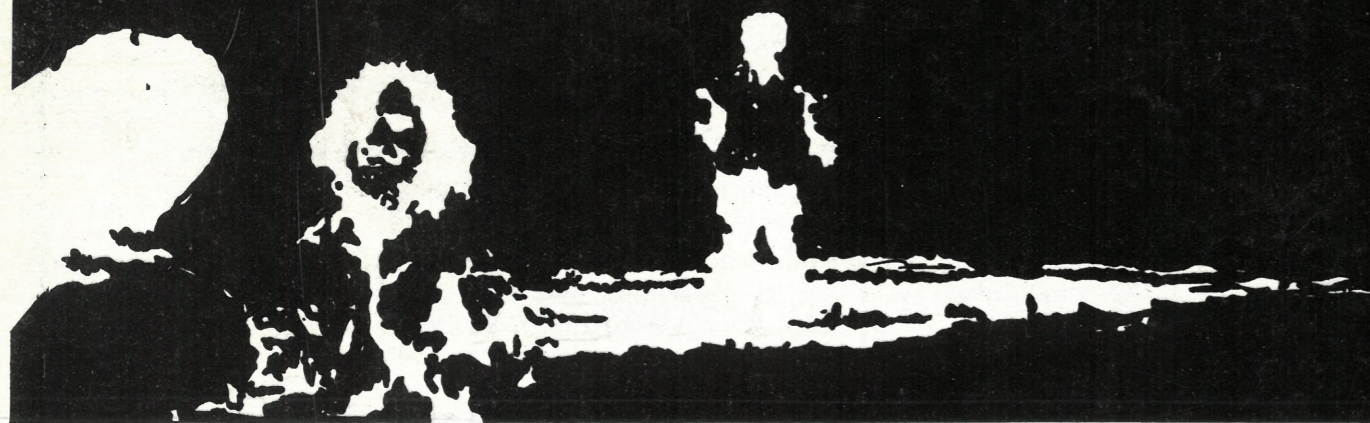




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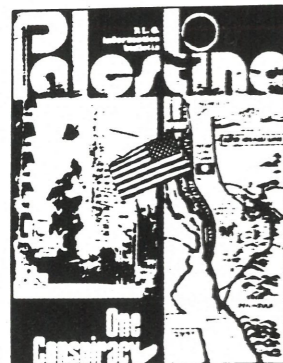


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## EDITORIAL

# THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND 242

The controversy around Security Council Resolution 242 started directly after its adoption in November 1967. At that time this resolution reflected the balance of forces amongst the belligerents after the June defeat of 1967, Israel as victor, Syria, Egypt and Jordan as vanquished.

The first contradiction concerning this resolution arose over the form and extent of Israeli withdrawal from the conquered territories. The Israelis insisted on modifying the older borders and asked for new “defensible” borders. Until the present day the so called “defensible borders” have not yet been defined and nobody including the Israelis themselves, knows where those borders should be. The Arab countries insisted on total withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories and the return to the pre-war boundaries.

Since June 1967 a new fact dominated the scene in the region. The Palestinian resistance movement emerged to impose itself on the world political arena. The world witnessed the rebirth of the Palestinian people who had been suppressed by the Zionist entity for more than twenty years. The armed resistance against the Zionist occupation and the justice of the Palestine cause accorded the Palestinians a world wide comprehension and recognition. The PLO, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, achieved a respected international position and access to all international bodies of the UN.

Nowadays Resolution 242, which is already outdated, does not reflect the present situation and the existing balance of forces in the re-

gion, especially after the October 1973 war. Moreover 242 does not take into consideration the legitimate rights of the Palestinians as a people. That is why the PLO has the full right to ask for an amendment of 242 if it is going to be considered as a basis for future negotiations on the Middle East conflict.

The Israelis, on the other hand, are still trying to escape from the Palestinian reality, and the US is incapable of exerting pressure on the Israeli occupiers. Moreover the USA is submitting to Zionist pressure and is not in a position to talk directly to the PLO. The USA, which has many interests on the Arab side, and is supposed to be a neutral mediator in the ME conflict is siding totally with the Israeli aggressors. The Human Rights issue of President Carter is only for local and international consumption and stops where politics and US interests start.

There is in fact no Israeli obstinacy, but a US involvement in the aggression. But the Palestinians are determined to go on with their just resistance against oppression, occupation and expansion. The Israeli rejection of the Palestinian people's demand for peace, freedom and self-determination has to stop, because the Palestinians are not willing to give up their rights in their homeland, Palestine. As long as there is an injustice in the Middle East, the state of tension will continue, and the Israelis have to choose between a just peace and continuous war. The time has come for the US to tell its proteges in Israel, that continuous rejection of Palestinian rights will only lead to continuous catastrophes and bloodshed in the Middle East.

# JOINT SOVIET- PALESTINIAN COMMUNIQUE



*Chairman Arafat with Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko*

In the wake of the two-days visit of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to Moscow where he held intensive talks with high ranking Soviet official, the following Palestinian-Soviet joint communique was issued:

"A PLO delegation headed by PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat visited Moscow from August 29 until August 31. Arafat and the accompanying delegation were received by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

During the meetings, which were held in an atmosphere of friendship and mutual understanding, detailed points of view were exchanged as regarding the establishment of a just and stable peace in the Middle East, the guarantee of the Palestinian people's legitimate national rights and other major issues concerning the two parties.

Discussions pointed out the increasing danger threatening the peace issue in the Middle East due to continuous attempts by Israel and its benefactors to check all just peace settlements in the region and to undermine efforts to revive the Geneva Conference. Israel is furthermore distracting attention from this representative forum by all kinds of ideas on the discussion of Middle East problems without the participation of the representatives of the PLO and the Soviet Union. All this aims above all at

weakening the Arab unified front, splitting the Arab countries and sidestepping the PLO in any negotiated peace settlement. At the same time, Israel seeks to impose a settlement which would enable her to annex the occupied Arab territories and thus deprive the Palestinian people from their legitimate rights, including the right to statehood and return.

It was reaffirmed that the recent developments of the situation in the Middle East and the neighbouring region makes it evident that any overall settlement can only be achieved through a Geneva Peace Conference with the participation of all directly concerned parties, including the PLO, the recognized representative of the Palestinian people. For this in particular, the Soviet Union and the PLO have affirmed their determination to exert all possible efforts so that the Geneva Conference resumes its work in the near future.

Andrei Gromyko declared that the Soviet Union has, and will always stand, alongside the just cause of the Palestinian people who are struggling for their national rights, freedom, and national independence and for the establishment of a just peace in this region. He re-stated the stable policy of the Soviet Union vis-à-vis the achievement of an overall and just settlement in the Middle East which should unequivocally guarantee the national and legitimate rights of the Palestinian people including their right to self-determination, return and the

establishment of their independent state in accordance with UN resolutions.

The stand of the Soviet Union has and will always be based on the belief that a stable peace in the Middle East cannot be realized without the liberation of all territories occupied in 1967 and the working out of a just solution to the Palestine problem.

Yasser Arafat reviewed the struggle of the Palestinian people for the realization of their national aspirations as well as the results of the recently held PLO Central Council meeting. Arafat also expressed his sincere thanks to the Soviet Union for its active and full support for the struggle of the Palestinian people. The two sides condemned the continued practice of establishing Israeli settlements in the occupied Arab lands as well as the decision of the Israeli authorities to extend Israeli laws to the Arab territories on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. They also expressed serious concern over Israeli military provocations against Lebanon and attempts to interfere in Lebanese internal affairs, which tends to increase tension, especially in South Lebanon.

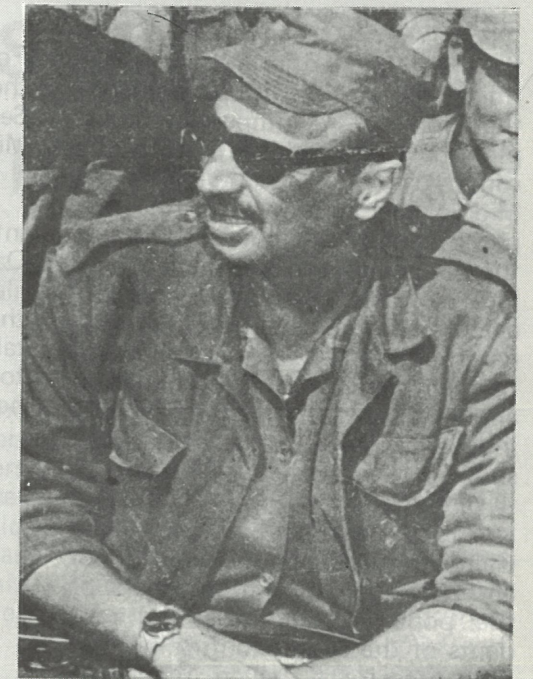
The two sides stressed the necessity of pursuing the struggle to efface the traces of Israeli aggression and to establish a just and stable peace in the Middle East.

Arafat extended to the people and leadership of the Soviet Union his deep congratulations on behalf of the Palestinian people on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the great October Revolution which was an important international historic event in that it strengthened confidence in peoples' wars of liberation. Arafat asserted that strengthening ties of friendship and cooperation with the Soviet Union and other Socialist countries is part of the principled policy of the PLO.

The two sides agreed to continue regular contacts and exchange of views as regards all issues which concern them.

Participating in the Palestinian-Soviet talks on the Palestinian side were: Farouq Qaddoumi, PLO Executive Committee member and Head of the PLO Political Department; Zuheir Muhsin, PLO Executive Committee member and Head of the PLO Military Department; as well as PLO Executive Committee members Abdel Muhsin Abu Maizar, Yasser Abd Rabbo, Talal Naji; Nimr Saleh, member of the Fateh leadership; and PLO representative in Moscow Muhammad al-Sha'er."

## PALESTINE NOTES



### ARAFAT TOURS BASES IN SOUTH LEBANON

Yasser Arafat on August 8 made an inspection tour of the military bases of the forces of the Palestinian Revolution in South Lebanon. He met with fighters and military commanders and explained developments of the political situation as well as the Palestinian Stand towards plans for a political settlement carried by US Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

Arafat confirmed to the Palestinian fighters that the Palestinian Revolution will continue the battle until the 'Palestinian people are able to build their independent state and freely determine their fate' Arafat added that Vance was carrying Zionist and imperialist dreams, and that Vance would not get what he wanted due to the consciousness of the Arab nation which could not be distorted.

Arafat then inspected the Galilee battalion of the Karameh forces, which completed its training recently, and an Ashbal training session.

He then said: "The decision of

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the Palestinian rifle and the Palestinian Revolution is to confront the Zionist — US imperialist conspiracy". Arafat added that no one can bypass the Palestinians in the Middle East equation stressing that peace cannot be achieved without the return of the Palestinian people to their homeland, and the achievement of their right to self-determination and the achievement of their right to self-determination and the establishment of their independent state on their national soil.

Arafat later paid a visit to the Galilee refugee camp where he met and talked with the members of the popular committee and residents of the camp, confirming that the conspiracy which Vance is trying to impose on the Arab nation will fail due to the fact that our nation will not be drawn into the same trap twice. Arafat revealed the reality of the American plan and said: "This plan aims at annulling the PLO's representation of the Palestinian people."

### ARAFAT MEETS QADHAFI AND SADAT

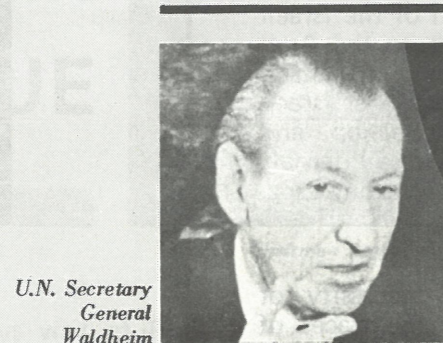
Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the PLO Executive Committee and General Commander of the forces of the Palestinian Revolution, on August 24 resumes his talks in Tripoli with Libyan President Mu'ammr Al-Qadhafi. The talks, dealing with Egyptian - Libyan relations, started on August 23 after Arafat's arrival in Libya from Egypt.

