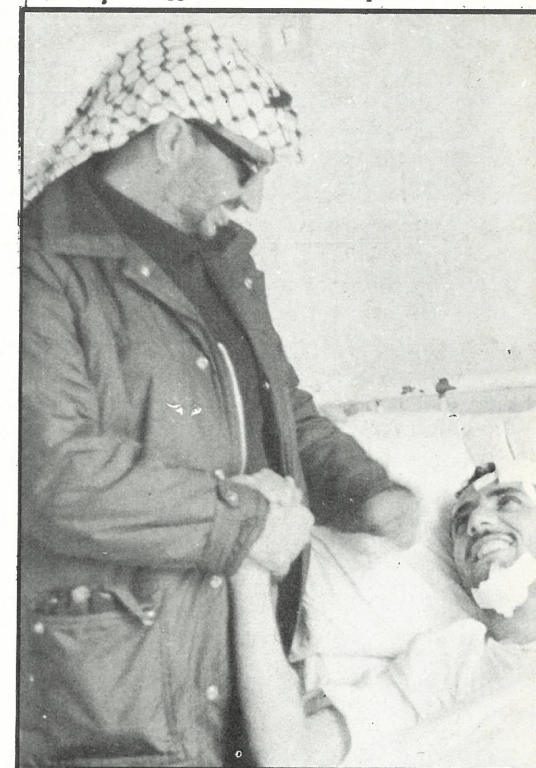
#### ARAFAT VISITS WOUNDED FIGHTERS IN ACRE HOSPITAL

Yasser Arafat, Chariman of the PLO Executive Committee and General Commander of the forces of the Palestinian Revolution, paid a visit July 8 to the new Acre Hospital of the Palestinian Red Crescent to visit fighters wounded in recent fighters in South Lebanon against the Israeli enemy and their puppets, the isolationist forces. Arafat praised the high spirit of the fighters, pointing to their heroic role in the ongoing combat in South Lebanon, in which the Palestinian fighter proved his ability to resist the fascist-isolationist/Zionist attack, and to foil imperialist conspiracies while defending the Palestinian Revolution and the unity of Lebanon.

During his 1 1/2 hour long visit to the hospital, Arafat also paid a visit to the children's wing to visit patients who lost their parents during the civil war.

Arafat expressed his satisfaction at the good care given by the Hospital to its patients, both fighters and civilians.

*Chairman Arafat comforts a victim of Zionist-fascist aggression at Acre Hospital.*





Romania's President Ceaucescu.



### ARAFAT CONDOLES CEAUCESCU

Chairman Arafat sent a cable of condolences on July 1 to the Rumanian President, Nicolae Ceaucescu on the death of his mother. The cable expressed Arafat's deep sorrow for the loss of a "militant who committed her life to struggle for her people."

Abu Lutf, Head of the PLO Political Department sent a similar cable to the Rumanian President.

### ARAFAT RECEIVES TWO BRITISH MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the PLO Executive Committee and General Commander of the forces of the Palestinian Revolution, met June 28 with a British Parliamentary delegation composed of two MPs, David Watkins and Lester Goodlad. The meeting dealt with the Palestine problem and the latest developments of the Middle East situation.

### 'ASHBAL' DELEGATION TO BULGARIA AND CUBA

A delegation of the 'Ashbal' (cubs) of the Palestinian Revolution left on July 3 for Bulgaria to participate in the International Youth camp there, on an invitation from the organizations of Bulgarian Vanguards. Another 'Ashbal' delegation is due to leave for Havana in early July, to join the International camp for 'Ashbal' in the Cuban capital.

### COMMANDO ATTACK IN PETAH TIKVA

Palestinian commandos on July 6 carried out a successful military operation in the Petah Tikva settlement near Tel Aviv. The Palestinian Military Spokesman issued the following communique: — No. 65/77: —

"Acting on orders from the General Command of the Palestinian Revolution, a special group of our fighters operating inside occupied Palestine planned explosive charges in a shop situated in the central market of Petah Tikva, a suburb of Tel Aviv, after avoiding several Israeli check-points on their way. The charges exploded at 10:30 AM that morning, causing 23 casualties among the Zionist settlers, seven of whom were badly injured; destroying the shop and its contents and partially damaging nearby shops.

"Consequently Israeli ambulances rushed to the scene and evacuated the wounded, while security forces and Frontier Guards evacuated the area of people and vehicles and began a wide-scale search for other charges.

"Following the operation, the Zionist authorities arrested 65 Palestinian citizens and were still arresting others at the time this communique was released at 2 PM July 6. Our revolutionaries returned safely to base."

Meanwhile, the Israeli Radio broadcast three different communiqués about the operation. The first maintained that the explosion in Petah Tikva had resulted in 20 to 30 casualties; the second maintained that the number of casualties was 16, while the third said that only 15 people were hurt, all of them slightly!

### EXPLOSION IN TEL AVIV AND OIL FIELD NEAR RAFAH

Radio Israel has mentioned that an explosive charge blew up in Tel Aviv July 2, and resulted in the

partial damage of a house. The radio as usual said that no casualties were reported.

In related news, Israeli newspapers have mentioned that a huge explosion took place on July 2 in an Israeli center for oil exploration in the desert, 10 kms away from Rafah. The newspapers did not mention the causes of the explosion but admitted that it paralyzed the digging process and badly damaged equipment.

### ISRAELI PRESS REACTION TO PETAH TIKVA OPERATION

Israeli newspapers on July 7 commented on the operation carried out the previous day by Palestinian revolutionaries in Petah Tikva near Tel Aviv, and which resulted in more than 20 casualties.

"It is not only a warning from the Palestinian terrorists, but a prelude to a new wave of organized terrorism," "Davar" said, while the English language "Jerusalem Post" declared the operation "a message addressed to the world asking it not to forget the PLO." The paper added that this message is also directed at the Arab leaders who have recently tended to use the PLO rather than help it. It continued that this operation should shake the USA, which is under the illusion that granting the Palestinians a small homeland would push aside the long-term goals cited in the PLO's national charter.

*Our vigilant forces will continue harrassing  
the enemy everywhere.*



EEC summit: a US "green light" for a Middle East declaration.

## NEED FOR A PALESTINIAN HOMELAND WHAT DOES EEC COUNTRIES MIDDLE EAST POLICY REALLY INTEND?

At their London summit meeting under the chairmanship of British Prime Minister James Callaghan on 29 June 1977, the heads of governments of the nine European Common Market countries released a joint statement on their Middle East policies. This statement expresses a significant, however verbal, accommodation which responds to the development of the balance of power in the area as well as to the latest U.S. policy. Its timing also reveals the growing apprehension of the West European states about the possibly catastrophic consequences they may suffer themselves from the impact of continued aggressive Zionist politics in the Middle East.

The statement, after repeating earlier EEC positions laid down on November 6, 1973, adds several modifications. It calls for the urgent resumption of peace negotiations towards a "comprehensive, just and lasting settlement of the conflict"; it demands the participation of "the representative" of "the Palestinian people" in the negotiations; it affirms, above all, that Israel must recognize the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, and

that "the need for a homeland for the Palestinian people must be 'translated into fact.'"

(For the main points of modification see box.)

### "GREEN LIGHT" FROM WASHINGTON

*The EEC statement came in the wake of, and fell in line with, the recent declarations on the Middle East released by the U.S. administration. It had, indeed, the blessing of the U.S. government. At the end of January, 1977, the publication of a similar statement drafted by the EEC, had been postponed after U.S. intervention via West Germany. Now, the West German (as well as the British) government, apparently got the "green light" from Washington in order to let the EEC declaration pass, in an obvious attempt to give the latest U.S. moves in the area a broader common Western basis.*

### GROWING WESTERN REALISM, APPREHENSIONS ABOUT ZIONISM

The "tardy European bid" for a

Palestinian homeland, as the British "Guardian" labelled the EEC declaration, brought the West German, British, Dutch and Danish governments' positions verbally somehow up to the level of the Middle East positions France and Italy have been holding for a long time. It represents certainly a step forward in the attitude of the Western European governments which have long been hostile towards the Palestinian cause, and persistently tended to neglect, suppress or outflank the needs and rights of the people in the area.

Now, in the face of the continuous resistance of the Palestinian people and growing Arab power, the Western European states, just like the U.S.A., have started to realize that it has become too dangerous for their vital interests in the area to openly confront the Arabs, to completely neglect the rights of the Palestinian people and to rely only on the out-dated Zionist settler regime in Israel. They feel the acute danger, and are seriously worried about it, that Zionism could "overplay", and break out of, the role Western



imperialism intended and still intends for Israel as its "stick" and "watchdog" poised against the Arab world; and that continued

Zionist chauvinism could now trigger disastrous explosions which inevitably would hit the oil, capital, investment and market interests which link the West to the Middle East.

"Over the period 1970-1975 (EEC) Community exports to the Arab League countries increased by 314 o/o and imports from these countries increased 191 o/o. The share of total Community exports going to Arab countries rose from 6.2 o/o in 1970 to 12.6 o/o in 1975. The share of total Community imports coming from Arab countries rose from 13.6 o/o in 1970 to 20 o/o in 1975. Arab oil and Arab investments play a substantial role in the economies of Western Europe, Western European contractors are active throughout the Middle East" (so the report of the British Under Secretary of State and EEC spokesman, Faber, at the latest European-Arab "dialogue" round in Tunis on February 10-12, 1977). For the Western European countries, cooperation with the Arab world, and the supply of Arab oil, is even more vital than for the U.S.A. 3/4 of all EEC oil imports come from the Middle East, making up nearly half of the total EEC energy consumption. Increasingly, Arab bi-lateral and international financial loans must help to balance the payment deficits even of Western industrialized countries. In case of military explosions in the Middle East, Western Europe will be the first threatened with the effects, up to a nuclear confrontation.

This is why Zionist colonialism and mania, one of the last abortions of Western imperialism, now imperils the West itself. Reacting to the victory of the Zionist ultras in the Israeli elections, the EEC declaration reveals the growing apprehensions both of Western Europe and the U.S.A. It is an attempt however inadequate, to "contain" Zionism and, at the same time, to give verbal satisfaction to the Arab and Palestinian people.



U.S. President Carter signs law to block Arab anti-Zionist boycott.

### THE DEEDS STILL CONTRADICT THE WORDS

Certainly, the growing realism, insight and understanding in the EEC Middle East declaration concerning the facts, the permanent injustice and the dangers of the situation in Palestine and the entire Middle East are a positive sign. However, if the Western European countries want to avoid the suspicion that their declarations serve only to throw dust in Arab and Palestinian eyes, the words need to be clarified, and, above all, proved by deeds.

Words cannot undo the crimes of the past against the Palestinian people, nor can they prevent the approaching disaster fomented by

Zionism. It was — besides the past and present role of U.S. imperialism Britain which sponsored the Zionist aggression against the people in Palestine; it was West Germany which paid for the establishment of the racist settler state and the eviction of the Arab population; it was France which supplied the arms as well as the basis for Zionist nuclear madness.

And, most unfortunately, the deeds of the EEC countries, in particular of West Germany and Britain, still bluntly contradict their declarations:

What are EEC calls for an end to Israeli occupation and the need for a Palestinian homeland worth, if they are synchronized with inten-

sified and unconditional economic and political support for the aggressor regime in Israel, without the slightest attempt to put into reality the alleged good intentions for the Arab and Palestinian people? The EEC countries have in recent years extended to Israel over \$ 1 billion in bilateral and multilateral financial "assistance" to the Zionist state, and they continue to do so, without any political conditions for a just peace. West Germany Especially is pushing forward with the further gradual integration of Israel into the EEC. A new EEC-Israeli association agreement starting in July 1, 1975, granted special advantages for Zionist exports to EEC countries while, at the same time, giving protection for the Israeli war economy with regard to imports from the EEC. It also provides Israel with access to EEC credit facilities. Just now, on July 1, 1977, new trade privileges of great importance for the Zionist economy have come into effect. All this cements Zionist aggression, suppression and further expansion, in brutal contradiction to the official asseverations.