Before leaving to Libya, Arafat met in Alexandria with Egyptian President Anwar Al-Sadat and discussed with him Libyan - Egyptian relations, the latest developments in the region, and the recent US moves, particularly the visit of US Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

Later in the afternoon, Arafat and the accompanying delegation held a four hour-long meeting with the Egyptian Deputy Premier and

Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmi in the presence of Dr. Usama Al-Baz, Secretary of the Egyptian Foreign Ministry.

It was learned that Arafat has introduced a proposal to President Qadhafi and Sadat, which aims at clearing the atmosphere between the two states, and that Arafat's talks in Tripoli and Alexandria took place in an encouraging and positive atmosphere.



U.N. Secretary  
General  
Waldheim

### ARAFAT MEETS WALDHEIM IN TRIPOLI

On August 24, Yasser Arafat met with UN Secretary-General Dr. Kurt Waldheim in the Libyan capital, Tripoli. During the one and a half hour long meeting, points of views on the Middle East situation were exchanged.

Arafat had arrived in Tripoli at an early hour that morning as part of his mediation efforts between Egypt and Libya.

### ARAFAT GRADUATES ASHBAL AND ZAHARAT

Yasser Arafat on August 13 attended the graduation ceremony of the Ashbal (Lion Cubs) and Zaharat (flowers) summer camp, distributed certificates to the participants and then opened the exhibition of handicrafts made by the Ashbal and Zaharat during the training period.

During the ceremony, Arafat gave a speech, stressing that this is

the generation of victory. He added: "When I look at this generation, I see that victory is near and that we are defying the conspiracies. I also see in your eyes and faces that one of you will hoist the flag of Palestine in Jerusalem." The ceremony was also attended by several cadres of the Revolution.



Central  
Committee  
Member  
Abu Iyyad

### ABU IYYAD TO ASHBAL: NO CONCESSIONS, NO BARGAINING, WE HAVE RIGHT TO ALL OUR LAND

Abu Iyyad, member of the Fateh Central Committee, on August 14 attended the military parade organized by the Ashbal and Zaharat, and later addressed them. He said that the conspiracy to which the Revolution is being subjected is first of all aimed against the Palestinian rifle in the hand of the Palestinian revolutionary." Abu Iyyad added: "Some people think that leniency in politics implies dropping our revolutionary line, bargaining and making concessions. I affirm to those persons that our people reject bargaining, will not make any concessions, and refuse to submit to the conspiracies and pressures which want this Revolution to kneel down and recognize the Zionist enemy. He went on: "Let them not dream that this Revolution would recognize Israel nor any resolution implying the recognition of Israel. Let Vance and all the others who followed US policy whether consciously or not, know that this Arab nation has suffered enough, and that it is high time to stop

making concessions which harm the dignity of our nation and people; it is high time for this nation to achieve victory, and to tell Dayan, Begin and all the other Zionist leaders that our people will not give up one parcel of their land, will not give up their dignity and will continue the struggle."

"Our people", he added, "are not used to surrender and will not crawl to Geneva, or any other place because their only wish is to see this Revolution flourish and to see these rifles telling everyone; 'No concessions, and no bargaining with our right to all our land'"



Central Committee Member Abu Jihad

### ABU JIHAD MEETS N.U.S. DELEGATION

Abu Jihad, Member of the Fateh Central Committee, on August 27 met a delegation from the Executive Committee of the British National Union of Students (NUS), and explained to them the stand of the Revolution as regards recent developments. The delegation had earlier met with cadres and representatives of the Palestinian Revolution as part of a fact-finding mission aimed at clarifying the NUS position on the Palestine question.

# VANCE'S MISSION TO THE MIDDLE EAST

As Mr. Vance was heading to the Middle East, various Arab and international diplomats and observers were optimistic about the consequences of his trip which should confirm that President Carter was willing at least to exert all his efforts to achieve a "peace settlement" in the Middle East.

The indication which the Americans have given about the Arab and Israeli stands as being now closer than at any other time before proved to be an imperialist tactic in favour of American imperialism and Israel.

With their intransigence, the Israelis have foiled all attempts to reach a just and durable peace settlement in the area.

To resume his "peace-mission" Vance agreed with foreign ministers of the states concerned to meet in Washington during the coming session of the United Nations.

### CARTER'S "PROMISES" AND ISRAELI PRACTICES

Two weeks before Vance's arrival in the Middle East and not long after Begin's visit to the United States, the Israeli government confirmed its expansionist usurpationist nature by deciding to extend Israeli law to the West Bank and Gaza Strip, in a move to assimilate and annex the occupied territories and to deprive the Palestinian Arabs of their very rights, as a further step to establish a fait accompli.

Moreover, the Israeli Prime Minister, Begin, told the Israeli Knesset on August 15, 1977 that "differences with the U.S. will not stop the Israeli government from going ahead with a policy — the policy of erecting more settlements in the occupied Arab territories — in Israel's best understood interest."

The American response was tolerant if not encouraging. President



Sadat and Vance

Carter said that "the new Israeli settlements provide an obstacle to peace, ...but they are obstacles which I think we can overcome" (I.H.T. 1 August 1977). This soft reaction of President Carter led to the further establishment of new settlements beyond the "legalization" of old illegal ones, in a continuation of what may be labeled as the "policy of dead pledges" by the Israeli government. Despite these provocations the United States has once again reaffirmed its commitment to Israel's "secure borders" which up till now are not precisely defined. It also intensified its efforts to oust the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people from any future negotiations.

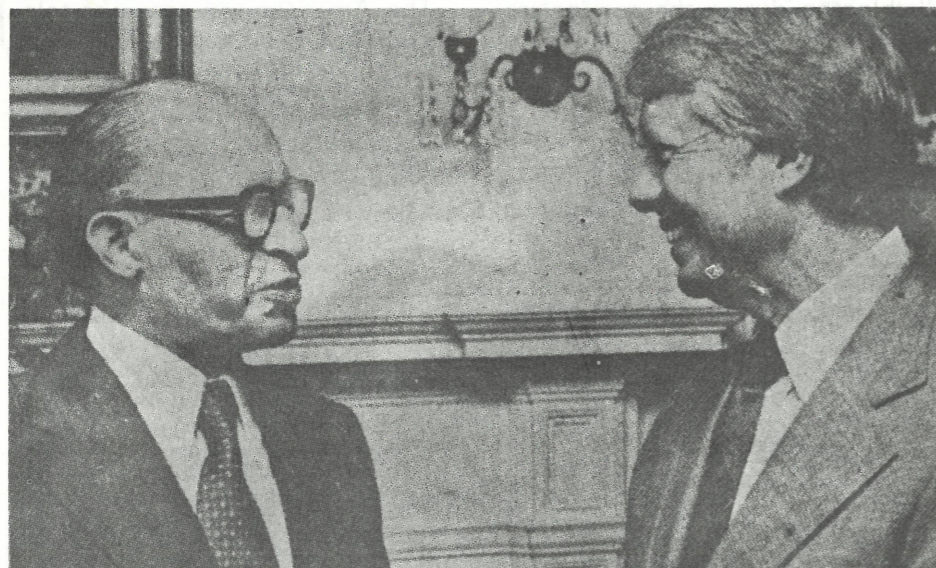
In fact, the American Secretary of State Cyrus Vance did not bring any proposals concerning a "durable just peace in the region". It seems as if the United States has subjugated itself to a Zionist veto not to present any "peace" proposals for the Palestinians, or to have any contacts with the PLO unless the latter recognizes the perpetuation of aggression and expansionism. And so when Vance arrived in the region, he was trying to buy time and to uphold the illusions of those forces still betting on a U.S.-sponsored "peaceful settlement", until they are overwhelmed by a new Zionist preventive attack.

#### DUBIOUS ATTEMPTS

Vance's first meeting when he



arrived in the region was with President Sadat of Egypt. After the first meeting Sadat expressed his optimism about the chances of peace in the region. He also tried to present alternative proposals to a Geneva conference. That move for convening a working group of Arab and Israeli foreign ministers was highly appreciated by Vance and later by



Carter and Begin: a strategic alliance

Israeli officials.

The U.S.A. and the Zionist government were speculating that such a move could serve:

a) to exclude the Soviet Union, as a co-chairman of the Geneva conference, and the PLO from participating on an equal footing with the other parties concerned in any settlement;

b) to avert the failure of the U.S. Secretary of state's mission;

c) to extract more Arab concessions in the face of Israeli intransigence and to curtail the PLO. This was clearly exposed by the "New York Times" on August 11, which said: "The American Administration evidently counts on "moderate" Arab states to help deliver the Palestine Liberation Organization"

#### SYRIA AND JORDAN: NO ALTERNATIVE TO GENEVA

As for the Syrian stand, President Assad stated clearly in an interview with Lebanese T.V. on August 14, that "at least Syria will not participate in a working group alternative to Geneva Conference."

In Jordan, King Hussein, in a radio interview on August 13, expressed his doubts about the idea that the United States can exert pressure on Israel. King Hussein reiterated: "I believe that the United States has great influence on Israel, but I feel that we must not discount Israel's ability to act in such a manner as to precipitate unexpected results."

Asked about his opinion concerning the "working group", King Hussein said: "There is no intention to replace the Geneva conference by other meetings in the United States."

#### ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES: JOINT AIMS, DIFFERENT TACTICS

Many American officials including President Carter himself have stated that the United States is not going to "dictate" a solution from

outside. This stand, of course, complies with the Israeli stand that "Only Israel and the Arabs can make peace". (Dayan's statement August 15, 1977).

Such a point of view, however, is only to veil the true point of peace and war in the Middle East, which is not the question of whether the U.S.A. "dictates" peace to Israel, but whether it is going to continue or stop its vast overall and unconditional military, economic and financial support for "Israel" as the essential basis for all Zionist aggression against the Arab and, in particular, the Palestinian people.

#### ISRAELI ARROGANCE

When greeting Vance, the Israeli Minister of Foreign Affairs, former General Dayan, said: "I can assure you that whenever you accept our views, we will be in full agreement

with you" and "if Israel does not see eye-to-eye with Washington, we are prepared to take care of ourselves."

What does this statement imply:

a) Israel is not ready to abide by Carter's promises of a "Palestinian homeland". On the other hand, Israel wants the Americans to press the Arab side to give more concessions and accept the Israeli terms of "peace". For the Israelis, a just, durable peace in the region would mean the very contradiction of the expansionist aggressive nature of "Israel."

b) Israel would like to utilize American mediation in order to gain more time to blackmail the Arabs and consequently to rearrange the situation in its favour.

c) Israel strives to bring the Ame-

ricans to adopt its stand which Dayan outlined as follows:

1) A "comprehensive" peace treaty with the Arab states which means diplomatic recognition, free trade and economic access to the Arab world for "Israel"

2) An early reconvening of Geneva negotiations excluding the Palestinian people.

3) Nonacceptance of the "idea of a Palestinian State" in whatever form, including a "homeland" or "entity" — the terms which President Carter has been using lately.

4) Ostensible willingness to compromise on territory in the Sinai Peninsula and on the Golan Heights but allowing "no foreign power on the West Bank." This position applies to Jordan too.

#### PLO'S CENTRAL COUNCIL AND RESOLUTION 242

The Central Council, of the PLO on August 26 issued a communique after a lengthy meeting in Damascus.

The four point statement said:

1 — "The PLO denounces all the United States and Zionist attempts to liquidate the Palestinian cause and ignore the rights of the Palestinian people as laid down in the Arab summits of Rabat and Cairo and United Nations resolutions.

2 — "The council reaffirmed all the provisions of the 15-point political statement issued by the Palestine National Council (the PLO's Parliament in exile of 280 members) after its latest meeting in February.

"The council appeals to all Arab nations to confront and face the U.S. imperialist plots aiming at the liquidation of the Palestinian cause.

"The council reaffirmed its adherence to U.N. Resolution 3236 of the General Assembly which stressed that the Palestinian cause is the crux of the Middle East problem and appealed to Arab governments to beware of believing

American and Zionist promises and to face up to these plots.

3 — "The council discussed the situation in occupied Palestine and warned those cowards and hesitating elements there against collaborating with the plots of Zionist and United States imperialism, praising the heroic stand of the Palestinian people in resisting occupation and vowed to escalate its armed struggle inside the occupied territories."

4 — The fourth point of the statement dealt with the situation in South Lebanon and reiterated the PLO's acceptance of the recently concluded Shtaura agreement for the pacification of this area.

The communiqué said that U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's tour had been followed by Israeli moves towards the annexation of Arab territory in defiance of international opinion.

This was a reference to Israel's decision, announced shortly after Vance returned home, to extend Israeli "public services" to the West Bank and Gaza. The Israelis followed up the move by authorizing three new Jewish settlements in the West Bank.

The communiqué made no explicit mention of reports that the PLO was pressing for an amendment to the substance of Resolution 242 as a condition for attending peace talks.

5) Nonacceptance of the PLO as a "partner" in peace talks.

### ATTEMPTS TO REPLACE THE PLO

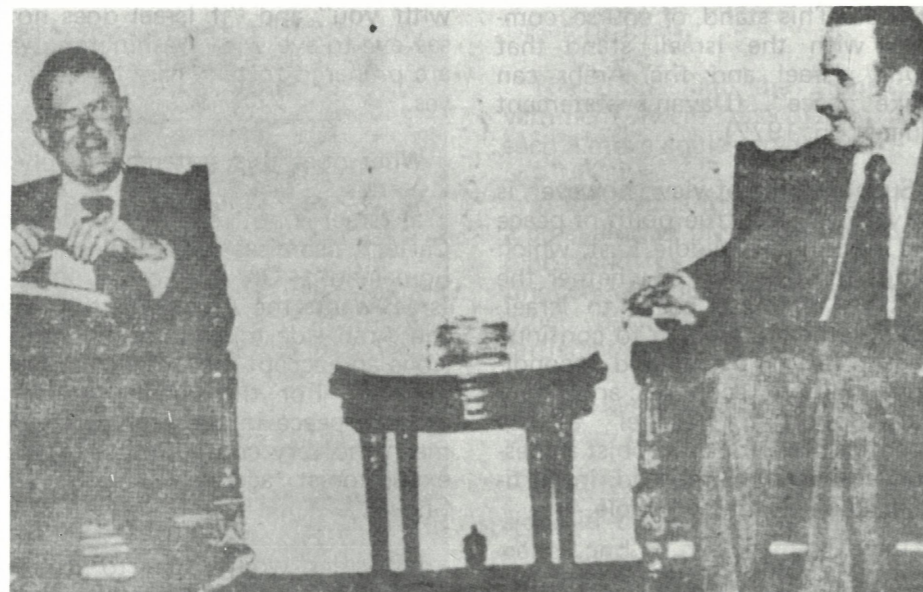
Up till now, Israel does not admit that there is a Palestinian people, ignoring that the Palestinian problem is the core of the Middle East crisis.

From its side, Israel is trying to submerge the legal representation of the PLO. It tries to find followers and supporters for its scheme in the occupied territories. Dayan recently said that "Israel is ready to find ways to live together with the Arabs in the West Bank and Gaza Strip" but not to negotiate with the PLO."

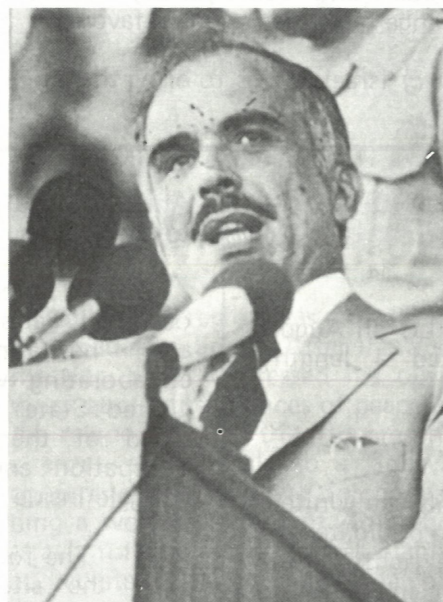
At the same time, King Hussein of Jordan on August 13 said: "The Palestinian people must be given the right to choose their leadership." Both these attempts aim to oust the PLO, the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. On the other hand they are trying to form a "Palestinian leadership", as an alternative to the PLO to forget the aspirations of the Palestinian people in an independent Palestinian state under the leadership of the PLO. Others were trying to usurp the Palestinian representation by saying that "King Hussein is already the representative of the Arabs in the West Bank and Gaza Strip."

### A GREAT MESS ABOUT U.N. RESOLUTION 242

As Vance was touring the region, different voices were raised in a sordid attempt to push the Arab regimes into forcing the PLO to accept U.S. resolution 242 as a basis for peace negotiations. President Carter said "the Palestinians will get a higher status than refugees if the PLO accepts the resolution as it is", i.e. first to recognize Israel. At the same time others were vehemently trying to create an atmosphere of implicit acceptance of the resolution through calling for some amendments concerning a solution for the "refugee problem", forgetting the commitments of the U.S. to Israel to veto any resolution



Assad: No alternative to Geneva



King Hussein

in favour of the PLO. Dayan had stated clearly: "Israel is not ready to negotiate with the PLO even if the PLO accepts the resolution as a whole and without any amendments."

Moreover Dayan reiterated that "Israel is not ready to accept the PLO even if the PLO changes its national charter. These statements coincided with some Arab regimes hoping to bring the PLO to consider a Pax American a settlement. In fact nothing was changed and still Israel persists in its idea of military control on the occupied West Bank, leaving King Hussein of Jordan to

deal with administrative affairs.

### THE PLO FACING VANCE

The PLO has warned the Arab masses and countries of Vance's mission as an American-Israeli attempt to split the Arab ranks and to liquidate the Palestinian revolution, taking into consideration all current hostile maneuvers which were aiming at:

a) Ignoring the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people to freedom, statehood and independence.

b) Attempting to bypass the Rabat resolutions as a further step on the way to liquidating the Palestinian cause.

c) Ignoring the U.N. General Assembly resolutions with regard to the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, particularly resolution No. 3236, and in stead to force or blackmail the PLO to accept U.N. Security Council resolution No. 242 and consequently recognize "Israel" and legalize its illegal existence in the region.

d) Imposing a dubious imperialist-Israeli settlement in the Arab region which would thus consecrate the Zionist violation of the Palestinian people's national rights, and

smash the will of resistance among the Arab nation.

In fact the current phase requires consolidation of the Arab stand and a firm confrontation of Zionist-imperialist plots and projects. It also demands further alertness and consciousness.

In this crucial phase we have to consolidate our Palestinian and Arab unity and to develop our friendly relations with all democratic, progressive and peace-loving forces all over the world.

We have to escalate our resistance inside the occupied territories because it is the only way to liberate our people and our homeland.

### PRAVDA COMMENTING ON VANCE'S TOUR

Pravda, the organ of the Soviet Communist Party, in an editorial on 16 August declared that the recent Middle East mission of US Secretary of state Vance was a sterile one, which failed to push peace efforts in the Middle East one step forward. The newspaper declared the USA's pro-Israeli policy one of the main causes of this failure, in addition to the outdated step-by-step policy which the USA has desperately tried to revive, and which also failed because it linked the solution of the Middle East crisis with answering Israel's demands and guaranteeing US imperialist interests in the region. Pravda then reaffirmed the futility of efforts to solve the Middle East crisis on the level of bilateral negotiations.

The editorial ended by stressing that a just peace in the region can only be ensured thorough re-convening the Geneva Peace Conference with the participation of all concerned parties including the PLO on an equal footing with all other parties.

## SOUTH LEBANON:

## ISRAELI AMBITIONS REVEALED

Amid Vance's "shuttles" in the Middle East South Lebanon remains as the only hot front line. The situation in the South continues to attract local and international attention for fear the conflict there would spark off a major confrontation. It is in the South of Lebanon that many of the accounts of the Middle East peace arrangements are being settled. As the American Secretary of state shuttled between Middle Eastern capitals, Israel's Prime Minister Begin visited Israel's frontier lines with Lebanon and voiced his assurances of Israel's limitless support for the Lebanese Right wing fascist organizations against the Palestinian Resistance and the Lebanese national movement.

Begin reiterated that "Israeli would not stand by to see the

Lebanese Right Wing annihilated and that the Israeli army would undertake all necessary measures to see to it that the rightist christian's safety". In fact Israeli words were matched with deeds in that the Zionist artillery conducted a fierce bombardment against Palestinian and Lebanese civilian and military positions alike; this resulted in the killing and wounding of several Lebanese farmers and the destruction of their properties.

Thousands of Southern Lebanese villagers were made homeless. They became refugees in their own country due to constant in discriminate Zionist campaigns of aggression and later expulsion of more Lebanese from their villages by Lebanese isolationist forces only to be massacred again by the same fascist elements in the nationalist



Good fence?

## SOUTH LEBANON

quarters of Naba', and Karantina in Beirut.

Soon the Lebanese fascist positions adjacent to the so called Zionist "good fence" poured their state of shells unto Lebanese nationalist villages. In spite of the one sided Palestinian - nationalist proclamation of a cease fire, the fascist - Israeli alliance resumed their shelling inflicting more casualties among the civilian population. This joint military action continued during and after Vance's encounter with Zionist officials. Which reveals a green light given by the U.S. government to Israel to go ahead with its designs in South Lebanon.

The persistent Israeli attitude backed by American support intends to play the Christian Rightist Wing card to strengthen the Zionist bargaining position in the case of the resumption of "peace" settlement step.

However the Palestinian-Lebanese Nationalist joint forces put up resistance resulting in the repulse of all Zionist-Right Wing attacks designed to achieve territorial gains and Zionist-fascist armed confrontation became a feature of daily life in South Lebanon so is the consequent open Zionist-fascist co-operation. In line with Begin's statement scores of Right wing militiamen received their advanced military training in Israeli camps especially constructed in Sinia. It is there that the Right Wing tank crews learned to bombard villages and burn corps. Right wingers when wounded are tended in Israeli hospitals.

The phenomenon of open co-operation between the Zionists and Lebanese fascists dates back to the times of the 1975-76 civil war when direct contacts were established through the CIA. It is the CIA agents who organized the first meetings between the Israeli intelligence officers and Chamoun's &



*Aim of Israeli bombardments.*

Gemayel's sons. Meetings and co-ordination of efforts became frequent and encompassed the higher echelons to the lowest rank and life of both sides. Amicable relations were sealed with blood as Rightist southern region military commander col. Haddad explained while appearing on Israeli T.V.

The Israeli-Fascist "love affair" is not confined to the battle field it covers sports, music entertainment where most recently the Israeli philharmonic Orchestra gave a recital for Lebanese Right Wing militiamen in the frontier outpost of Dovev, and all sorts of cultural exahgne.

The Zionist attitude towards southern Lebanon and the total dependence of Lebanese fascists on Israeli support presents the war hawks in Tel-Aviv with advanta-

geous political and military strategic depth which requires Palestinian - Nationalist counter for the defiance of Southern Lebanon and checking Zionist advances and designs by keeping the South's nationalist and progressive character. Zionist expansionist designs in southern Lebanon, contrary to the allegations of the Lebanese Fascist forces are not an outcome of the Palestinian Resistance's so called, "provocation" it dates back to long before the early days of the establishment of the Zionist state when the Zionists started looking to the usurpation of the waters of the Litani river necessary for the colonial expansion of northern Galilee settlements. The Zionist delegation at the 1919 Versailles peace conference demanded the inclusion of Lebanon south of the Litani in the "Jewish national home".

## CONFIRMATION OF REPORTS OF ZIONIST/ISOLATIONIST MEETING IN JOUNIEH

Diplomatic and press sources have confirmed recent reports about a meeting between Zionist and isolationist leaders in the Lebanon port of Jounieh.