### WHAT "HOMELAND" FOR THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE?

The new EEC statement concerning the "need for a homeland for the Palestinian people" lacks, as much as the recent declarations of the U.S. government, the necessary clarification for how and where this "homeland" must become reality. It may be overlooked that the Palestinian people had and has its homeland, Palestine, where approximately half of them, about 1.5 million people, continue to live under Zionist suppression and discrimination. The problem is not to found a homeland, but to recognize and to put into reality the national rights of the Palestinian people, above all the right for self-determination and the right to establish an autonomous, independent state. The EEC declaration also omits to make clear that Palestinian statehood cannot be established anywhere at the expense of other Arab people and states but only through ending the Zionist occupation which, in turn, must presuppose the withdrawal of the Israeli aggression forces.

### RECOGNITION OF THE PLO WITHOUT RESERVATIONS

If there is any sincerity of intention in the EEC declaration, the EEC as a whole, as well as all its single member countries, must first themselves put an end to all discriminations in the full recognition of the PLO. How can the solemn call by the EEC for the "urgent" resumption of peace talks and for the participation in the negotiations of "the representative" of the "Palestinian people" be taken seriously, unless West Germany and Britain stop their obstruction against full and equal participation of the PLO in the European-Arab dialogue?

How can West Germany and Britain, in open contrast to the attitude of France and Italy, refuse any longer the full representation of the PLO in their countries, and continue to embarrass its work there, when they call, on EEC level, for "translating into fact" "the right of the Palestinian people to give effective expression to its national identity"?

Such a double-faced approach raises serious suspicions. Do they really intend to work for stability, for a just and lasting peace in the area which must first of all correspond to the rights and the needs of the Palestinian people? Or are they continuing a dangerous game of trying to deceive, to split, to manipulate and exploit the Arab world by idle words; and even more idle attempts to create "alternative" stooges in order to displace

the PLO which is unanimously legitimized, not only through elections but also through the continued unanimous struggle and the sacrifices by the entire Palestinian people, and has won recognition by the overwhelming majority of the world community?

A sometimes heard "precondition" from certain EEC circles, where upon the PLO has "first to recognize the existence of Israel", is not only incompatible with the content of the present EEC declaration; it is also as cynical and illogical in itself.

It is cynical to call upon the struggling victim to recognize and legitimize the aggressors which still try to annihilate it.

It is completely illogical when Western states demand as a prerequisite for their recognition of PLO, the recognition of a third party, the Zionist state, by the PLO; all the more, since these states, in their incessant good relations with the Israeli aggressor state, never bothered themselves with what the Zionists care about the existence and the rights of the Arab and Palestinian people.

Why do the Western countries and the EEC not first, sever all their political and economic relations with the aggressor Israel, until the latter recognizes the existence and the rights of the Palestinian people and its sole representative, the PLO? Why do they, on the very contrary, continue and intensify their economic, political and military support for occupation regime, without any condition?

### EEC TO INCREASE SUPPORT FOR ZIONIST REGIME

The European Economic Community (EEC) has decided to give further economic, financial and political backing for the Zionist state. In order to realize this, EEC has now yielded to a long-standing demand by the Israeli government and announced that it will open a special representation in Israel in 1978 ("Agence France Presse", 4 July 1978).



## CHANGE FOR PEACE OR HAZARDOUS GAME?

It would be no "new strategy" but a hazardous game, if the EEC and the Western countries in general would speculate on trying, in exchange for more words and hollow declarations, to extract from the Arab world their oil, their capital, and their purchasing power, while, in fact, continuing to support and cement the Zionist aggression, and to neglect or outflank the Palestinian people under the leadership of the PLO. The increasing resistance, not only of the Palestinians but of all peoples in the area,

will mangle such illusions before long.

Not words, but the full recognition of the PLO, and whether the EEC countries actively work in their relations with Israel for the realization of a just solution of the Palestine problem, are the touchstones for whether the West is really decided to go forward, together with the Palestinian people and in line with the interests of all peoples, towards justice, co-operation, peace and stability in the area; or whether they will just try to drag on the old imperialist mess in a new guise.

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### NEW POINTS IN EEC STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST, 29 JUNE, 1977:

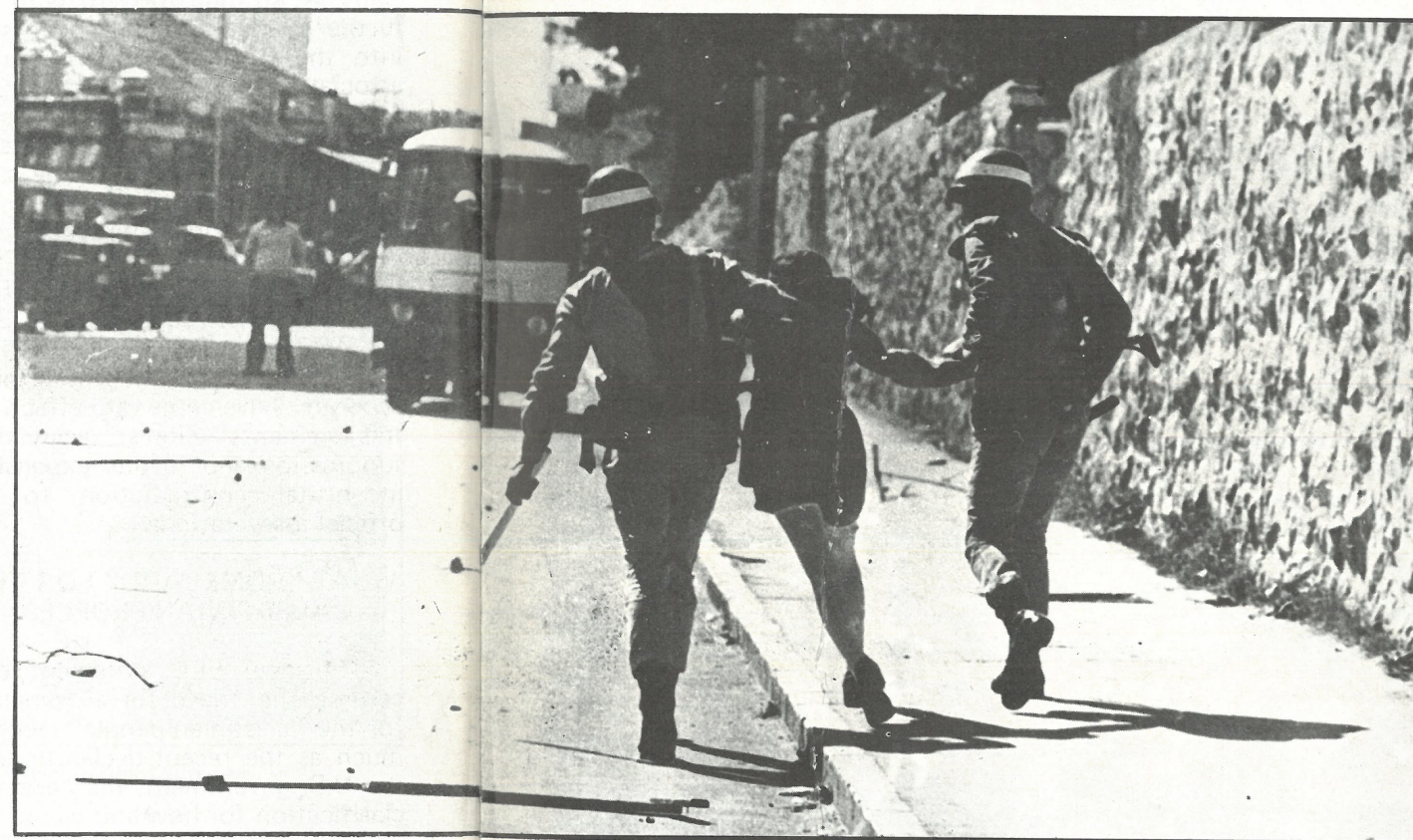
"The Nine have affirmed their belief that a solution to the conflict in the Middle East will be possible only if the legitimate right of the Palestinian people to give effective expression to its national identity is translated into fact, which would take into account the need for a homeland for the Palestinian people.

"They consider that the representatives of the parties to the conflict, including the Palestinian people, must participate in the negotiations in an appropriate manner, to be worked out in consultation between all the parties concerned.

"In the context of an overall settlement, Israel must be ready to recognize the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people; equally, the Arab side must be ready to recognize the right of Israel to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries.

"It is not through the acquisition of territory by force that the security of the states of the region can be assured; but it must be based on commitments to peace, exchanged between all the parties concerned with view to establishing truly peaceful relations.

## THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES IN OCCUPIED PALESTINE



*Zionist brutality: a common scene.*

In the face of Zionist-colonial oppression, the broad Palestinian masses express their resistance in different forms and stages of struggle. Palestinian resistance extends from passive methods of staging demonstrations and writing petitions, to armed resistance and revolutionary violence.

The repressive Israeli police machinery, armed to the teeth by U.S. imperialism, stretches its muscles in attempts to quell the rightful Palestinian struggle. The Palestinian people fight back for their very existence and in quest of national emancipation.

Palestinian resistance inside oc-

cupied Palestine not only aims at liberating Palestine, but also strives to provide a progressive and revolutionary alternative for the Jews whose plight in Europe was exploited by the bourgeois Zionist circles and world imperialism. Their intention, as both the later developments and current situation indicate, was to establish a permanent bridgehead for world imperialism in the region, to function as a sword permanently aimed at the heart of the Arab Middle East. The Palestinian resistance aims to eliminate the illusions in the minds of those Jews who have been deceived by Zionism, and offers them an alternative revolutionary solution instead of the racist-colonial and expansionist

views characteristic of Zionism.

The Palestinian freedom fighters wage a dual struggle: one for their own emancipation, and another for the liberation of those adherents of the Jewish faith who were transformed into a reserve for world counter-revolution in the region. The struggle for a non-sectarian, democratic and secular Palestinian state continues to attract the attention of progressive Jewish elements. The progressive Jewish lawyer Felicia Langer undertakes the task of defending Palestinian freedom fighters who are behind the bars of Zionist jails.

In the face of mounting Palesti-

nian resistance the neo-fascist Zionist authorities intensify their oppression which takes various forms and shapes. Oppression is direct and indirect. Economic oppression is one of the less overt types. The economy of the territories occupied in 1967 is tied to the Israeli economic system. Palestinian workers are subjected to a dual oppression: being Arabs they are discriminated against and do not receive the same treatment that their Jewish co-workers do, and cheap Arab labour is made to

perform the harsh and strenuous work. Israeli authorities practice aggression on other social classes of the Palestinian people as well with the exception (naturally) of those classes which collaborate with them. Through tax increases the Israeli authorities strive to impoverish the lower sections of the Palestinian middle class. The so-called Value Added Tax (VAT) was the latest in the series of tax hikes which threaten small merchants with bankruptcy.

An open form of Zionist warfare against the Palestinian people is the expropriation of Palestinian lands and farms on whose ruins Zionist settlements are built. The newly-appointed "hawkish" Likud government has stated openly that it will pursue policies of colonizing Palestine and other Arab territories. The twenty-six point Likud program contains a provision concerning the construction of a belt of settlements stretching from the Negev and Sinai, through Allon's previously planned cities on the West Bank, and far into the Golan Heights. Begin's administration plans to spread its octopus tentacles into more Arab and Palestinian





*Israeli occupation cannot weaken our resistance.*

territories. Palestinian protests only continue to produce ruthless Zionist counter-measures.

Another index of Palestinian resistance inside Occupied Palestine is provided by the frequent student demonstrations in response to Zionist occupation and oppression. This past academic year was marked by violent demonstrations which were ruthlessly dispersed by the Zionist "Green Berets," the Frontier Guards. Many demonstrators were killed and scores of others were arrested.

Within the walls of Zionist prisons Palestinian resistance is also

growing. Inside the prisons, Palestinian guerilla fighters stand face-to-face with the Zionist hangmen equipped with the most up-to-date methods and implements of sadistic torture, mainly supplied by the Pentagon and the CIA. In the dungeons and cells slow executions occur. Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails have continued to put up heroic resistance. A recent prisoners' revolt caused repercussions at an international level and obliged those who weep about human rights to finally move (albeit reluctantly) and reveal some of the barbarous Nazi methods used against Palestinian prisoners.

A long line of political detainees

and guerillas remain to join the several thousand which the Zionist jails already house. This segment of the vanguard of the Palestinian people continues to agitate in spite of their neo-Nazi captors and despite the Zionists' attempts to impose a total news blackout on the prisoners' revolt.

Taking into account Begin's racism which fundamentally denies the existence of the Palestinian people, it is apparent that the extreme right-wing Likud government aims to increase its oppressive measures against the Palestinian people and their national liberation movement. The Israeli "hawks" and "doves" are but two sides of the same coin in the sense that the former Labor alignment administration was militaristic by nature, and the present administration is composed of professional terrorists of long-standing who learned their trade in the Irgun and Stern gangs. For the Palestinian people, the yoke of Zionism is the same burden, whether imposed by Likud or Labour. So a long and strenuous task still awaits the Palestinian resistance movement.



*"No!" to Begin's judaization policy in Jerusalem.*

## SOLIDARITY NEWS

### CYPRUS, LIBYA SUPPORT PALESTINIAN CITIES

The Jerusalem Arabic language newspaper, "al-Sha'ab", recently wrote that as part of the project of Arab support for occupied Palestinian cities, and on the basis of Arab League resolutions, it has been decided that Cyprus and Libya should support the municipality of Qalqilya, while Benghazi will sign a twin-sister agreement with Khan Yunis, and Tripoli with Nablus. The newspaper added that the money for supporting the above-mentioned Arab cities has been deposited in an Arab bank.

### ARAB TRANSPORTATION USING QALANDIA AIRPORT AIRLINES WORKERS TO BOYCOTT

In a communique issued in Cairo June 29, the General Union of Arab Transportation Workers warned the countries whose airlines will be using Qalandia airport near Jerusalem in the occupied West-Bank that these airlines would be boycotted by Arab airports. The communique confirmed that the Arab transportation workers will not accept such practices which help in consolidating the fait-accompli in the occupied territories.

### ITALIAN WOMEN OFFER ASSISTANCE TO PALESTINIAN WOMEN

The General Union of Italian Women has called on the General Union of Palestinian Women to dispatch a delegation to discuss means of supporting the GUPW's institutions, including substantial aid. The Italian organization will offer equipment for two nurseries, as part of the program of aid provided to the institutions of the Palestinian Revolution.

Also learned is that the organization of Italian War Veterans will host 15 Palestinian children for one month in a summer resort in Northern Italy.

### AFRICAN SUMMIT CONFERENCE REAFFIRMS SUPPORT FOR PLO

In its final communique which was issued July 5, the African Summit Conference confirmed its full support for the struggle of the Palestinian people, under the leadership of the PLO, to liberate their country and establish their independent state. The communique called upon African countries to increase their diplomatic, military and economic boycott of the Zionist entity. It also condemned the Zionist policy in the occupied Arab territories and Israel's alliance with South Africa and Rhodesia.

### LANGER: ISRAEL CANNOT HIDE TORTURE OF PRISONERS FROM PUBLIC OPINION

In a recent report on the conditions of Palestinian detainees in Israeli jails, the progressive Jewish lawyer, Felicia Langer, once more exposed the savage practices employed against Palestinian detainees in Israeli prisons. She stressed that world public opinion can no longer be deceived by Zionist denials of these practices after several British newspapers, most recently the "Sunday Times", and a number of members of Parliament have called for an international investigation commission to report on the matter. Langer confirmed that the efforts exerted by the democratic lawyers and progressive organizations in Israel were not in vain.

"However," she said, "the Zionist authorities should show some self-respect, and respect for local and international public opinion by putting an end to the torture of prisoners and punishing the perpetrators." She added that these torturers were directed and protected by high ranking government officials.

### SUNDAY TIMES CONTINUES CAMPAIGN AGAINST ISRAELI TORTURE

As part of its campaign against the torture of Palestinian detainees

in Israeli jails, the British weekly newspaper "Sunday Times" called upon the Zionist authorities to allow the International Red Cross to keep in continuous contact with the Palestinian prisoners from the very moment they are arrested. It also demanded the publication of the special reports about these prisoners, considering the Israeli response to these two demands a way of evading the charges of torture made against Israel. The paper also published a number of letters sent from several parties of the world exposing Zionist practices against Palestinian detainees.

### HISTADRUT EXPELLED AS PLO PARTICIPATES IN ITALIAN WORKERS CONFERENCE

A PLO delegation took part in the conference of the Union of Italian Workers associated to the Italian Social Democratic Party and the Italian Republican Party, which was held in Bologna between June 29th and July 3rd. This Union had formerly taken stands against the Palestine cause and in favour of the Histadrut.

During the meetings, many attempts were made to prevent Palestinian participation in the conference, but the PLO representative succeeded in convincing most of the participants of the importance of a Palestinian presence, and of giving the Palestinian delegation the opportunity to present its point of view. Afterwards, the PLO representative addressed the conference and exposed the racist nature of the Zionist entity and the effects of Israeli aggression on the Palestinian people.

Meanwhile, the Histadrut representative was prevented from giving a speech for the first time in the history of the Union of Italian workers.

The PLO representative in Italy commented on these results by saying: "This is a new position which shows the degree of change in world public opinion as regards the just cause of Palestinian struggle."





The "Good Fence": a pretext for Israeli aggression in South Lebanon.

## ESCALATION OF ZIONIST-ISOLATIONIST COLLABORATION IN SOUTH LEBANON

The recent escalation of fighting in South Lebanon by the Zionist enemy and his local agents is a direct verification of Begin's ultra-fanatic Zionist policy. Zionist expansionism and aggression in the south has intensified tremendously ever since the election of the Likud government to office. The escalation of Israeli and isolationist military activity in the south is a part of the Likud's foreign policy, which opposes any withdrawal from occupied Arab territories and intends to achieve its expansionist goals through its fascist puppets in South Lebanon.

It is essential to note that the right-wing fascist and Israeli alliance started its joint offensive in the south in the wake of the settlement of Lebanon's bloody civil war. Its purpose was clearly directed against the territorial integrity and unity of Lebanon and aimed at creating a zone along the border controlled by

their allied forces, to deprive Palestinian commandos access to Occupied Palestine.

Recently the allied Israeli and Lebanese fascist forces have been concentrating their ground assaults and heavy artillery bombardments against civilian targets and villages to force the inhabitants to flee, thus helping fulfill the twin Zionist objectives of expansion and Lebanese partition.

The recent escalation of joint Israeli and isolationist military activities in the south has shown a sharp increase in the coordination of their evil designs. The "Times" of London, on 1 July 1977, reported that isolationist forces have "repeatedly moved in and out of the border village of Kfar Shouba through Israel and the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights." The same newspaper added that Major Hadad, one of the commanders of the

right-wing Christian forces, "is unlikely to launch a big offensive without tacit agreement from his Israeli suppliers of food, water, weapons and ammunition." Zionist-isolationist cooperation in this region was facilitated by a road carved last month into the south-western slope of Mount Hermon, well inside of Lebanese territory, by Zionist forces.

The Israeli act of aggression and occupation directed against the Lebanese village of Yarin, on July 2, supported by their fascist puppets, was but another proof of the intensification of Zionist-isolationist fascist designs in South Lebanon. The brutal offensive of the combined fascist forces included an attack by a mechanized battalion of infantry backed by tanks and heavy artillery spearheaded by airborne commandos. The heroic resistance of the population to this criminal attack, and the successful counter-offensive of the



Graffiti in Beirut's rightist neighborhoods: symbol of Zionist-fascist cooperation.

joint Palestinian and progressive forces, drove the attacking forces out of the town and manifested the determination of the progressive forces and people of South Lebanon to resist all conspiracies which aim at creating new obstacles to peace in Lebanon, and at facilitating Zionist aggression in the region.

The Zionist entity has been pushing forward with its so-called "good fence" policy, in collaboration with the isolationists, to create the illusion of the possibility of co-existence and cooperation between the Zionist occupiers of Palestine and the Arabs of South Lebanon. At the same time the Zionist enemy is resorting to indiscriminate shelling and barbarous attacks on nearby villages that do not adhere to the Zionist-isolationist conspiracy. Israel's "good fence" policy is a part and parcel of the overall Zionist ambitions of expansion.

Agence France Press has reported from Occupied Palestine that a representative of the Lebanese Phalangist Party, Francis Aoun, met on July 6 in the Metulla settlement with a number of foreign priests on pilgrimage in Occupied Palestine. He "explained" the Lebanese fascist point of view on the

situation in South Lebanon and praised Israel's enormous aid to the isolationist forces. The Israeli Ministry of Religious Affairs arranged the meeting to prove to the Christian pilgrims that Israel has friendly relations with Lebanese isolationists, and to internationalize the situation in southern Lebanon.

Israeli intervention in the south has become common knowledge and was recently confirmed by a report issued on July 5 by U.N. observers, who pointed out that Israeli forces are currently occupying six positions on the Lebanese side of the armistice line, have been moving in and out of Lebanon frequently and have been shelling Lebanese towns. This, according to the observers, is a continuation of increasing military land and sea activity along the border undertaken by Zionist forces.

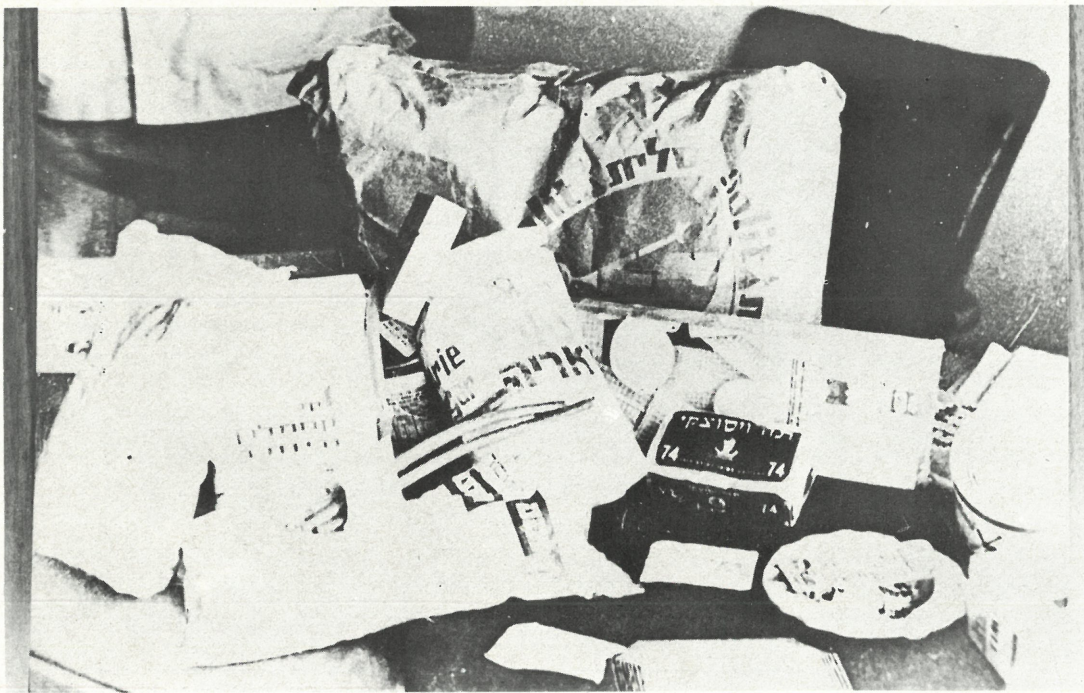
These intensified acts of aggression by Begin's government aim to undermine Arab unity and jeopardize chances for peace in the region by escalating tension in the south. It is no coincidence that these acts of aggression are going hand-in-hand with the judaization of the holy city of Jerusalem and other settlement projects in what Begin calls the "liberated territories" of oc-

cupied Arab lands.