According to these sources, the meeting, which took place on August, was held between Pierre Gemayel, Camille Chamoun and some Southern Lebanese isolationist officers on the one hand, and the former Israeli Minister of War, Shimon Peres and a number of Israeli officers on the other.

The meeting centered on three subjects:

1. The result of the isolationist front's latest visit to Damascus.
2. Preparations for joint moves towards activating the military front, escalating clashes along the Lebanese - Israeli borders, and foiling the attempts of Lebanese President Elias Sarkis and of the Arab countries to implement the Cairo and Shtaura agreements.

3. How to revive the clashes in certain areas where Christians and Muslims coexist, especially areas including a Druze majority.

The meeting agreed on the following measures:

**First:** The infiltration of the largest quantity of weapons possible to the Shouf, Aley and Bhamdoun, and the turning of certain places into arms depots.

**Second:** The use of some religious circles and foreign men of religion to increase racial enmity against the Arabs and Arabism (some of these religious men have direct relations with the Israeli Intelligence Services).

**Third:** The establishment of more isolationist training camps.

**Fourth:** The creation of suitable circumstances for the direct intervention of Israel in the Lebanese South to strike at the Palestinian Revolution and the Lebanese Nationalist Movement.

**Fifth:** Information coordination between the two sides, before, during and after the military operations which have been decided upon, especially in the Shouf.

It has been learned from reliable diplomatic sources that huge quantities of Israeli weapons are being recieved by both the Phalangists and the National Liberals.

## MARTIAL SONG ON ISRAELI- LEBANON BORDERS

Time Magazine reported on August 8th that the 80-piece Israeli philharmonic orchestra conducted by Zubin Metha played "needless to say, martial music", on the israeli-lebanese border. The crowd made up of Israeli "border police" and flag-bearing Lebanese Christian Phalangist soldiers "were clearly joyous". The band played several martial songs. "A particular no-no was Tchaikovsky's 1812 overture, with its artillery crescendo.



*Joint Israeli-Phalangist Musical in S. Lebanon.*

## COMMANDO OPERATION: INSIDE OCCUPIED PALESTINE

Palestinian commandos recently executed three operations in different parts of occupied Palestine. The Palestinian Military Spokesman, issued the following communiqué:—

No. 77/77:—

Our military sources inside occupied Palestine have reported the following:—

**77/77:—** One of our revolutionaries at 8AM August 9th attacked an Israeli frontier guards patrol, while it was passing near Tal — al-Zaatar camp near Nablus, using hand grenades. The attack resulted in the damage to the patrol vehicle and in severe injuries to one of the frontier guards. Consequently the Zionist forces imposed a curfew on Tal al-Zaatar camp and launched a wide-scale search for our commando, who nevertheless returned safely to base.

## MILITARY OPERATIONS

### CLASHES NEAR HEBRON, EXPLOSION NEAR BEGIN'S HOME

The Palestinian Military Spokesman issued the following communiqué:—

No 78/77:—

As the 'Martyr Kamal Adwan' unit was moving towards its target on August 12th, Israeli forces in an army camp in the Halhoul area, near Hebron, tried to stop our commandos and encircle them after bombarding them with tank artillery from the camp. A 35 minute battle ensued in which machine guns, hand grenades and rockets were used. Our commandos were able to inflict heavy casualties on the enemy forces. The commander of the group then



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ordered the rest of the unit to withdraw while he remained to cover them. He was able to check the enemy's progress and inflict more casualties among the enemy, until he ran out of ammunition and was killed by the enemy fire. The martyr is Captain Ismail Hassan Salem Hamad. (see obituary later).

The enemy's casualties were nevertheless huge, and ambulances were seen rushing to carry away the dead and wounded from the battlefield.

No. 79/77:—

Palestinian commandos from

combat units operating inside occupied Palestine planted timed explosive charges inside an interrogation center of the Israeli intelligence services in Marcos street in Jerusalem. At 8 PM on August 13th the charges exploded causing a tremendous blast. Police forces troops, frontier and civil guards immediately rushed to the scene.

### REPORTS ON HALHOUL BATTLE INDICATE HIGH ISRAELI LOSSES

Eye witnesses of the battle fought on August 12th between the 'Martyr Kamal Adwan' unit and the Israeli forces in the

Halhoul region during which the commander of the unit was killed, affirmed that the battle resulted in the destruction of two Israeli tanks and the death of several Israeli officers and soldiers.

In related news, according to a report from occupied Palestine, the occupation authorities still refuse to deliver the body of the Martyr Captain Ismail Hassan Salem, the commander of the group who was killed while covering the withdrawal of his comrades during the battle.

Meanwhile, the population of the Halhoul region staged mass demonstrations, chanting slogans and pledging to the martyr to con-

tinue armed struggle until victory.

Meanwhile, the Zionist authorities have contacted a number of Israeli military officials in the West Bank, to question them about the operation and its results.

### COMMANDO OPERATION IN AFULEH AREA

Palestinian revolutionaries on 16 August, executed a successful military operation in the Afuleh area along the Tel Aviv Qiryat Shmona road. The Palestinian Military Spokesman issued the following communiqué:—

No. 80/77:—

One of our combat groups operating inside occupied Palestine early on 16 August morning planted timed explosive charges inside an Egeed bus parked in the Central Bus Station in Qiryat Shmona.

The charges exploded at 10:15AM as the bus reached the Afuleh area on its way to Tel Aviv. The bus thereupon ran into another car coming from the opposite direction, and fell into a near-by valley. An undetermined number of Zionist passengers were killed or wounded while both the bus and the other car were completely destroyed.

Soon after the explosion, Israeli forces surrounded the area arresting a large number of Palestinian citizens of Afuleh. Meanwhile, the Zionist authorities in Tel Aviv and Qiryat Shmona carried out extensive security measures in all bus stations, fearing other operations.

Our commando returned safely to base.

Later in the day, Radio Israel admitted the operation mentioning that eight Zionist settlers were injured and that several Palestinian citizens were arrested.

### FOUR COMMANDO ATTACKS IN 72 HOURS

As part of a marked escalation

of commando attacks inside occupied Palestine by our commandos in response to the decisions of the Palestinian Revolution to answer the provocation annexation, and settlement decisions of the Zionist enemy, with the support of the United States, Palestinian revolutionaries on August 27, 28, 29 carried out four successful commando operations. In the first, a bomb went off in Jerusalem; in the second mines went off underneath Israeli military vehicles in the Naqab (Negev) region; while in the third an Israeli vehicle was destroyed by a bomb in the Gaza Strip; while in the fourth an explosive charge went off in a shop in Afuleh.

These four operations bring to 104 the number of commando attacks carried out this year, 16 of them during the past month. The Palestinian Military Spokesman issued the following communiqué:—

No 86/77:—

Acting on orders from the General Command of the Palestinian Revolution, one of our combat groups operating inside occupied Palestine, on August 27 planted timed explosive charges near a parking lot for buses near the Jaffa gate in Jerusalem. The charges exploded at 1 PM on the same day, killing or injuring several Zionist settlers, and damaging several near-by shops and a number of cars.

Consequently, Israeli police surrounded the area, while explosive experts searched for other charges. Meanwhile, wide-scale arrests participation in the operation. Our revolutionaries nevertheless returned safely to base.

No. 87/77:—

One of our combat groups planted anti-vehicular mines along the military road between Eilat and the Ofer settlement. On August, 27, one of the mines exploded when an Israeli Jeep passed along the road, killing or injuring all its passengers.

A short time later, another mine exploded when a half-track which crossed the road to rescue the passengers of the Jeep, resulting in the injury of all the soldiers in it.

Israeli helicopters immediately flew in to evacuate the casualties. Our revolutionaries returned safely to base.

The next day units of the Israeli military engineering forces combed the area in search for other mines which may not have exploded.

No. 88/77:—

Acting on orders, one of our commando units on August, 27th, placed timed explosive charges inside an Israeli car parked in the central vegetables market in the city of Gaza. At 11:20AM on the same day, the charges exploded, completely destroying the car and killing and injuring a number of Israeli settlers in the car and the market.

The occupation authorities immediately cordoned off the scene of the operation and arrested more than 95 inhabitants of Gaza suspected of being involved in the operation. Later, as part of intensified security measures, the authorities reinforced their check-points with more guards and warned Zionist settlers against approaching places crowded with Palestinians.

No. 89/77:—

One of our commando units on August 29th placed timed explosive charges in a shop in the center of the town of Afuleh north of the West Bank city of Jenin. At 8:15AM on the same day, the charges exploded, killing and wounding an undetermined number of Zionist settlers and completely destroying the shop. The blast also caused damage to neighbouring buildings and to a number of cars parked near-by. Many Palestinians were reported to have been arrested following the operation.

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# begin's annexation policy

The recent decision taken by the Begin government to accelerate the gradual annexation of the West Bank and Gaza in a bid to expand its artificial entity in Palestine affirms that occupation and annexation still form the cornerstone of Zionist policy.

It is not surprising that this decision was taken at a time when the so called "American peace initiative" was underway. For the American government too is oblivious to the demands of the Palestinian people, and moreover does not recognize their sole legitimate representative, the P.L.O. and their rights in their national homeland Palestine.

The vigilant Palestinian masses in the occupied territories, fully

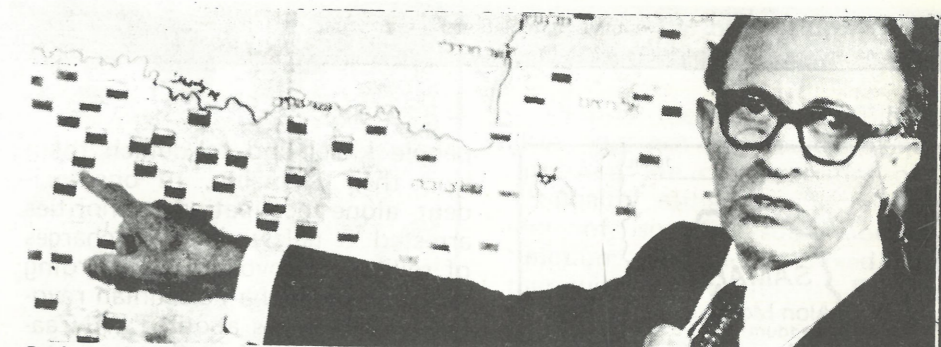
aware of Zionist intentions, are confronting the enemy's plan with whatever means possible. At the top organizational level the Arab mayors memorandum to U.S. secretary of state Cyrus Vance, Soviet foreign minister Andrei Gromyko, and U.N. Secretary General Dr Kurt Waldheim. The Mayors stressed the indivisibility of the Palestinian people and their conviction that any solution of the Middle East crisis which ignores the Palestinian cause, will, and right, and attempts to bypass the P.L.O. their sole legitimate representative, Chaired by Yasser Arafat, poses a threat to peace. Since the Palestinian cause is the basis of the Mideast problem. They had already clarified their stand on August 8.

In their response to an invita-

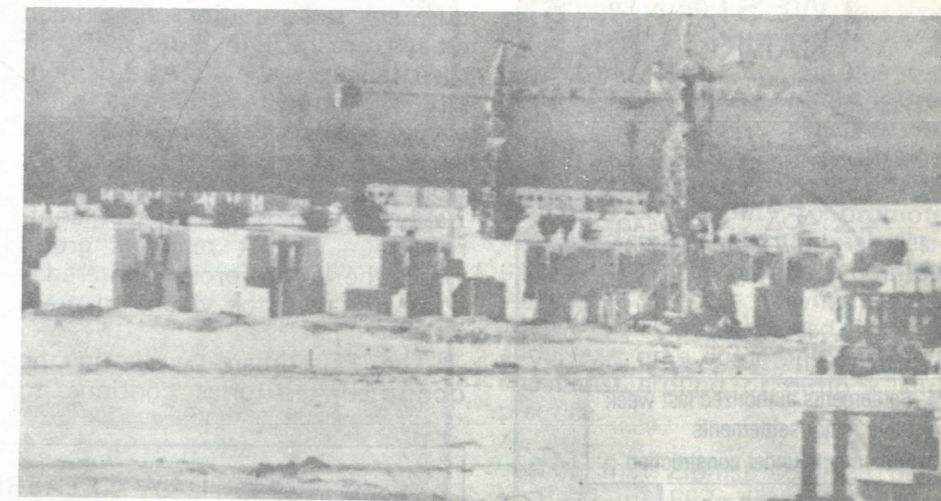
tion by the Israeli foreign minister Moshe Dayan to a reception at his house in honour of Vance. In a press statement given to foreign correspondents they said, "if Dayan wants to invite a representative of the West Bank population then let him invite Yasser Arafat, who is our only representative".

In other moves the Arab mayors and mass organizations of the occupied West Bank and Gaza strip have rejected the recent decisions to apply Israeli law in the occupied territories. They have vowed to confront this move of systematic annexation. In preparation for any mass movement against their decisions, the Zionist authorities are reported to have reinforced their troop concentrations.

— Palestinian mass organizations



Begin: settlements are there to stay



New settlements in South Gaza.

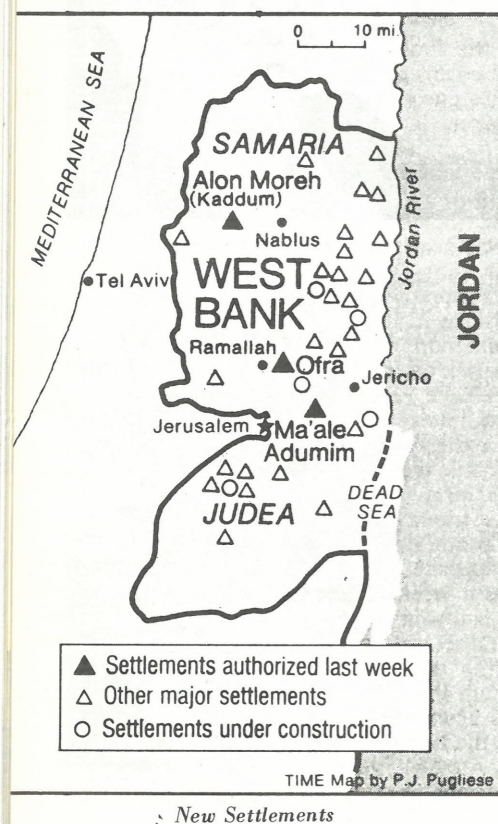
in occupied Palestine have continued to expose and confront Zionist settlement plans. Commenting on the declaration of an Israeli plan to increase the Jewish population of Jerusalem at an annual rate of 3.7 o/o, and to erect 7000 new apartments, in addition to the present 11,100, to meet settlement demands, the Jerusalem Arabic language Newspaper "AL FAJR" said on August 6, "these steps are a prelude to the complete annexation of Jerusalem and the defiance of the Palestinian people and world public opinion."

Palestinian mass organizations and mayors of West Bank cities have also been engaged in a bitter protest over a Jordanian decree which prohibits the passage of West Bank products through Jordan to other Arab countries. This Jordanian move aims to deal a blow against the Palestinian steadfastness in the occupied territories by completing the economic siege initiated by the Zionist authorities in imposing a 25 o/o rise in the prices of consumer goods. It is to

be recalled that Palestinian representatives had turned down an invitation to attend the ceremonies marking King Hussein's silver Jubilee. Instead they demanded the release of Palestinian detainees from Jordanian prisons. In this connection "AL FAJR" wrote on August 10, "Any Palestinian link with Jordan or any other country should pass through the P.L.O., and after the establishment of the independent Palestinian state". The newspaper concluded. "These attempts are evidence of an overt attempt to ignore the historic Rabat resolution which Jordan was the first to sign, and a determination to contain the P.L.O. which is recognized on the Palestinian, Arab, and international levels".

Palestinian citizens have not only been exposing the Jordanian regime, but also a group of local Israel-Jordanian agents being put forward as an alternative leadership to the P.L.O. Hussein Al-Shuayki one of the agents, was scheduled to give a press conference on August 24, in Jerusalem, but

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was forced to cancel, it, under popular pressure. Citizens are reported to have sent warning to the agents threatening them against trying to strike at the unity of the Palestinian people and the legitimacy of their representatives.

In the wake of mass organizational defiance of Zionist-Jordanian maneuvers and continued Palestinian vigilance against the Zionist policy of annexation and expansion, the Zionist authorities have resorted once again to fascist anti-democratic actions. It was reported on August 23 over Zionist mass media that the military authorities have ordered the dissolution of the municipal council in Qabbatiya "in order to offer services to the population", despite the fact that the Zionist radio had admitted that the council had been elected unanimously.

Zionist occupation authorities have resorted to mass arrests and other tactics of psychological warfare, to make the Palestinian

people kneel and to detach them from their leadership. In one incident alone occupation authorities arrested 5 Palestinians on charges of selling "provogative" recording of anthems of the Palestinian revolution and songs about Talal-Zaatar. Despite the fact that one can hear these revolutionary songs over different radio stations, Palestinian citizens rushed to buy more of their tape recordings. As a demonstration of protest. For the same end, Zionist occupation forces have arrested 14 Palestinian citizens from the village of AWARTA near Nablus region on charges of confronting a Zionist religious group when the latter forcibly entered a holy site near the village to pray.

The Palestinian people in the occupied territories continue to

confront the political and cultural Genocide Waged against them by the Zionist state. On the 8th anniversary of the burning of the Al-Aksa Mosque and after ten Years of Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza and their onemillion. Palestinians, it should be crystal clear that the Palestinian people are facing an enemy which, with the aid and complicity of the U.S. and its lackeys, intends to maintain its occupation of the whole of Palestine, despite the pious hopes of those who persist in waiting for "U.S. pressures on Israel". In this situation the Palestinian people have no realistic path except the one they have chosen, revolutionary resistance and confrontation of Zionist expansionist aggressive policies.

### DAYAN: THERE'S STILL ROOM FOR COMPROMISE

Tel Aviv August 17 Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said there was still room for compromise on the Middle East.

There were still differences of view on several questions, particularly the West Bank of the Jordan River, but nothing was impossible, he said.

Dayan was speaking in a radio interview during a reception Wednesday evening in his Tshala residence in the Tel Aviv suburbs.

The reception was boycotted by all the West Bank mayors invited to attend.

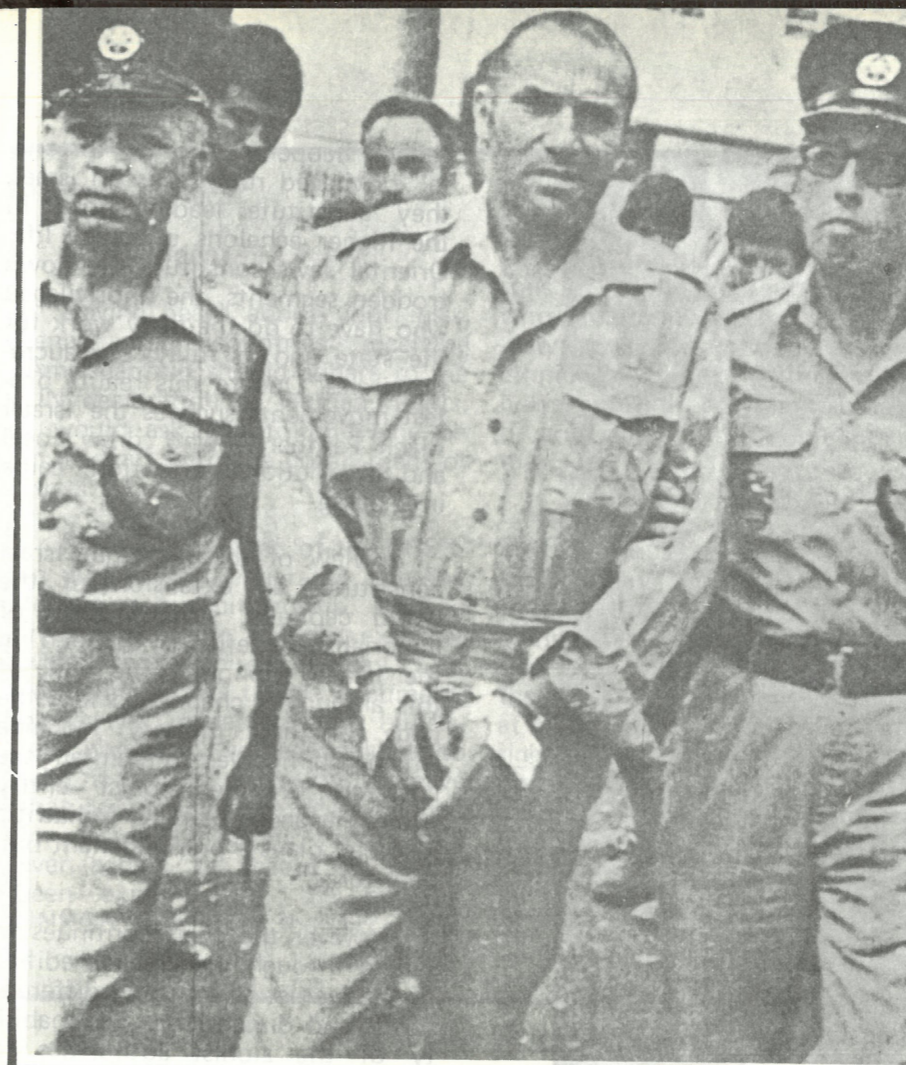
The mayors, at the same time, issued a statement saying that any solution that disregards the rights of the Palestinian people would be doomed to failure and that the PLO is their sole representative.

Copies of the statement were sent to U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

At his reception, Dayan expressed satisfaction at Vance's stated opposition to any attempt to modify United Nations Resolution 242 with the aim of incorporating Israeli recognition of a Palestinian entity.



Zionist Foreign Minister Dayan



Daily occupation terror

## ISRAEL: A GHETTO SOCIETY

The Zionist myth of the "permanent persecution of Jews wherever they went and whatever they did throughout history constitute the cornerstone of the Zionist ideology. The myth of constant persecution provided the architects of Zionism with the pretext to try to find a solution to the Jewish problem", which they created by encouraging isolationist tendencies among the Jews and preventing their assimilation in their respective societies. The intention was and still is to mobilize Jewish manpower to serve the colonial purposes of Jewish capital in particular and world imperialism in general.

The artificially fabricated Je-

wish nationalism came hand in hand with the general atmosphere of Colonialism and Imperialism. The emergence of nationally based bourgeois leading-class in modern Europe incited Zionists to think of setting up themselves a separate community in Palestine. The materialization of Zionist ambition was made possible by the development of British imperial interests in the Middle East.

Lord Shaftesbury in 1876 wrote: "Syria and Palestine will before long become very important... The country wants capital and population. The Jews can give it both. And has not England a special interest in promoting such restora-

tion?" (Settler colonization, George Jabbour, page 23).

Despite the fact that "Biblical Jews" did not and could not have possessed the characteristics of a nationality rather than a religious sect of specific socio-economic function. Such ideas mixed together with the mission of England to civilize others, her strategic and commercial interests, and the vague biblical claim that "Palestine is somehow promised to the Jews" dominated British thinking.