It is a known fact that the Zionist entity came into existence as a bridgehead of Western imperialist domination and exploitation of the Middle East region. It is difficult to imagine any activity undertaken by the Zionist enemy without the blessing of American imperialism, on which the Zionist state's existence depends. The isolationist-Zionist alliance in South Lebanon exists with the direct consent of their mutual patron, U.S. imperialism. The influential Zionist newspaper, "Haaretz," revealed on 8 July 1977 a U.S. decision to supply the Lebanese isolationist forces with different kinds of weaponry via Israel so as "to protect the Israeli border." "Haaretz" noted the warm welcome given by Israeli officials to this U.S. decision since it helps to "preserve the security of Israel's northern border."

Begin's accession to office has produced a broader range of cooperation between the isolationist and Zionist alliance. This cooperation is aimed at jeopardizing any peace moves in the region, and at facilitating the Likud's policy of judaization of occupied Arab land and Zionist expansionism.





*Israeli supplies seized from Lebanese fascist forces.*

#### LEBANESE CHILDREN TO ATTEND SUMMER SCHOOL IN ISRAEL

Agence France Presse has reported on July 12, that children from Southern Lebanese villages under isolationist control are participating in summer camps organized by the Zionist authorities in the Maalot, Qiryat Shmona and Metualla settlements. The Israeli mayor of Qiryat Arba' has admitted to newsmen that this is the case, and added that a project for the opening of a school in Qiryat Shmona for these Lebanese children is under study.

#### PRAVDA COMMENTS ON SOUTH LEBANON SITUATION

"Pravda", the official organ of the Soviet Communist Party, on July 12, condemned Israeli provocations in South Lebanon and the overall Israeli support of the isolationist fascist groups in the South. The paper noted the strong link between the escalation of the situation in South Lebanon and the foreign policy of the new Israeli cabinet, which has rejected any withdrawal from the Arab territories occupied in 1967.

The paper added that the escalation of the military situation in South Lebanon coincides with the official announcement of Begin's visit to the USA. Israeli circles had hinted that the aim of this visit is the signing of new military agreements as well as reaffirming US support for Israel's aggressive policy.

#### ISRAELI PRESS CAMPAIGN REGARDING SOUTH LEBANON

Israeli newspapers on July 4 began a massive propaganda campaign about the situation in South Lebanon, pointing to the danger of the situation in the region which, they said, threatens Israel's security.

"Davar" wrote on July 5 that "the new escalation of military operations in South Lebanon comes within the framework of the war-like noises being made by neighbouring Arab states," adding that Israel should therefore watch its northern border region carefully because of the possible revival of commando activities there.

"Hatsofeh" meanwhile said that danger had begun to appear along the Lebanese frontiers and that the situation requires a suitable reaction.

Other Israeli newspapers on July 4 published exaggerated reports on the increasing Palestinian commando presence in South Lebanon. These newspapers did not, however, refer to the fact that the Israeli forces have been the ones who have escalated the situation in South Lebanon lately, most recently in their attack on Yarin July 1 in coordination with Lebanese fascist forces. It is to be noted that this Israeli press campaign about South Lebanon has been launched simultaneously with a similar campaign in the Lebanese isolationist media.

## THE ZIONIST RACE CONCEPT

by Faris Glubb

An American Jewish writer has made this interesting observations: "It is strange that the fallacious obsession of a vanquished enemy should dominate the surviving group's philosophy. It was Hitler who, in imposing Nazism on country upon country, said: 'You are not a German — you are a Jew. You are not a Czech — you are a Jew. You are not a Pole — you are a Jew. You are not a Frenchman — you are a Jew.' And Nazi law defined how many generations back a modicum of special blood would establish future membership in the race. But Nazism was at least consistent. To Hitler, it was not only 'once a Jew, always a Jew', but also 'once a German, always a German'. It was the contention of the Third Reich that, throughout the world, a person of German ancestry had a perpetual obligation to the German state and could not shed his German allegiance. And this was so because, for Nazism, every German belonged to this distinct and chosen Aryan race." (1).

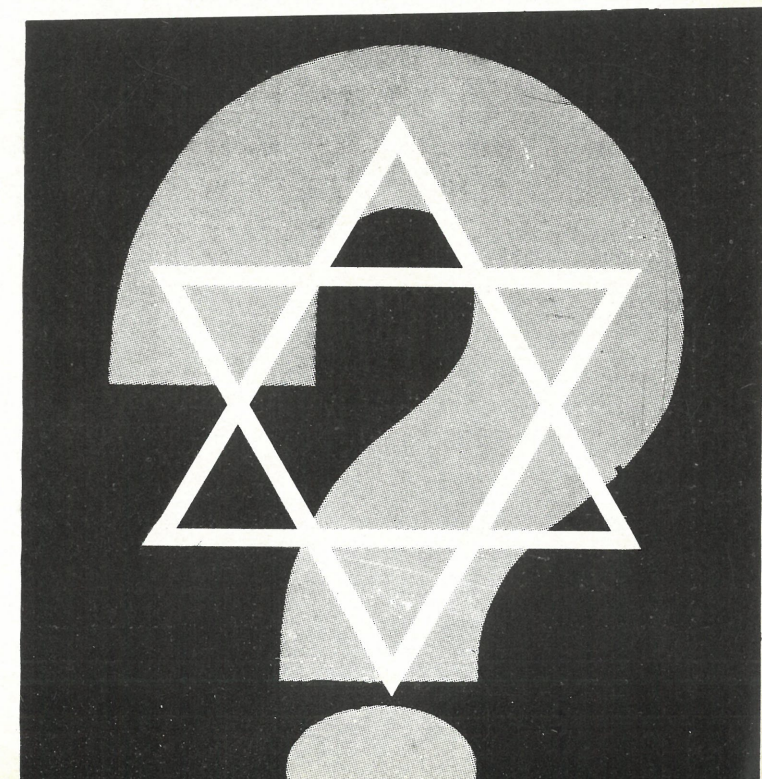
The Nazi concept thus described, when carried to its extremes, plunged Europe into a bloodbath costing the lives of some 30 million people. However, this race concept did not die out with the collapse of Hitler's state. People of Jewish faith are still being told: "You are not a German — you are a Jew. You are not a Czech — you are a Jew. You are not an American — you are a Jew." However, it is no longer from the lips of Hitler or Goebbels that we hear such words today. In this context, it is interesting to note the following comment by a Jewish publication on the Israeli Nationality Law of 1952:

"It reaffirms the fundamental theory of nationalistic Zionism which goes under the name of 'ingathering of the exiles', according to which Jews are exiles wherever they live, except in Israel, and it is their personal duty to leave their exile and settle in Israel.

"That theory has been a source of violent contention among Jews, especially in the United States, ever since the emergence of the new state.

Anti-Zionist American Jews strongly oppose the theory on the ground that it introduces an element of uncertainty about their loyalty to the United States as their native or adopted home; that it revives a dangerous racist theory that smacks of the slogan of a previous generation, 'A German is a German wherever he is.'" (2).

It is thus the contention of the Israeli Government and its information services that, throughout the world, a person whose ancestors believed in Judaism has a perpetual obligation to the Zionist state and cannot shed his Israeli allegiance. And thus the point that Hitler persistently tried to make, that the Jews form a single race, is the same point that the state policy. It is a tragedy of our time that a large number of Jews have fallen for this argument. However, when it is expressed in particularly blatant terms, even pro-Zionist publications have occasionally come forth with protests like this:





"It makes a bad impression and grates on the ears to learn from Ben-Gurion's speech at the WZO Congress that American Jews are 'foreigners' and 'aliens' in their own country. It is more than certain that if this had been said by a non-Jew there would have been a chorus of protest against such statements, and they would have been described as signs of anti-Semitism, not only by Jews but also by non-Jews." (3).

A large number of Jews, in fact, refuse to accept the race concept shared by both Zionism and Nazism, and it is in the writings of such Jewish thinkers that we find its most convincing refutation. As one of them observes, "it is a tragic and macabre truth that the greatest 'redefiner' of the Jewish identity has been Hitler; and this is one of his minor posthumous triumphs... Are we now going to accept the idea that it is racial ties or 'bonds of blood' that make up the Jewish community? Would not that be another triumph for Hitler and his degenerate philosophy?" (4).

"There is no reputable anthropologist who will not agree that Jewish racialism is as much poppycock as Aryan racialism. As far back as December 1938, the American Anthropological Association condemned Aryanism as a fallacy and stated that both 'Aryan' and 'Semitic' were 'linguistic' terms without any 'racial' significance. Race involves the inheritance of specific physical features by large groups of mankind, such as hair texture, head form, colour of eyes and skin, stature, the shape of the nose, etc. Hitler, Weizmann, cartoonists and other creators of 'Jewish' prototypes notwithstanding, there is no Jewish or Semitic race." (5).

During Hitler's time, a Jewish writer from Poland called Abram Leon wrote a highly scientific study of the problem of anti-Jewish prejudice, which in its modern form he considered an evil characteristic of "capitalist society in decay." Leon had been an ardent follower of Zionism in his early days, but had become disillusioned with it. He died in 1944, executed by the Nazis for organising resistance in Belgium, for he lived by the belief that the solution for European Jews was to stay in Europe to fight anti-Jewish prejudice instead of running away from it to Palestine.

Leon wrote: "At the present time there is absolutely no racial homogeneity between the Yemenite Jews, for example, and the Jews of Daghestan. The first are Oriental in type while the second belong to the Mongol race. There are black Jews in India, Ethiopian Jews (Falasha). 'Troglodyte' Jews in Africa."

Abram Leon also examined other evidence on the wide variety of ancestry among followers of Judaism, and noted the preposterous definition by a Nazi theoretician, Hans Gunther, who called East European Jews "a racial mixture which we may designate as Western Asiatic-Oriental-East Baltic-Eastern-"

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Central-Asiatic-Nordic-Hamitic-Negroid." Which could mean almost anything. Leon concluded: "These few observations permit us to see how stupid the concept of the 'Jewish race' is. The Jewish race is a myth." (6).

The fact that the Jewish race concept is a characteristic dogma of both Zionism and Nazism is no coincidence. Zionist theoreticians realised from the first that anti-Jewish feeling would provide the propelling force to urge numbers of Jews to leave their native lands to colonise Palestine. The founder of political Zionism, Theodor Herzl, declared that "anti-Semitism has grown and continues to grow, and so do I", and that "only anti-Semitism has made Jews out of us." (7) He also wrote: "The governments of all countries scourged by anti-Semitism will be keenly interested in assisting us to obtain the sovereignty we want" (8).

Zionism, the idea that the Jews are a racial entity requiring a state of their own, had been propounded before Herzl, notably by Rabbi Yehuda Alkalay of Serbia in the 1840s, Moses Hess and Rabbi Hirsch Kalischer of Germany in 1862 and Leo Pinsker of Odessa in 182. Herzl was the inaugurator of the First Zionist Congress in 1897, and hence of Zionism as an organised political movement. Zionism's race concept developed parallel to, and simultaneously with, the racial doctrine of "anti-Semitism"



Ben Gurion proclaiming the Zionist State in 1948

"Zionists fundamentally accept the racial ideology of the anti-Semites, but draw different conclusions. Instead of the Teuton, it is the Jew that is the pure or superior race... Only in Palestine can this spirit find root and only in the Hebrew language its adequate expression...

"Nevertheless, these beliefs are radically false and profoundly inimical to liberal or humanistic civilisation. History, and Jewish history especially, shows that the claim to purity of race on the part of any civilised people is entirely mythical. It is generally put forward by sacerdotal and other exploiting groups, and when extensively followed leads to narrowness and sometimes to degeneracy...

"A national Jewish Palestine must necessarily mean a state founded on a peculiar race, a tribal religion, and mystical belief in a peculiar soil...

"The idealistic Zionists are quite willing to ignore the rights of the vast majority of the non-Jewish population of Palestine." (11)

Modern Zionists frequently echo Herzl's views on the usefulness of anti-Jewish prejudice in furthering their aims. In an article entitled "Again the Swastika - Why?" one such Zionist, Mrs. Trude Weiss-Rosmarin wrote: "Anti-Semitism is not based on facts but on feeling and emotions. It is an instinctive hatred... the hatred of the Jews and Judaism is a perennial

One leading Zionist commentator has noted "the changing character of Judaeophobia, the transition from religious to racial anti-Semitism. Racial theories had existed in an inchoate form since the beginning of the nineteenth century, and had acquired respectability with the spread, from France, of the new, quasi-scientific doctrine of Gobineau and his disciples. In earlier times the enemies of the Jews had put the blame on their religion and on the ritual law which, they claimed, had caused the corruption of the Jewish people. Racial anti-Semitism rejected these arguments as irrelevant, maintaining that it had discovered the real reasons underlying the 'Jewish danger'... Racial anti-Semitism could spread only among peoples indoctrinated for many centuries with religious anti-Semitism who had been taught that the Jews had killed Christ and rejected his mission." (9)

Many early Zionist writers mirrored the "anti-Semitic" view of Jews, sometimes indulging in an orgy of "self-hatred". "A.D. Gordon wrote about the 'parasitism of fundamentally useless people', Frischmann about the disgust generally evoked by Jewish life. Berdichevsky said that the Jews in the pale were 'not a nation, not a people, not human', and Joseph Chaim Brenner, the most radical critic of all, used such epithets as 'gypsies and filthy dogs'." (10)

The Zionist race concept, developed along these lines, was bound later to be reflected in the nature of the Israeli state.



phenomenon. It is eternal hatred for the eternal people... Anti-Semitism is an incurable disease." Then follows the predictable conclusion: "To eradicate anti-Semitism we must either change human nature — or remove the Jews from the reach of the aggressive urges clamouring for a scapegoat. As long as Jews will live as a minority among the nations, they will be cast in the role of the resented outsider and stranger." (12)

However, a Jewish publication made an eloquent reply to this article: "It is this conglomeration of defeatism, fatalism, loss of nerve and loss of faith in humanity, sublimated into a philosophy of complete segregation, isolation and escape, that has dominated Jewish thought and emotions and has determined Jewish communal action since the emergence of the state of Israel.

"And the tragedy of it all is that so few realise that this philosophy of despair, born of fear and panic, is closely connected to the Nazi 'philosophy' on the Jewish problem. Like the Nazi ideologists, the Zionists take it for granted that the Jews are a foreign and unassimilable element in the body of all non-Jewish people and that it is impossible for them to live among other nations; that hatred for the Jews is something instinctive and mystical, forever ingrained in the subconscious of every non-Jew, which can never be eradicated or cured; and that the only solution is the elimination of the Jews from the non-Jewish scene in one form or another." (13)

The danger Zionism posed to the position of Jews throughout the world as a result of this race concept was stressed by James P. Warburg in a speech on 2 March 1960, when the long-term effects of the Israeli state's establishment could be clearly assessed. Mr. Warburg warned: "Anti-Jewish prejudices might conceivably be rekindled if the Jews who are integrated in the West were now to become infected with a chauvinistic sense of world-wide nationalism, such as the extreme Zionists attempt to propagate." (14)

This rekindling of prejudice would be in Zionism's interest, as it would force Jews to leave their native lands and emigrate, thus swelling Israeli manpower. Zionism disapproves of Jews who live as normal citizens in their countries of origin, branding them "assimilationists".

"One is horrified by the amount of venom that overflows, like a spring river its banks, the pages and platforms of nationalistic writers and speakers as they deal with the so-called 'assimilationists' — who is anyone from a mild non-Zionist and sympathiser with Israeli to an anti-Zionist. An impartial observer who is psychologically out of the fray is often shocked by the fury with which the nationalistic Zionist press speaks of the anti-Zionist, such as the Jewish Labour Bund and, particularly, the American Council for Judaism. The thing is almost fantastic when seen in perspective. The Nazis in their prime did not hate



Russian Jews in Vienna, Back the Soviet Union

Jews with greater intensity than an indoctrinated American Zionist hates the Council. The mere mention of the word is enough to let loose a paroxysm of anger and hatred which even an untrained psychologist can easily recognise as anti-Semitism in reverse." (15)

A learned Rabbi, Professor Morris Lazaron, wrote: "Jewish nationalism, especially in its latest phase since the establishment of Israel, has wrought even greater havoc with Judaism than with the Jews. It has degraded a great religion from its lofty position as one of the leading spiritual forces of mankind to the petty role of a tribalistic cult concerned only with the survival and glorification of its tribe. Judaism has been dragged from its high pedestal of a universal religion of social justice and the brotherhood of man as proclaimed by the Prophets, to the position of a prop for patriotism designed to keep up a little state and its trappings. Judaism has been cheapened, vulgarised and commercialised. Synagogues and temples have become marked places for sales of bonds and Jewish holidays have become occasions for nationalistic revivals." (16)

It was inevitable that the Zionist race concept would leave no room in the Israeli state for "goyim" or Gentiles, notably the original inhabitants of Palestine. The racially exclusive design of the Israeli state was revealed even before its foundation by the man destined to be its first President, Dr Chaim

Weizmann, when he declared that "Palestine should become just as Jewish as America is American and England is English." (17)

Nor was it surprising that the Zionist concept of race should lead David Ben-Gurion, the first Israeli Prime Minister, to think as early as 1935 in terms of race supremacy and imperial domination. As one Jewish writer noted, at the Zionist Congress of that year:

"The whole Middle East, as Ben-Gurion saw it, was destined to be the stage of the new Jewish renaissance... Solomon, quoted in Ben-Gurion.

"It was fantastic, part of that strange world of unreality in which Zionists lived and from which they even drew their strength." (18)

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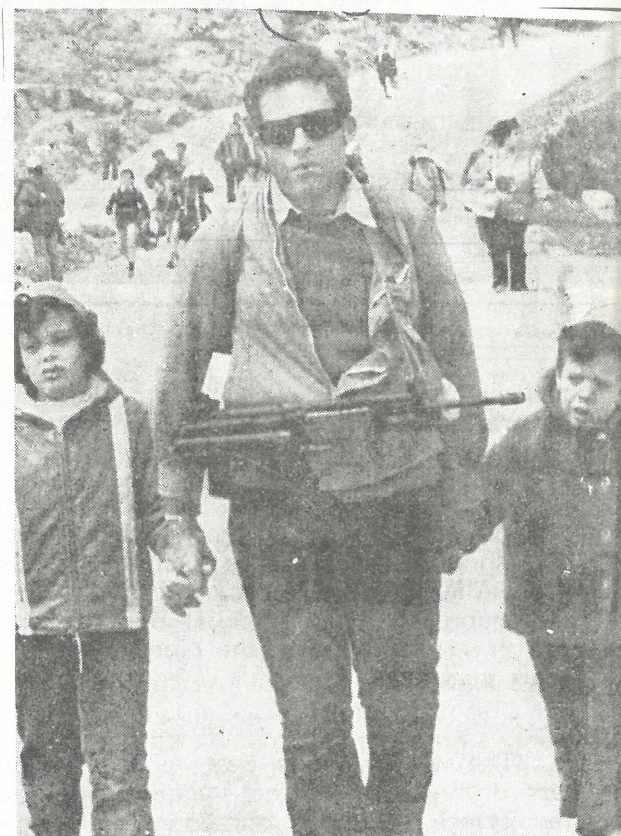
"Didn't you take the lands from the Arabs?"



Reacting to the shock caused by the Zionist ultras' seizure of power in Israel, imperialist circles are now trying to present and market the last enrolment of Zionist colonialism in a somewhat milder light: Begin and his squad, however hard-boiled and even "tough" they might be, were at least in a way men of "honour," if fanatically so, and honestly convinced of their "mission" and believing in the "Biblical and historic rights" of Judaism.

This attempt to ennoble the image of the Begin clique now in power in Israel is as

## BEGIN'S BIBLICAL RIGHTS: "YOU ARE THE INVADERS"



Biblical claims

insincere as it is dangerous. The truth is and this can be proved from earlier statements by Begin himself that Zionist ultras are quite aware of the non-existence of their so-called historic rights in Palestine, but deliberately misuse a "Biblical" phraseology to cloak their policy of blunt aggression and outdated settler-colonialism. Their demagoguery also speculates on a certain sentimentality of Western "Christianity" which would mistake garbled reminiscences of the Biblical tales of childhood for the truth of the history and the facts in Palestine and the Arab world in general.

## THE CLAIMS OF THE KHAZARS

Every historian knows, and the Zionists know too, that in the course of thousands of years of Palestinian history, Jewish tribes settled in Palestine - side by side with other people - in a coherent manner only for a very few centuries, about two milleniums ago.

From the aspect of religion, how faint are the cultural and traditional ties linking the very many different manifestations of world Jewry; and they are even fainter with regard to the Biblical Jewish tribes who once in the days of yore settled in Palestine. Every member of a Christian religious community could raise, with the same if not stronger right than the Zionists, "Biblical claims" to the land "of the Christian forefathers." Of course, such claims are absurd in the face of the real rights of the real Arab Palestinian people who live in Palestine, and have been living there in peaceful coexistence with the many religious communities, including a Jewish one, for hundreds and thousands of years, up to the Zionist aggression sponsored first by British and now by U.S. imperialism.

From a national and ethnic point of view, the people of Jewish religion living all over the world have, in fact, nothing to do with those Jewish tribes who settled in ancient Palestine. It has been established, even by leading Jewish scientists, that the Jews of today could (if at all) be rather traced to the legendary tribe of the Khazars, a people of Turkish ethnicity who once lived in the Caucasus.

Thus, any alleged descendant of the historic Tartars, the Vikings, the Celts, the Hittites, and so on, could claim more ethnic and national rights to any part of the world once occupied by his alleged ancestors, than the Jews of today historically can in Palestine. And, of course, any North American Indian has a much stronger and more compelling national right to "liberate" New York and the U.S. East Coast and to establish Indian settlements and a state of Indian race and religion there, than a Begin has for the "liberation" of "Judea and Samaria."

Everybody should know that Begin and his worthies are themselves quite aware of this, and when far from governmental honours, did nothing to conceal the true facts of the case.