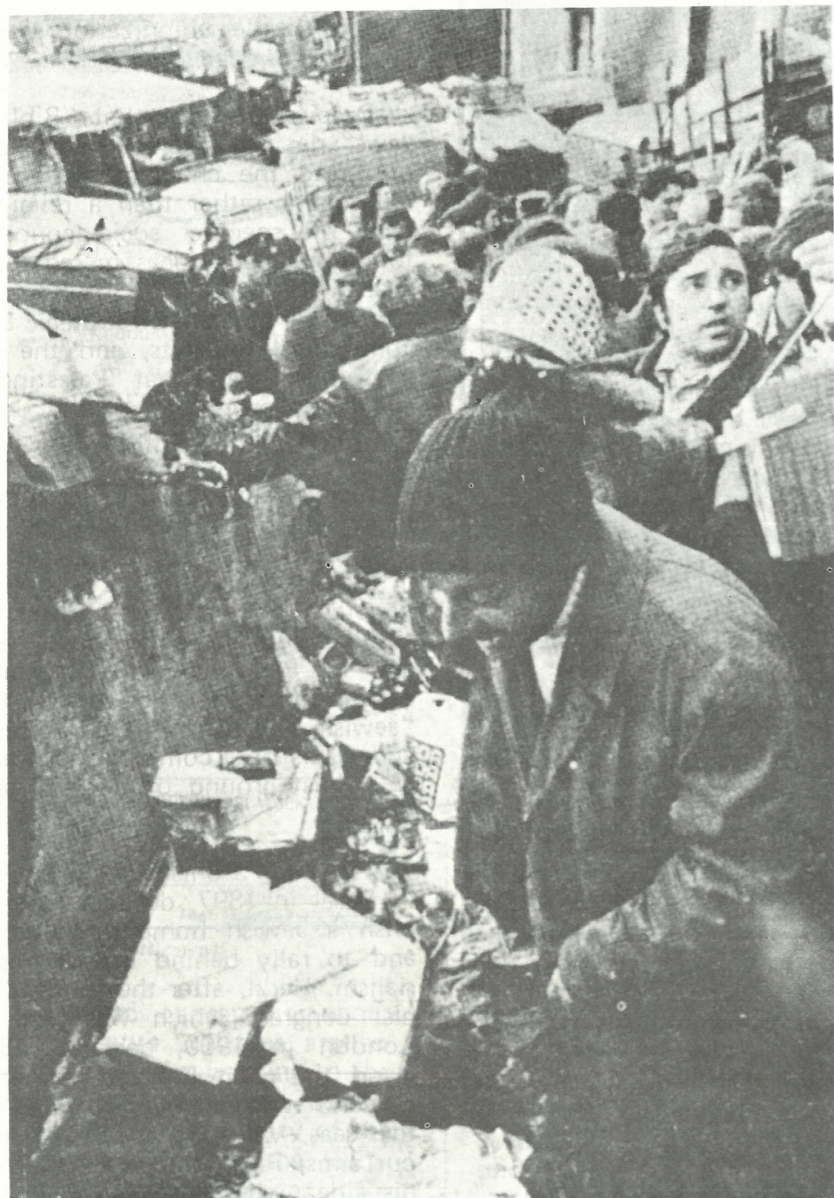
Incidentally, the Zionist movement which largely depended on Jews from Eastern Europe, found in the accession of Hitler to power a golden opportunity to promote and accelerate their colonial designs in Palestine. This common conception of "solving" the "Jewish question" placed Zionists and Nazis on a common racist and chauvinist ground of outlook and practice.

The first Zionist congress held in Basel in 1897, decided to establish a Jewish home in Palestine and to rally behind British imperialism. Herzl, after the fourth Zionist congress which was held in London in 1900, declared "England the great England, the free England with her eyes roaming all the seas, will understand us and our aims. From this place the Zionist idea will take a further and higher flight: of this we can be sure." (The Zionist movement by Israel Cohen page 76).

By 1948 the Zionist state came into being as a fruit of imperialist reactionary action only to maintain the general features and characteristics of an isolationist Ghetto life. The fact that Israel is a number of Ghetto settlements continues to dominate Israeli life till the very day.

In spite of the "state's" attempts at creating a homogeneous coherent "Nation" the colonial settlers in Palestine still stick to their former culture and background.

Efforts of the Zionist administration to bridge the gap between the different "ghettos" in Israeli



Emigrant Jews selling wares in Roman flea market

society are met with little success, for example large communities in Israel use Yidish as their language rather than Hebrew which is the official language. This is one obstacle in the way of recreating the so-called "Jewish people". However the Zionist ruling circles succeed in keeping Israeli society from falling apart by referring to the old Zionist complex of "Jewish estrangement in the Arab sea of enmity". This leads to the intensification of racist chauvinism for the purpose of reducing Israel inherent contradictions and checking them at minor stage. One of the main internal objectives of successive acts of aggression launched by Israel against the Palestinian and Arab nations was

to control internal contradiction by directing them to the "external foe". The Zionist Sinai campaign of 1956 was partly intended to cover up the Lavon Scandal. Despite the relative successes and failures of the Zionist leadership at maintaining the cohesiveness of Israeli society, the leadership tries its utmost to exploit the contradictions to further its aims such as the propaganda machine which is exploiting the situation to present a colorful "democratic" picture of Israeli life.

The major split between oriental and European Jews is a characteristic of Israeli life. European Jews by "virtue" of their historical ties with Zionism and the West in

general happen to be the "fortunate" privileged ruling class in Israel, they constitute leading posts in the higher echelons of Israeli life. Oriental Jews constitute the down trodden segments, the unprivileged who have to do the dirty work for the state and its ruling bureaucratic circles. Due to this reality protest movements such as the Israeli 'Black Panthers', who drew local and international attention, came into being.

In view of the fact that Israel constitutes an extension of the world capitalist system, most of imperialist benefits is invested in the Israeli economy, the bulk of this amount is channelled into the huge bristling military machine which again serves to maintain the coercion of the Zionist entity while the accompanying miliatritic ideology plays a preponderant binding force.

However the crisis continues to reflect through the cracked edifice of the Zionist structure in different forms and dimensions. The inability of the Zionist authorities to provide "acceptable and decent standards of living for a considerable section of the new settlers raises the counter migration. Thousands of insecure new settlers find themselves face to face with realities that put an end to the illusions of the so-called "promised land of milk and honey" many tend to leave the hell in Israel whenever circumstances permit. This led the authorities to impose more restrictions on those leaving the Zionist state.

Housing problems continue to be solved by the expropriation and destruction of more Arab villages and land.

In spite of the massive and systematic destruction of Arab villages and expropriation of Arab land, the Zionist authorities find much difficulty in providing adequate housing for new settlers. This recently led several hundred new immigrants to stage protest marches and demonstrations in Tel Aviv.

Another feature of Israeli politics is widespread corruption. The

To Pres. Carter

Mr. President.

Having heard about your insistence that countries receiving American aid should adhere to the UN declaration of Human Rights, I would ask you to intervene on my behalf with the government of Israel.

I am an ex-citizen of the USSR. In June, 72, I emigrated, thereby forfeiting my citizenship. Arrived in Israel holding a Soviet exit visa which soon expired. In May, 73 I applied for a travel document. None was made available but Israeli passport. I've been reduced to take it as the only way to leave that country. I have never applied for Israeli citizenship nor had I ever agreed to accept it. It has been explained to me by the UNHCR authorities that according

to the Israel's so-called "law of return" Israeli citizenship is conferred "automatically" to the persons of "Jewish origin and faith" who immigrate there. Even that "law" was broken here. Being an ethnic Jew I have nothing to do, however, with the "Jewish faith" or any other cult of the supernatural.

Moreover, I want you to look into the human rights aspect of the law by the power of which Israeli citizenship is imposed under compulsion unto an atheist Russian Jew, a man totally alien to the Palestinian environment, while at the same time even residence rights are denied to the native-born Muslims and Christians. Let me remind you that a number of former Nazi administrators have been tried and convicted precisely for issuing and enforcing that kind of "laws". Segregation laws have

been ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of your own country. Law paragraphs equivalent to the Israeli "law of return" are being denounced by the U.S. as racist when enacted in Southern Africa. In your home state apartheid regulations are valid no longer.

In March, 77 I demanded from Israeli government an annulment of its unsolicited citizenship and received no answer. Given, however, Israel's absolute dependence upon the supply of billions of dollars - worth American and I expect a more positive response as a result of your interference.

Sincerely, Yakov SELZER

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question of Knesset member Flatto Sharon who bought his post in order to elude French justice and Rabin's personal accounts in foreign banks, which served to a certain extent the Likud to access to power are but two examples of the massive corruption and embezzlement not to mention the "Underworld".

The rising tide of the Palestinian Arab revolutionary movement of liberation is the objective factor that puts the Zionist colonizers against the wall of realities, and presents them with a progressive solution embodied in a democratic secular, non sectarian Palestine, a solution far from reactionary Zionist romanticism and its empty pessimistic nature. The Palestinian resistance along with progressive and revolutionary Jews would find a common cause of salvation and through revolution smash the tyrannical page in human history embodied in the state of Israel and the racist fascism it stands for.



Occupation soldiers in Palestine.



Demolishing Palestinian homes

## ISRAEL TO SET UP 3 NEW SETTLEMENTS IN WEST BANK

Jerusalem (AP) — Israel's government decided Wednesday to set up three new Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank of Jordan in accordance with a plan designed by the previous Labor cabinet.

The decision was taken by the cabinet Committee on Settlement, which the government has authorized to make final decisions on new civilian outposts.

A source on the committee said it had agreed to carry out a decision made last April by the former

government, but it had not discussed new plans to build more settlements in the disputed zone.

Prime Minister Menahem Begin's firm position not to relinquish the West Bank as part of a peace agreement has aroused concern in the U.S. administration, which is trying to mediate peace talks.

Previous decisions strengthening Israel's hold on the West Bank have been criticized in Washington as "obstacles to peace," but so far

Begin has not strayed from settlement plans created by the more moderate Labor government under former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The decision to create the new settlements was almost certain to bring strong reaction from the United States. It comes only three weeks after President Carter warned that new settlements "would be a difficult thing for public opinion to accept here and in the Arab countries."

Carter's statement came after the Begin government legalized three other villages which were built without the authority of the previous Israeli government and which it had refused to recognize.

Although Israel has established more than two dozen outposts in the 10 years since it captured the West Bank, the latest announcement came amid intense U.S. efforts to re-start Arab-Israeli peace talks.

The three settlements are planned for Yatta, south of Hebron, at Nevo; Horon in the Latrun bulge and at a site on the 1967 border near the Tel Aviv suburban city of Petah Tikvah.

The committee source said it may take weeks or months before Jewish settlers move to the sites, since the ground-work, including roads and water networks, can only begin now.

Like other decisions on the settlement issue, the green light to build the settlements was made almost casually. The committee source said the issue took only a few minutes to discuss at a meeting devoted largely to a decision to found a new city in the Galilee region near Israel's border with Lebanon.

The decision came only three days after the government declared that it would extend "social services" in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, in what some opposition members have called a move toward "creeping annexation."

## ARAB AND INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS TO THE ISRAELI POLICY OF ANNEXATION AND EXPANSION

In an attempt to integrate the 1967 occupied West Bank of Jordan and the Gaza Strip, the Zionist government decided to treat the Palestinians of the 67 occupied lands on equal footing as citizens of Israel!! This comes at the time when the Zionist occupation authorities intensify their repressive campaigns against Palestinians. The Zion-

nist recent step follows other steps intended to judize the occupied territories by creating de facto status Zionist blatant aggression triggered local and international repercussions, the Palestinian masses are beginning to agitate in defence of the preservation of their national identity and against Zionist schemes aiming at liquidating them

### ISRAEL RECEIVES U.S. PROTEST

Washington (AP) — The U.S. ambassador to Israel, Samuel Lewis, was meeting Wednesday with Israeli authorities to "clearly restate" the American position concerning the establishment of settlements in the West Bank, U.S. State Department spokesman Hodding Carter III said.

"Our position on settlements in the West Bank is unchanged from what has been said previously on numerous occasions," Carter said.

On July 29, President Carter said he had strongly cautioned Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin that establishment of additional settlements there would be a matter of "deep concern."

At the time, Carter said he took up the question of new settlements with Begin but, in an "oversight," he had neglected to discuss with him the issue of legalization of existing settlements.

An Israeli decision on July 26 to recognize previously illegal settlements on the West Bank drew an angry reaction from the State Department. It expressed "deep disappointment" and called the Israeli move "an obstacle to peace."

During Begin's visit to Washington in July, Carter urged him to refrain from starting new settlements in occupied areas until the Geneva peace talks. Although Begin takes the view that the West Bank is historically Israel's, he has also said Israel sets no preconditions to negotiating final borders in a peace treaty with Jordan or other Arab countries.

### NOT HELPFUL

The statement went on to note Israel's argument that there is "potential benefit" to the Arabs in extending health and child labor laws to them.

However, the administration stressed the Israeli moves appear to give a permanence to Israeli control, "which is not helpful."

Singled out for special U.S. criticism, meanwhile, was a statement by Arye Naor, Israel cabinet secretary, who said that "this is not annexation" because the West Bank already belongs to Israel.

Naor's remark was noted with regret, spokesman Carter told reporters.

Reuter: The Israeli stand has surprised diplomats, for Washington has tried its best to

ease tension between itself and Israel.

The Israelis said that Israel will not and cannot accept, that Jewish settlements on Israeli land are illegal. The government does not consider these moves an obstacle to peace negotiations.

**Tripoli:** The Libyan government considered the Israeli plan to establish settlements in occupied Arab territory a blow to the search for peace. It also considered to be part and parcel of the expansionist Zionist policy which calls for more expansion and annexation. This latest move is a natural outcome of Zionist policy which owes its very existence to the usurpation of Palestine.

**Damascus:** "Al Thawra" newspaper called on the international community to take a clear and firm stand against the Israeli move and to pressure Israel into submission to the will of the international community.

Damascus also pointed out that any new development could have negative or positive consequences on the whole world situation.

**Amman:** The recent Israeli settlement policy was considered a re-affirmation of the Israeli intention to annex Arab land.

**Cairo:** The official daily "Al-Ahram" called upon the U.S. to take serious steps concerning the latest Israeli decision.

**Turkey:** In Istanbul the Turkish foreign minister Hassan Sabri Caglayangil, said that the Israeli decision will have negative consequences on the peace effort. He reiterated that Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab land including Jerusalem represents for the Turkish government one of the main steps to reach a durable peace in the Middle-East.

**Kuwait:** The Danish minister of foreign Affairs declared that his country condemned usurpation of territories by force.

**W. Germany:** The government of the Federal German Republic expressed its surprise at the recent Israeli decision. A spokesman for the foreign ministry said that this damages efforts which are being exerted to find a settlement in the Middle East.

**The U.N.:** Dr. Kurt Waldheim said that this step will complicate peace negotiations. He also expressed his deep sorrow and called on the Israeli Government to reconsider this policy.

**Syria:** Syria has asked for emergency meetings

of the foreign ministers of non-aligned and Islamic countries to discuss the Middle East situation.

On August 22, the Syrian foreign minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam, in a letter to the foreign minister of Sri Lanka, demanded a meeting of non-aligned foreign ministers in New York on September 27. In a similar letter to the secretary General of the Islamic congress in Jeddah he asked for a meeting of Islamic Foreign ministers in New York on September 26.

Khaddam was reported to have said in the letters, "Arab countries are facing an increasing Israeli challenge after Israel annexed the West Bank of Jordan and the Gaza strip, and resumed building settlements in Sinai and the Golan heights. This situation is dangerous for peace and security in the whole world".

#### BRITISH CONCERN

In London, Britain expressed concern about the Israeli government's decision.

A Foreign Office spokesman, asked for comment, told reporters:

"We have noted with concern these new steps taken by the Israeli government. We wish to discuss the implications of this with the Israeli government and others, including our European Community partners."

Britain, he said, urged all concerned to refrain from taking any hinder peace negotiations action.

#### ROMANIAN CRITICISM

The Communist Party organ Scinteia said in its editorial that "This new measure is clearly directed toward the modification of the status of these Arab territories, with the aim of occupying them perpetually. It is an act with serious implications, which cannot but raise new obstacles on the way to peace, to render more difficult the finding of a just and equitable political solution, to add new elements of tension in the zone."

#### ENEMY NEWS



Begin: The terrorist

#### AL FAJR COMMENTS ON DECISION TO APPLY ISRAELI LAW IN WEST BANK AND GAZA

The Jerusalem Arabic-language newspaper, *Al-Fajr*, on August 15 commented on the Israeli Cabinet's decision to apply Israeli law on the Palestinian population of West Bank and Gaza Strip as regards health, education and employment. The newspaper said that the decision implies that the West Bank and Gaza Strip population would pay more taxes and thus bear a share of the inflation and the deteriorating state of the Israeli economy. It added that this decision could very possibly be the first Israeli step on the way to the gradual annexation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, so as to avoid adverse propaganda.

As for the timing of this decision, *al-Fajr* considered it an official announcement of Vance's failure and of Israeli rebellion against President Carter. It added that this decision followed two prominent incidents that were well covered by Israeli and Jordanian information media: Dayan's hosting of certain popularly rejected West Bank and Gaza Strip personalities in the presence of Mr. Vance; and King Hussein's hosting of several other undesirable Palestinian personalities during his silver-Jubilee celebrations.

*Al Fajr* added that the decision was an attempt at implementing Dayan's project which aims at keeping the occupied territories under an Israeli military mandate and a Jordanian political mandate, and an attempt to foil the political efforts, which news agencies described as approaching positive results, dealing a blow to the Geneva peace conference and to the positive lenient stand of the PLO.

The newspaper concluded its editorial by calling upon all Arab states to "stop setting on the US horse, which has failed to jump over the Israeli rejection fence."

#### ISRAELI SOLDIERS ESTABLISH A NEW SETTLEMENT

Israeli soldiers have established a settlement in the occupied West Bank that eventually will become a civilian area, government sources said on August 26.

The sources said that the settlement of Reichen, northwest of Jenin, was established recently by the Army's soldier-farmer unit called Nahal.

The decision to place a settlement in the West Bank location was made in April under the government of Rabin, the source said.

#### RAKAH WARNS AGAINST INCREASED ISRAELI INTERVENTION IN SOUTH LEBANON

The Israeli Communist Party, Rakah, issued a communique on August 22 warning against the dangers of the increasing Israeli military intervention in South Lebanon, which aims at foiling the Shtaura Agreement and preventing the achievement of an overall peace in Lebanon.

The communique declared the increase in Israeli - isolationist attacks against the Lebanon against the Lebanese Nationalist forces and the forces of the Palestinian Revolution in South Lebanon, which were made official by Begin's recent statements, to be a blow to international peace efforts in the region and a threat to security in the region.

#### CALL FOR EXPANSIONIST MEASURES IN GOLAN HEIGHTS AND SINAI

The Israeli Minister of Religion has announced on August 26 that he will be submitting a proposal for the imposition of Israeli law on the Arab inhabitants of the occupied Syrian Golan Heights and Sinai. He added, during a visit lately to the village of Majdal Shams in the Golan heights, that since the same laws have already been applied in the West Bank and Gaza, nothing prevents their application in these areas.

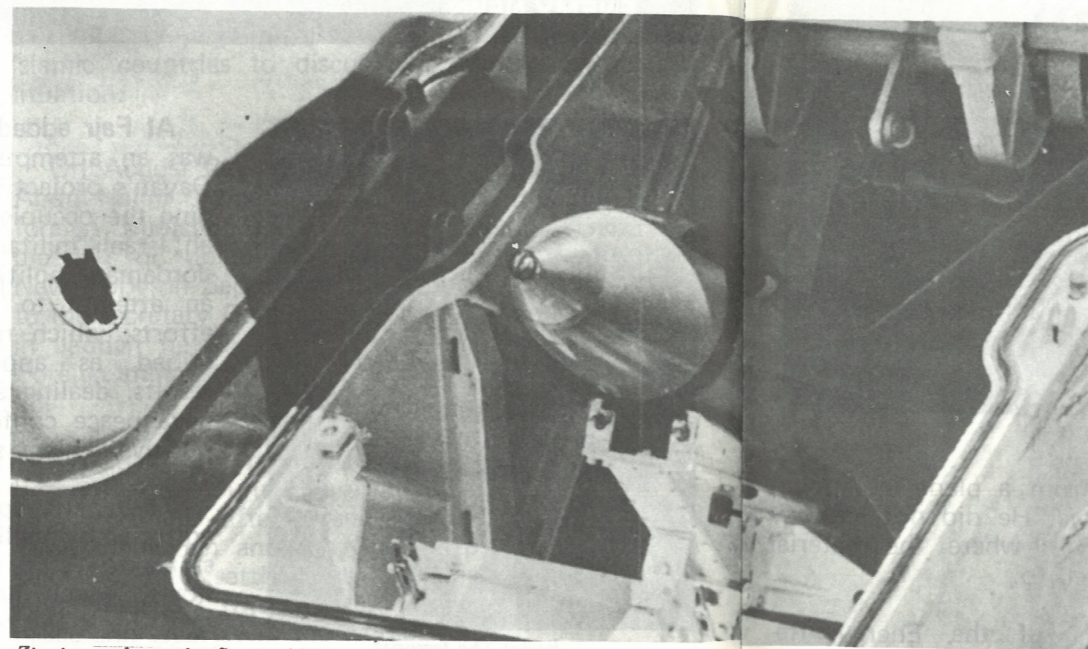
#### ISRAEL MANEUVERES IN GOLAN HEIGHTS

The Israeli army carried out large-scale military maneuvers in the occupied Syrian Heights on August 3 in which artillery, tank, and air force units participated. Following the maneuvers, Israeli Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur declared that the Israeli forces should be ready in the event of any changes in the region.

Political observers considered these maneuvers as an implicit threat to the Arab states if they refuse the US-Israeli proposals made by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, who was currently touring the Arab countries.



pro-Nazi Vorster visits occupied Jerusalem



Zionist gunboats for South African racists

## ISRAELI-SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION

It is to be remembered that Israel, finding itself isolated after the 1955 Bandung conference of the Non-aligned countries, which resulted in Afro-Asian solidarity. The 1956 Suez aggression Israel presented as tool of imperialism, it sought to improve its international position by undermining the emerging alliance between Arab and African countries.

The U.S. — sponsored Zionist assistance program to strategically important areas in Africa was mainly in the form of counterinsurgency military training which in most cases meant counter-revolution. In Africa the Zionist entity not only fulfilled its duty to imperialism but was also seeking a geographically convenient source of raw materials and markets for finished products.

It is also to be recalled that Zionist policy in Africa had been



From the U.S.A. via Israel - to South Africa: nuclear delivery systems

successful temporarily to the extent that in the 1960's some African countries at the U.N., faced with resolutions denouncing Israel either voted in favour of Israel or abstained. To cite but one example, on the UN resolution denouncing Israeli annexation of Jerusalem; of the 20 states opposing, 9 were African including the racist regime of South Africa.

Things started changing after the 1967 Zionist war of expansion against the Arab people in the Middle East. This developed a tendency among African states to close ranks and broaden their solidarity with their Arab brothers. In fact the 1973 Zionist aggression and the Zionist ruling circles' unwillingness to respond positively to African unity, as an international African body break off diplomatic and economic relations with the Zionist state. Increasingly the role of Zionism in support of imperia-

lism on the continent of Africa was exposed. This resulted in the strengthening of the already close ties between the two racist regimes in recognition of their common fate in the face of the national liberation movements and world opinion, which was turning more and against their policies.

The racists in South Africa, who are second only to the Zionists of the U.S. in their support for the Israeli government, who claim to be interested in defending to national rights of the Israeli people, are not interested in protecting the national rights of the Africans who exist under colonialism and fascism in the Republic of South Africa. Empty verbiage on the part of Zionists and their spokesmen can never deny the clearly racist and imperialist realities of Zionism in the world today.

The isolation of the two racist regimes has hastened economic, political and military cooperation. The most significant is the intensified strategic nuclear cooperation.

Nuclear cooperation reached its peak in the wake of Vorster's visit to Israel on 9 April 1976 which resulted in a military pact among other things between the two des-

### SECRET AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GERMAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND ZAIRE FOR ROCKET TESTS UP TO THE YEAR 2000

A recent report published by Afrique-Asie magazine revealed that the government of Zaire has concluded a secret agreement with the West German transport and rocket company Otrac, giving the latter a free hand in an area as large as the whole of West Germany. It added that rocket tests will be carried out in this area up to the year 2000, in exchange for an annual rent of 50 million dollars.

The magazine stressed that this area is not suitable for such tests, if international resolutions to prevent the violation of the system of states' borders are taken into account.