## ZIONIST AGGRESSION "JUSTIFIES" THE IDEOLOGY AND NOT VICE-VERSA

In October 1969, the present Israeli prime

minister, Menachem Begin, at a meeting in Ein Hahoreh, a MAPAM kibbutz in occupied Palestine, replied to a question posed by a "leftist" Zionist demanding the acknowledgement of the existence of the Palestinian people. Begin said:

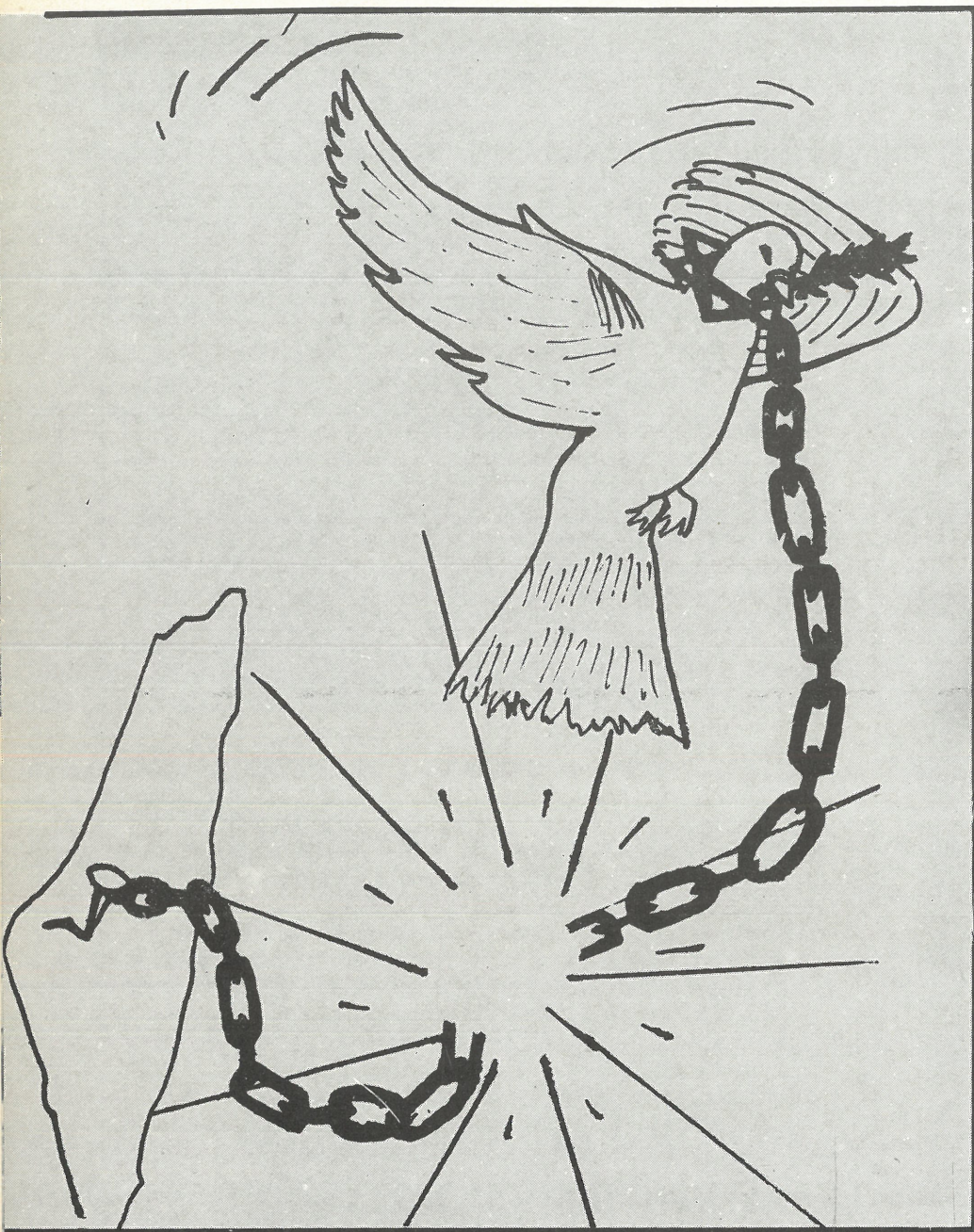
"Watch yourself, my friend. If you acknowledge Palestine, you demolish your right to live in Hahoreh. If this is Palestine here and not 'Eretz Israel,' then you are the conquerors, not the cultivators, of the land. You are the invaders. If this is Palestine, then the land belongs to the people who have been living here since before you came. Only if 'Eretz Israel' is here can you claim the right to live in Hahoreh and Degania B. If it is not your land, the land of your forefathers and your sons, then what are you doing here? You came to a land of another people, just as they assert. You have dislodged them and taken their land from them. What, after all, are the facts of the matter? Didn't the Kibbutz Arzi (central organization of MAPAM kibbutzim) take away the land from the Arabs? - and didn't it annex it for the Kibbutzim...?" (Israeli "Yedioth Aharonoth," 17 October 1969).

Obviously, in Begin's view, it is the fascist policies of Zionist aggression, colonization and population transfer which require and "justify" a demagogic Zionist "Biblical" ideology, and not vice-versa.

## PLO: DEMOCRACY AND CO-EXISTENCE FOR THE FUTURE OF PALESTINE

The Palestinian revolution has always resisted the temptation to combat this fascist Zionist ideology with a counter-ideology of Arab exclusiveness and supremacy. Despite all the ordeals and unspeakable crimes our people have suffered from the Zionist aggressors and occupiers, the Palestinian revolution knows that the future of Palestine cannot be determined by any ideology advertising any kind of exclusiveness, be it historical, religious, racial, or whatever. The PLO has always stressed that it is ready to live together and co-operate democratically and peacefully with any community of Jewish, Christian, or any other persuasion in Palestine which, in turn, is ready to recognize the equal individual and national, social and political rights of all people living there, especially those of the hereditary Arab Palestinian people. It is Begin and the Zionist terror clique, who with Rhodesia's settler regime and the South African racists form the last virulent and aggressive colonizer regime of old-style imperialism, who precisely do not want this. And they know it quite well, despite their - at times - "Biblical" disguise.





## ALLIANCE OF NON-ZIONIST JEWS

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The central historic claim made by the Zionist movement since its inception until this very day is that the creation of the Jewish State in Palestine, would provide the only solution to the Jewish Question. Moreover, the left wing of the Zionist movement claimed that the implementation of the Zionist enterprise could lead to the social emancipation of the Jewish workers and farmers, both those in existence and those who would emerge through the creation of the state.

Largely on the basis of these claims, the Zionist movement came to command the allegiance and The Zionist enterprise has also during its history gained the active support of many powerful institutions, governments, and states which commanded the concrete power to insure the establishment of Israel. In fact, without the support of these, the Zionist enterprise would have remained no more than a utopian fantasy.

Until the holocaust, Zionism had little basis to claim any kind of substantial support among the world-dispersed Jewish population. The historically unparalleled, systematic attempt to physically annihilate the European Jewish population during the Second World War was decisive in their stampede towards Zionism, even though the Zionist leadership refused to fight to open (to Jewish refugees) the doors of even one country — except for Palestine.

In actuality this compliance with the anti-Semitic closed-door policy of Canada, of the US, and of Britain was the logic of their sectarian loyalty to Zionism and so their programme could not serve the life and death needs of the Jewish people.

The establishment of the state of Israel, and the worldwide activities of Zionist institutions and organizations have only now reached a high level of material power and historical maturity. The time has clearly come to subject these "achievements" to the test of critical analysis and evaluation, from the perspective of those deeply concerned with the libera-

tion and social emancipation of the Jewish people, in particular, and with social progress in general.

It is evident to us that not only has the Zionist movement failed to advance the social goals it claims for its objectives, but moreover its practical effect has been to thwart them. Rather than providing a haven for Jews in Palestine, the Zionist movement has created a historic trap for the Jewish people. active support of millions of well-meaning humanitarians, liberals and social democrats, both Jews and non-Jews, throughout the world.

The Israeli state now faces a perspective of continued war with peoples increasingly unified and organized, with mounting support throughout the world. The consequences can only be a tragedy, a tragedy which may likely involve the mutual use of tactical nuclear weapons.

What twist of logic considers that the solution to the Jewish question could be realized by the record of the Israeli state? That is:

1. The Israeli leaders have turned their state into a military fortress at war with all the nations surrounding it.

2. The material costs of Israel's war policy have been increasingly loaded onto the backs of Israeli workers (through an inflation rate of about 35 per cent and the mid 1974 devaluation of 43 per cent which has resulted in the current crises) while at the same time a new generation of millionaires has risen to prominence and political power.

3. Israel's "black-skinned" Jews are suffering from oppression and misery in the white dominated social structure.

4. Despite Israel's claim to be democratic, it still has in force a series of emergency regulations imposed in its time by British imperialism and characterized by Zionist leaders at the time as "fascist laws".

5. The Israeli state, since its

inception, has been allied with the most reactionary forces on a world scale.

(The Zionist Organization of America can quite correctly state in its open letter to Nixon published in the July 30, 1974 New York Times that, "A secure and strong Israel is vital to our country's global interests. Your administration, Mr. President, has consistently recognized this to be true... What was true before October, 1973, remains true today, Israel still remains the only reliable friend and ally of our country in the Middle East. The de facto alliance between the United States and Israel remains the firm bedrock of our position in the Eastern Mediterranean.")

6. Israel was and remains a militant supporter of US imperialism in South-east Asia and was among the first to extend diplomatic recognition to the brutal military dictatorship of Chile.

For the past period, all Jews have been identified with the Israeli state simply because they were Jews. In fact, a Jew who did not identify with the interests of the Israeli state was considered to be a self-hater. We reject the slander of the Zionist establishment which equates critics of Zionism with anti-Semites. We consider the fight against anti-Semitism not be identical with Zionism. By reducing the role of Jews in the diaspora to that of surrogates for Israel and as such scurrying to cultivate friends in high places, Zionism cuts across the perspective and desire of Jews to combat anti-Semitism in their countries of residence. The present predominance of Zionist thought among Jews is a substitute for the recognition of this necessity and in fact Zionism can be seen as an escapist diversion from fighting anti-Semitism as shown by the fact that Israel's ally, ex-president Nixon, turns out to be an overt anti-Semite (as revealed in the Nixon tapes) and America's highest ranking military officer, General George Brown publicly affirmed anti-Semitism recently.

The reason that critical Jews are considered self-haters is based upon



the belief, in Zionist ideology, that all non-Jews are conscious or potential anti-Semites. Thus any solution to the Middle-East crisis that rejects the view that non-Jews are inevitably anti-Semitic but accepts them as potential allies in our struggle against anti-Semitism is labelled as being a rejection of Jewishness. As a consequence of this sectarian attitude towards non-Jews, Zionism removes the need to consider the national rights of the Palestinians and in fact engenders a racist attitude towards Palestinians and Arabs in general. While seeking a path to Jewish self-determination, Zionists have denied that very same right to the Palestinians. In place of the "law of return" for every Jew, we would rather seek a solution to the continual war in the Middle-East by supporting the "right to return" for every Palestinian instead.

It is for the purpose of further discussing these evaluations among

ourselves and in the community that the endorsers have come together. Although we may not have all the same evaluations as contained in this entire statement, we do agree on the general approach to the questions involved. We are all Jews and non-Zionists who generally approach these questions from the point of view of those within the labor and progressive movements and the intellectual milieu. We include among us participants in a broad range of social struggles, and so we all bring to these particular concerns a deep and abiding interest in human progress and social justice.

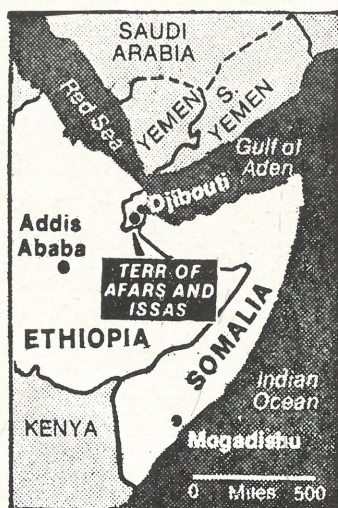
Therefore, we are announcing the formation of a public committee whose task will be to bring this

crucial discussion to a public platform. Whereas in the past, discussion in Canada of the theory and reality of Zionism has been overwhelmingly weighted in favor of Zionism, the developing contradictions of that point of view and the Mid-east situation, especially after the October War, are demanding and producing critical re-evaluation of the propositions that underlie the status quo. We intend to assist in that process of political clarification and to express a non-Zionist opposition to the policies and missions of the Zionist enterprise.

We urge you to participate with us in this task.

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## THE INDEPENDENCE OF DJIBOUTI



Djibouti was the last french colony in Africa. It was known as the territory of Afars and Issas. It got its independence on the 27th of June 1977. This came about as a response to the popular demand of the people of Djibouti, as expressed in the referendum of May 8, this year. The Popular African League under the leadership of Hassan Gouled formed the first government of the independent Republic of Djibouti adhering to the wishes of the people manifested in the referendum.

The new sovereign Republic becomes the 49th member of the Organization of African Unity, the 22nd member of the Arab League and the 148th member of the United Nations. This affirms the desire of the people and government of Djibouti to contribute and

reinforce international security. This was a follow-up of President Hassan Gouled's affirmation that this government will respect the principles of democracy in the state and adopt a policy of non-alignment and neutrality.

The admission of this new republic to the Arab League and the association of its interest to contemporary Arab aspirations comes as a blow to the ultra-Zionist government in occupied Palestine. The Republic of Djibouti occupies a highly strategic position at the Bab-El-Mandeb, and together with the Democratic Republic on South Yemen, virtually controls all the traffic in and out of the Red Sea. This also deprives Zionist war navigation of any usage of port facilities it enjoyed in the previous French colony

## SOLIDARITY WORK IN NORWAY

The Palestine Committee of Norway is an organization of solidarity with the Palestinian people's armed liberation struggle. During the last year the committee has been leading many important solidarity activities in Norway.

The committee has sent two medical teams, each consisting of a doctor and a nurse, to work for the PLO. The first was sent during the Lebanese war last autumn, and the second sent this spring. The committee financed the teams by collecting money from people in Norway. The Palestine Committee of Norway has decided to collect money to send a third medical team to the PLO as soon as possible.

The medical teams have resulted in a strengthening of solidarity work in Norway. The members of the teams have transmitted their political experiences to people in Norway through speeches in several parts of the country.

In addition to collecting money for sending medical teams, the Palestine Committee collected money for the PLO during the war in Lebanon, under the slogans: "Norwegian-Palestinian Solidarity," and "Support the PLO." The committee's aim was to collect 100,000 Norwegian Kroners. This goal was surpassed, and until now 150,000 NK (80,000 L.L.) have been given to the PLO, which itself decides how to use the money. And the campaign still goes on.

The Zionist propaganda film about the Israeli action at Entebbe in Uganda had its world premier in Oslo. On this occasion the Palestine Committee arranged a rally against the picture. 800 anti-Zionists gathered both outside as well as inside the cinema and showed their aversion to racism and Zionism.

Thanks to the demonstrators on the scene, the world premier was delayed.

The Palestine Committee arranged the same kind of demonstrations all over Norway and spread handbills outside the cinemas before every performance of the film. In several towns in Norway the film was stopped — in two towns the film prints just "disappeared."

Civil police as well as Nazis and fascists were mobilized by the Zionists in attempts to stop the demonstrations.

The Palestine Committee also arranged several demonstrations against giving Norwegian citizenship to Mossad agent Sylvia Rafael. Sylvia Rafael was one of the murderers of Achmed Bouchiki in Lillehammer in 1973. She married her Norwegian defender and wanted to live in Norway.

There was widespread opinion among Norwegians against giving citizenship to the Zionist agent. With the slogans "expel the murder agent Sylvia Rafael," "promote a liberated and democratic Palestine — support the PLO," and "no to Zionist terror in Norway," the Palestine Committee organized several demonstrations all over Norway. A great number of people participated in these. Also, some trade unions passed resolutions against giving Norwegian citizenship to her. Thanks to this broad and militant agitation, the Norwegian government was forced to refuse her attempt to become a Norwegian citizen.

Today she and her husband live in the Zionist state.

These are just a few examples of solidarity work in Norway. The Palestine Committee will continue its work of mobilizing a broad spectrum of opinion in Norway to support the just struggle of the Palestinian people.

### STATEMENT BY THE PALESTINE COMMITTEE OF NORWAY

Lars Gule has frequently been used in attempts to attack the Palestinian struggle and the PLO. Conscious attempts have been made to connect the name of Gule with the PLO, despite the PLO's rejection of all speculations about this.

The PLO has always been against individual actions, which hurt civilians most of all. The PLO does not believe in actions like this. Palestine can only be liberated through a people's war, in which the Palestinian masses themselves are mobilized. This is also the point of view of the Palestine Committee of Norway

Attempts are also being made to connect Gule with the Palestine Committee of Norway. The truth is that Gule is not and never has been a member of the committee.

The Norwegian newspapers are evidently not interested in informing their readers about what the committee really is. For example, the committee has sent two medical teams to work for the PLO in Lebanon. These teams have been working not only in Palestinian camps, but also in Lebanese villages which have been shelled by Zionist and Lebanese fascists almost every day. They have been working with the masses daily, and have also held several discussions with leaders on different levels. But none of the biggest Norwegian newspapers have mentioned a single word about this.

The attacks against the PLO and the committee's solidarity work will surely go on. This reflects the increased strength of the Palestinian armed struggle. It is important that we combat these attacks and give our support to the Palestinians and the PLO.



# THE ANCESTORS"

BY RASHAD ABU-SHAWAR

Most of the vilages of the lower Hebron area had fallen so their inhabitance took refuge in the village of Bardan and some other villages which were still holding out.

The people shared pieces of bread, beds, and the rooms of houses. In the village of Bardan hundreds of armed men guarded. They defended it, then they attacked, but they were unable to regain the lost villages.

The aircraft came and dropped bombs, and sprayed the people, the houses, the trees, and everything with thousands of bullets, and they departed leaving behind them destruction, fire, and death.

Despite this, the village continued to hold out against the attacks. The defenders dug trenches and concealed themselves deep in them, and surprised the armoured vehicles time after time.

That day the enemies intensified their attacks. They came with the gray dawn attacking on several axes, and broke through the trenches. The tracks of their tanks trampled over the dead bodies. They almost captured the mosque and the village square where the trenching was done, but the defenders fought desperately to protect the village.

The old man Murshid Alayan came out, with his massive body and his thick beard, his head bowed in grief.

The old man raised his stick and waved it as if he were driving flies away from the sheep. His voice thundered: "Today death is good for us, young men, death, not humiliation. Defend the bones of our ancestors."

The invaders fell back towards the foothills in the face of the bravery of the defenders. The inhabitants began collecting their dead and burying them in the soil, in wide graves with the bones of their ancestors.

They then discussed the situation and finally decided that the women, children, and old people should leave.

Under cover of darkness the women slipped out carrying their children and a few bundles of clothing. They went along the dusty road which led to the village of Beit Jibrin.

They were thinking of the day of reunion, of their husbands, of death, of their houses awaiting them. They moved silently in the columns, but their feet hastened... and hastened, so as to arrive before the enemies saw them.

With the dawn of the next day the aircraft came and began dropping bombs on the houses and the gardens surrounding the village. The trees were hit and destroyed, flames rose up, the remaining darkness of the night was scattered and the shadows danced upon the walls and

around and through the trees.

Old Murshid Alayan finished his formal prayers, spread out his hands and murmured some more prayers, and then glanced around him.

"Oh Lord, this is hell, death, fire, and separation."

He wandered round among the trees, feeling their branches and their thick trunks. He stopped when he heard his son Mahmoud calling. His son ran up to him, through the tangled branches hanging down upon the ground, bending his body low, his British rifle in his hand.

Mahmoud looked sadly into his father's eyes.

"There is no hope Father, we must leave."

"Leave?"

The father asked in astonishment: "Where to? What about the land? And the bones of our ancestors? Hah! Do you want me to be humiliated in my old age, Mahmoud?"

"Father, we fought," Mahmoud answered pleadingly. "But they have aircraft and tanks, and even our rifles have run out of ammunition. We cannot repel them."

"You mean everything is finished?" the old man asked bitterly. "My son, Sheikh Izzeddin told his

men, die as men. I won't go, my son." Then the father commanded him: "Give me the rifle, you won't be needing it."

"But father..."

"When I say give it to me, mean give it to me."

The son handed over the rifle and remained standing, his head lowered. His father pushed his chest with some firmness.

"go... go, Mahmoud."

A few days later, after dozens of villages had fallen and their inhabitants had evacuated to Hebron, the men began slinking back to their villages to collect food, and mattresses for their beds. Mahmoud went back. He walked along the dusty road, climbed the hillside and went down the slopes. His feet were filled with thorns and blood ran from his legs but he went forward determinedly for his father's sake.

He arrived to the village of Badran and slipped through the trees, jumping over walls and fences, and when he arrived at the garden, he called out in a voice filled with longing to see him again.

"Father... Father..."

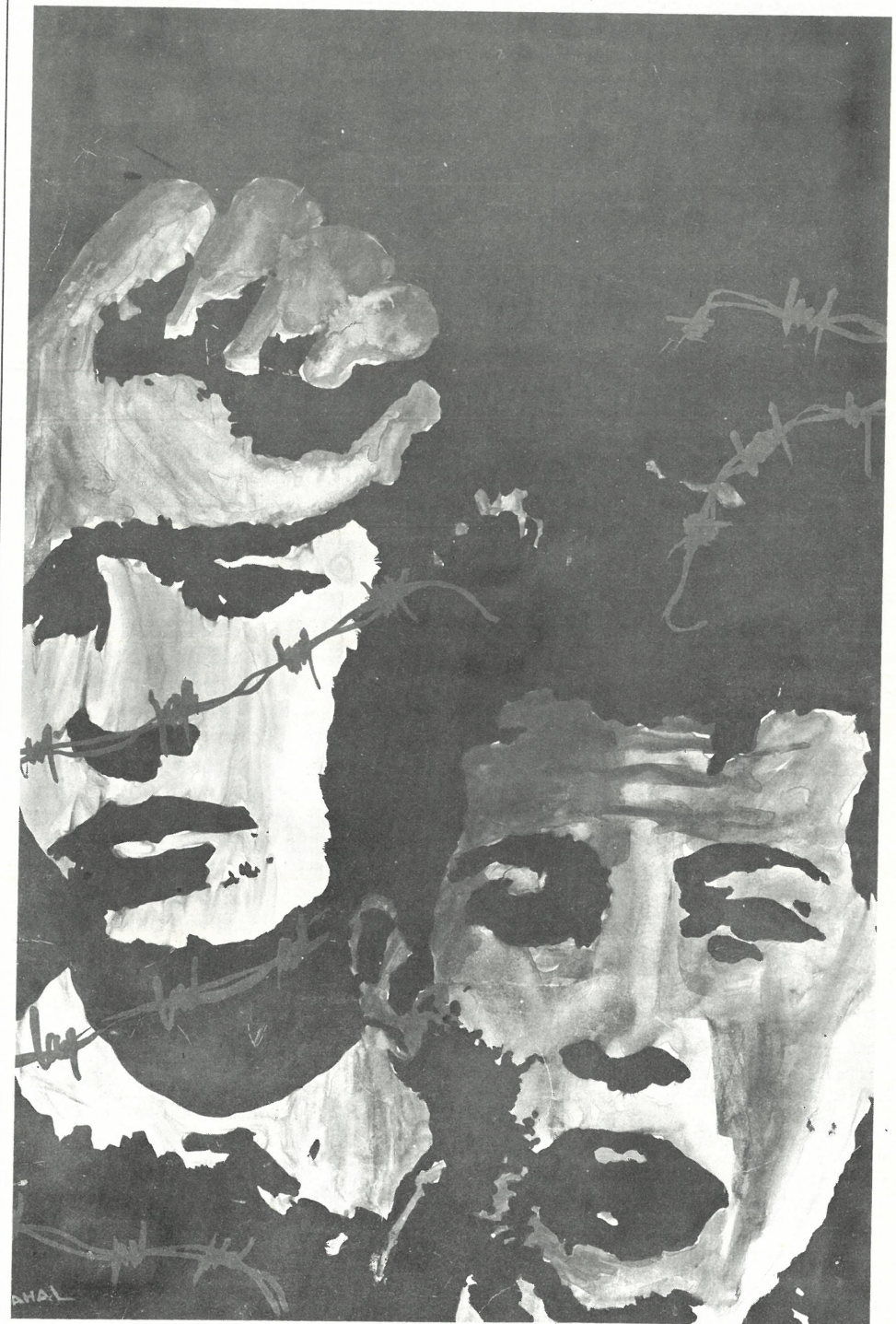
But no reply came.

He began pushing his head between the branches and leaping cautiously. He arrived at the olive tree with its massive trunk and its branches hanging down. There he saw his father's body lying face down on the ground, the rifle beside him and some empty cartridge cases scattered around him.

He moved the body a little, and felt its weight as if it were drawn to the ground. The white beard was entangled with the soil as if it had roots in it, his blood had mingled with the soil, clotting the soil around his beard and on his forehead and cheek, and filling his right eye. Mahmoud saw a small hole in his father's forehead, so he let his head fall on the ground and then bent down to kiss him and wept alone in the heavy silence.

Mahmoud wrapped his father in this cloak, and carried him on his back, his feet dragging behind him along the soil. Mahmoud arrived at the graveyard near the threshing place. He dragged away the large rock which covered the mouth of the wide grave, crawled in on his hands and feet, and he hauled the

body into the belly of the grave. He laid it out beside the scattered bones. He went out, replaced the heavy rock, and then spread out his hands and recited the first chapter of the Holy Koran. Then he went to the garden, picked up the rifle and moved off rapidly among the trees as the sun was setting.







Begin: more weapons and ammunition.

### BEGIN: ONLY GUARANTEE OF ISRAEL'S SURVIVAL IS MORE WEAPONS AND MOBILIZATION

In an interview with Israeli Television on July 4, the new Israeli Prime Minister, the terrorist Menachem Begin, declared that he does not believe that any international guarantees could secure Israel's survival. He added that the only guarantee is more weapons and further mobilization of Zionist settlers. Concerning recent talks about the possible establishment of a US Naval base in Haifa to guarantee Israel's survival, Begin declared that he will discuss everything in detail with US President Carter during his upcoming visit to Washington.

### LABOUR-LIKUD CLASHES NEAR TEL AVIV

According to reports from occupied Palestine, on July 4 a group of Likud bloc supporters attacked the Jifat Haiim Kibbutz near Tel Aviv, which is affiliated to the Israeli Labour Party, and severe clashes ensued. The reports added that several cars, tractors and other furnishings were destroyed in the Kibbutz and that the attackers looted food supplies. Losses were estimated at thousands of Israeli pounds.

It is to be noted that other severe clashes took place in the suburbs of Tel Aviv July 1 between extremist religious groups who were

demanding full holiday on Saturdays. Barricades were set-up along the roads to disrupt traffic on the Sabbath. The barricades caused accidents which in turn led to a severe clash resulting in four casualties among the settlers.

### DOES ISRAEL HAVE THE NEUTRON BOMB?

Washington (AP) — "U.S. officials are worried that Israel may now possess the know-how to build a neutron bomb," says U.S. News and World Report.

In its copyright "Washington Whispers" column, the two-million-circulation weekly, in its July 18 issue, said this is "because a number of American scientists who worked on the project for a decade have migrated to Israel and are working for the government there."

### NEW SETTLEMENT PROJECT IN OCCUPIED GOLAN HEIGHTS

The Israeli Minister of Constructions and Planning, Gideon Pat, has recently revealed a new Zionist project providing for the establishment of 30 agricultural and industrial villages in the occupied Syrian Golan Heights. He added that the new project includes the setting up of an administrative bloc which would accommodate 10,000 settlers.

Questioned about the future of the Golan Heights, the Israeli Minister told reporters that there is unanimous belief in Israel that withdrawal from the Golan Heights is a threat to Israel's security. However, he noted, a withdrawal from "some villages" on the basis of an overall agreement is not to be excluded.

### KHAN AL-AHMAR SETTLEMENT CHANGED INTO MILITARY ZONE

The Israeli occupation authorities have begun construction work in the Khan al-Ahmar settlement, the "Jerusalem Post" reported recently. Military factories and equipment are being installed in the settlement, which is to be turned into a permanent military industrial zone. The newspaper said that a single one of these factories will absorb over 200 workers, and that in the coming six months, the settlement's residential area will be expanded. It is to be recalled that the previous government was planning to build 5000 housing units in the Khan al-Ahmar settlement.

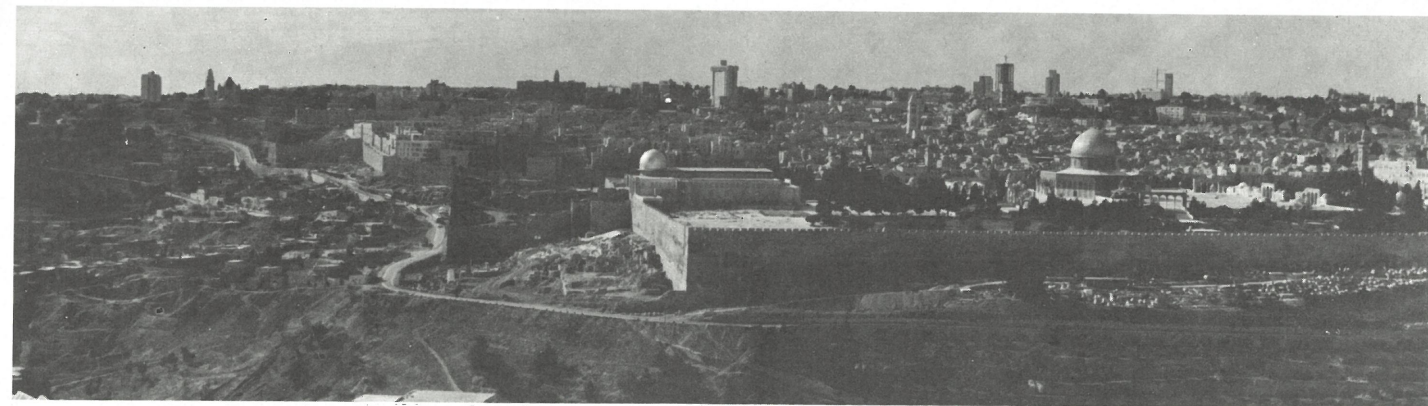


Sharon: more Zionist colonial settlements.

### ISRAELI OFFICIALS DISCUSS SETTLEMENTS

In its first meeting on July 5, the Israeli Ministerial Committee for Settlement Affairs presided over by Gen. Ariel Sharon, Minister of Agriculture, reviewed reports on settlement activities in the occupied Arab territories and discussed the decisions taken by the committee formed by the Rabin government regarding settlement projects planned for this year.

During the meeting, Knesset member Yussef Zeid asked Sharon to form an investigatory committee to examine the living conditions of Israeli settlers in the Qiryat Arba' colony, near the West Bank city of Hebron, where around 500 apartments appear to be uninhabited in spite of all the security guarantees given to prospective residents.



Jerusalem: the victim of occupation and judaization.

### BEGIN'S GOVERNMENT PUSHES JUDAIZATION OF JERUSALEM

The Begin government is speeding up the judaization of the holy city of Jerusalem and emptying it of its Arab inhabitants through a series of measures, including the destruction of hundreds of houses and, expelling their inhabitants, allegedly for illegally constructing their houses, and on the pretext of executing an Urban Renewal plan for the holy city.

Several Arabic-language and Israeli newspapers including foreign news agencies in occupied Palestine recently referred to this plan. The "Jerusalem Post" revealed July 4 that the occupation authorities intend to destroy a number of Arab-owned buildings, claiming that they were built on land which will be used for this plan in the future. The newspaper added: "The Likud members of the Jerusalem municipality are accusing the Arabs of establishing their own fortified defensive settlements." It added

that Israeli courts have over the past ten years ordered the destruction of hundreds of Arab houses which were built without a license, but these orders were only executed in one or two cases.

The newspaper went on to say that 750 houses were illegally built between 1968 and 1974, usually on Saturday nights when municipal inspectors are on holiday.

### KNESSET MEMBER DESIGNS WIDE-SCALE SETTLEMENT PROJECT IN OCCUPIED PALESTINE

The Jerusalem Arabic-language newspaper "al-Fajr" on July 3 published a report by a Radio Israel correspondent revealing a new settlement project drafted by Yigal Cohen, Knesset member for the Likud and former director of the settlement battalion in the Histadrut. The project provides for the establishment of six cities comprising 10,000 housing units each, and of three villages with 1000 housing units each in the Nablus region. It also suggests the setting-up of three cities of 5000 residential units each, and three villages of 1000 units each, in the Jerusalem region.

The project furthermore includes 2000 housing units which would be added to the Qiryat Arba settlement. According to the project, the distribution of the settlements is to meet certain political conditions, including security. Thus a distance of 15 to 20 kms will separate each settlement from the

other, and small villages linked by wide roads will surround the settlements. The article added that this four-year plan also proposes the establishment of two cities, one in Masha which has already been

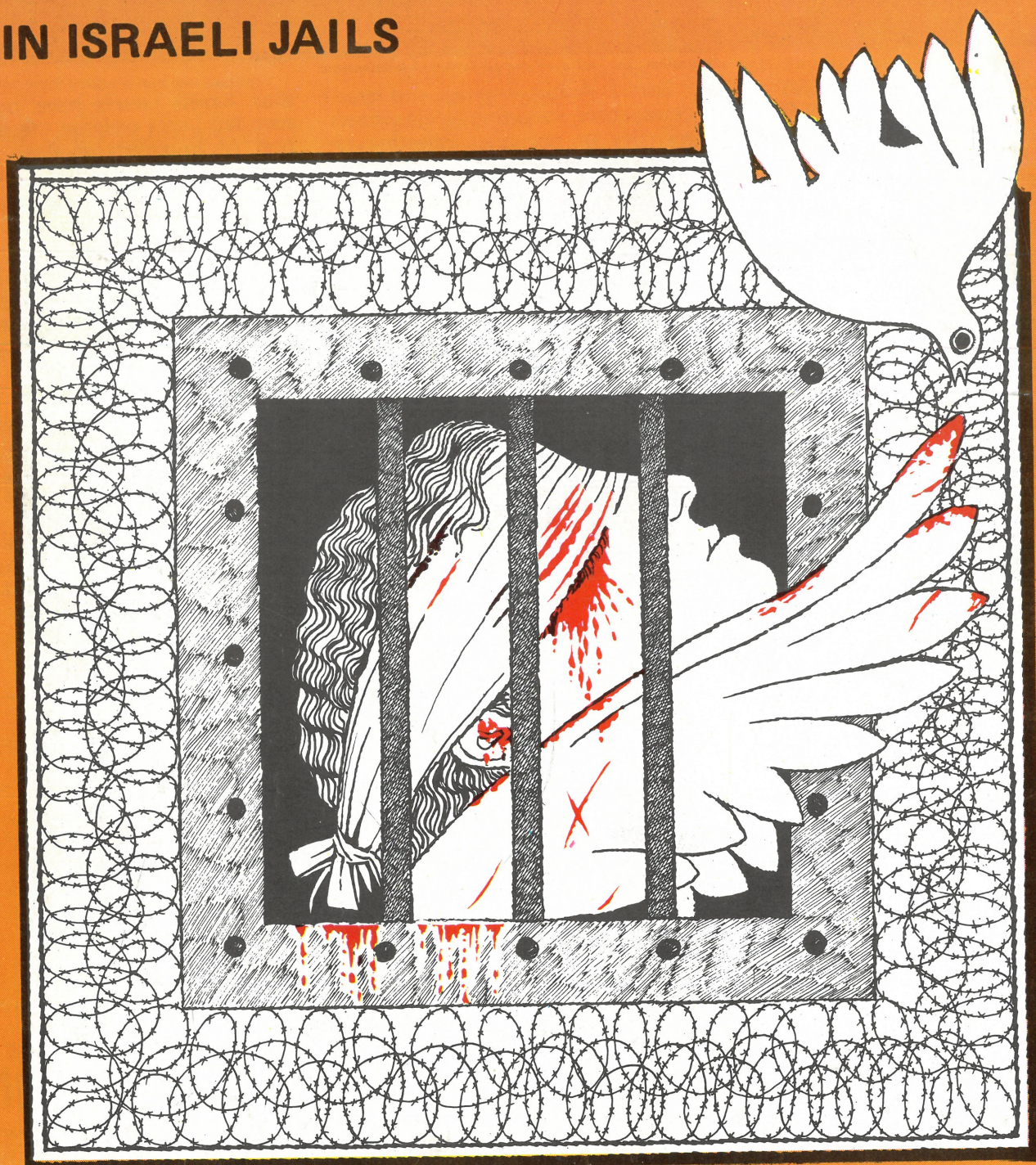
approved by the former Israeli cabinet, and the second to the East of the town of Tibeh. Three villages are to be erected around each of the two cities, near the Arab regions.





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