It added that this "Federal German territory" in the midst of southern African territories lies near an important centre for land, sea and railway communications on the borders of Shaba province, whose importance to the Western powers, owing to its natural resources like copper, cobalt and aluminium, was revealed by recent events. The magazine said this region is a bridgehead of South Africa's dreams for encircling the progressive governments that support the liberation movements in Zimbabwe, South Africa and Namibia.

Meanwhile, an Otrac spokesman has confirmed the report in the French language magazine, in a statement he made in the West German city of Stuttgart to the West German news agency DPA.

perate regimes. As part of the pact, revealed by the US "Time" on April 26, 1976, "Israel will sell military hardware to South Africa", in exchange for, among other things, "Enriched uranium". This came at a time when Moshe Dayan, visiting France, had declared "Israel must try to obtain a deterrent nuclear power without the help and out of the control of the U.S.A.". (Le Monde, Feb. 19, 1976) this signified the Zionists' entry into a new nuclear pool of reactionary countries, which escapes control by the superpowers.

Zionist nuclear capability has been bolstered by the US supply of Lance missiles which are capable of handling nuclear warheads. Israel is also said to be developing its "Own" 380 mile range Jericho

Missile capable of Nuclear delivery. As part of the military pact Israel has vowed to provide some of them to the South African regime.

The South African Koeberg plant, situated 20 miles north of Capetown bought from France at the cost of 1 billion, is producing enriched weapons — Grade uranium. With Zionist technical assistance, it was revealed recently, South Africa is preparing to carry out nuclear tests. This information was confirmed by U.S. analysts who expect the testing of "a nuclear device within a year or sooner". (I.H.T. 11/8/77) the same U.S. source revealed that Israel has "more than a dozen" nuclear devices.

The nuclear cooperation between

en the world's largest producer of enriched weapons-grade uranium, South Africa, and Zionist state of Israel which has access to U.S. technological knowhow, is but a common strategy of the beleaguered racist and fascist regimes. Their joint development of nuclear weapons would be used to demonstrate that the racist regimes could stand alone in defiance of world opinion and international opposition, to blackmail Africa, the middle east and the international community in their Apartheid policies, in their colonial settlements and their expansion and aggression against Africa and Asia.

The common struggle of the Afro-Asian world and closer cooperation between the peoples of Africa and the middle East affirm the awareness of the common nature of the enemy to such an extent that if one replaces Pretoria by Tel Aviv, Africa by the Arab World, apartheid by Zionism. The peoples of both regions find themselves entrenched in the same barracks facing the same enemy, aware of the fact that victory is for militants who struggle against oppression and exploitation of any kind.



#### SOUTH AFRICAN RACIST PRACTICES EXPOSED

South African Bulldozers, on August 13/1977 demolished African neighbourhoods after ordering the estimated 26,000 African inhabitants to evacuate their shanty homes on the outskirts of Epapetown. This is expected to make way for European settlements, besides inducing an atmosphere of terror among the civilian population with the aim of dispersing and discouraging resistance.

It is needless to mention that this act is contrary to the fourth Geneva convention, article 49, which prohibits occupying powers to transfer populations forcefully regardless of

their motives, since South Africa like its Zionist ally does not heed international law under the umbrella of U.S. imperialism.

The apartheid regime's expropriation and destruction of more African villages and lands comes as no coincidence at a time when the ultra-Zionist government of Begin is going ahead with its settlement programs and other moves of total annexation in occupied Arab land. Colonial settler regimes need more land to fulfill the "Milk and Honey" they promised for European settlers and to check the growth of counter immigration.

#### ISRAEL SUSPECTED OF STEALING U.S. NUCLEAR MATERIALS

Washington (AP) — U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) investigators reportedly believe materials were diverted from an American plant and shipped to Israel during the 1960's.

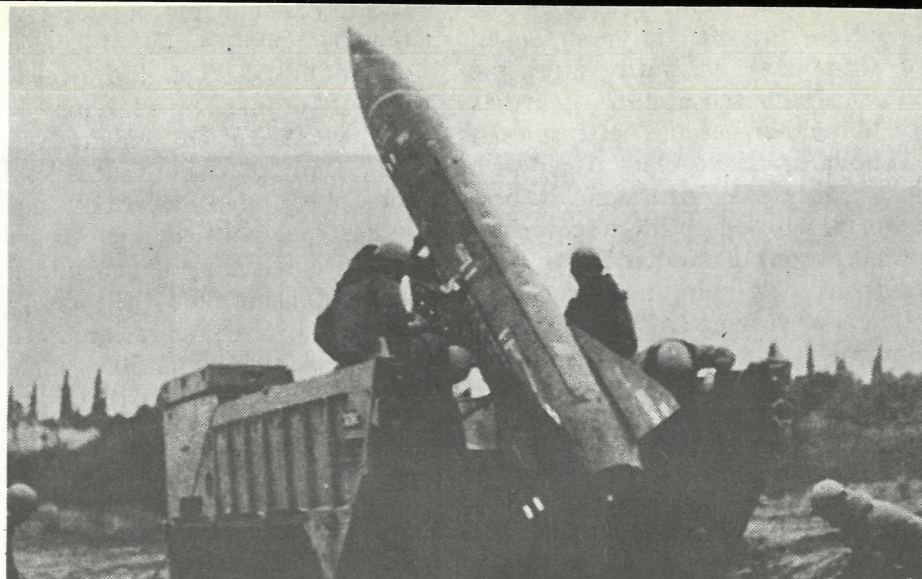
The Washington Star said Friday that a CIA spokesman told congressional investigators CIA investigators reached that conclusion in a CIA probe launched after agency operatives in Europe received information that Israel had obtained a sizable quantity of enriched uranium.

Michael Ward, a congressional staff investigator, had said last week that "an intelligence agency believes there was a diversion" of 61 kilograms of enriched uranium

in 1965 from a plant in Apollo, Pennsylvania. He did not identify the agency or where the material was diverted to.

Officials of the Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA) and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) have acknowledged that 8,000 pounds of weapons-grade nuclear material have been unaccounted for over the years but have said they think that none of the material was stolen. They said problems such as book-keeping errors may account for the inability to trace the materials.

The Star said the CIA investigation eventually came to focus on the Apollo plant, which produced enriched uranium fuel for U.S. submarines "and also had ties with a number of foreign governments, including a subsidiary owned in partnership with the Israeli government."



## "PALESTINE" ANALYSIS:



Cyprus struggling for independence

## U.S./N.A.T.O. CYPRUS POLICY AND ITS RELATION TO THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT

Just a week before his death, Makarios III, the late Archbishop of the Autocephalous Church of Cyprus and President of the Cypriot Republic, in an interview with the Athens daily "Ta Nea", bitterly blamed the U.S.A. and N.A.T.O. for the dismemberment and the continued painful truncation of his country. He said: "It is not only Greece, Britain and Turkey which have great responsibility but also the United States and the N.A.T.O. allies. They could, if nothing else, have stopped the second phase of the invasion (in August, 1974) which was the most catastrophic for Cyprus, and they did not. I can reveal that the green light for the invasion was given" (British "Guardian", 25 July, 1977).

The late President Makarios has all his life been fighting against the misuse and exploitation of Cyprus as a base and spring-board of imperialism and for the independence and integrity of the island. Anyhow, in recent months, following the election of President Carter, he had expressed some hopes for a new kind of U.S. efforts towards mediation and peace for the tormented island. But it has to be noted that when he

was addressing his people, one week before his death, he had to tell them plainly that all these alleged efforts had made no progress whatsoever. Indeed, the spectacular tour undertaken by President Carter's special envoy to the Aegean, Clark Clifford, and all the promising talk about an imminent "revision" of U.S. policy and of a U.S. peace initiative have so far resulted in nothing except increased military "aid" both for Turkey and Greece, while the stalemate in the conflict from which the Turkish, Greek and above all the Cypriot people are suffering so much, persists.

#### An "unsubmersible aircraft carrier" for imperialism

The history of the "Cyprus" conflict — which is quite similar to the history of Palestine and has many links to it — teaches an exemplary lesson in the tactics of old and new imperialism: in executing direct and indirect acts of aggression and occupation; in subverting governments, "destabilizing" and splitting countries; in instigating intercommunal strife and fascist hatred; in driving hundreds of thousands of

people into misery and death; in offering eventually "aid" and "good offices" for restoring "peace"; and all this for no other purpose but to gain and retain bases for the military domination and economic exploitation of the area.

Cyprus possesses a unique strategic central position in the Eastern Mediterranean. Consequently, in order to understand the ordeal of Cyprus as well as the at times ostensibly contradictory moves and so-called "peace"-initiatives going along with it, one must always keep in mind some basic aims of U.S. and N.A.T.O. strategy in the area:

— First, this strategy intends to pervert Cyprus into an "unsubmersible aircraft carrier" backing all military pressures and adventures of the U.S.A. in the area. This implies also large electronic and otherspy facilities (see "British Guardian" 7 January 1977). Britain maintains, apart from its vast airbases at Akrotiri and Dhekelia, highly secret radar installations on the summit of Olympus, which monitor movements throughout the Middle East and eastern Mediterranean. The information is fed directly into the N.A.T.O. intelligence network. A complementary electronic surveillance station is situated in the Dekhelia base area, also under nominal British control. Moreover, the U.S.A. in recent years has installed and is operating a new electronic surveillance and tele communications system of its own.

— Secondly, meddling in the problems of bi-communal Cyprus which focus the nationalist dissension between Greece and Turkey in the Aegean, is to provide Western imperialism with a convenient means to instigate nationalist tension, to influence external and internal political developments in both countries and to exert pressure in order to keep the respective governments depending on U.S. and N.A.T.O. "support" and "protection". In both countries, the U.S.A. and N.A.T.O., maintain extensive air and naval bases, spying facilities, and depots for launching nuclear bombs.

— In particular, Cyprus is to serve as a possible "hinterland-base" backing the Zionist fortress "Israel" and as a spring-board for the Middle East threatening the Arab states. The British Akrotiri base is increasingly used directly by the U.S.A. which also sends out spying flights from there with U-2 reconnaissance planes covering all activities in the entire Middle East.

Israel itself maintains a big representation in Cyprus which it is deploying for instance to direct the subversion of Lebanon and to support its fascist stooges there.



Makarios, return to Cyprus in 1974.

#### From British occupation to "independence"

Cypriots of Greek and Turkish origin have lived together in good neighbourliness and co-operation for centuries. In 1877, however, after Turkey's defeat in the Russian-Turkish war, imperialist Britain extracted — in exchange for British "protection" against Russia — the Sultan's agreement to the British occupation of Cyprus which had been under loose Turkish sovereignty since 1573. Now it was to serve as a further foothold for the British empire's domination and exploitation of the Middle and Far East. During World War I Britain flatly annexed the island as a "crown colony" and imposed large military bases on its territory. The British started to play off the Greek against the Turkish community, and to instigate and exploit intercommunal strife. During World War II, in the confrontation with the Axis powers, Britain offered lip-service and promises to the aspirations of the Greek side for the "enosis" of Cyprus with Greece. After the war, however, when a broad national resistance movement against the continued British occupation arose, the British colonial autho-

rities tilted towards the Turkish minority in order to weaken and split the independence movement. This, of course, increased tension and even hatred between both communities.

Following the persistent and increasingly militant Cypriot resistance as well as the general decline of specific British imperialism, the island was finally granted a formal independence in 1959/60. Archbishop Makarios, who had been exiled as the spiritual leader of the resistance, became the first president of Cyprus.

However, the British did not vanish into the air. The 1959 independence treaty introduced the N.A.T.O. powers Britain, Greece and Turkey as military "guarantors" of "independent" Cyprus. The British bases became de facto N.A.T.O. bases and U.S. influence increased. The constitution of the new state — with a Greek community of about 520,000 people and a Turkish one of about 120,000 — gave disproportionate rights to the Turkish side which made it in fact hardly workable. All this bore the seeds for new conflicts. It turned out that the N.A.T.O. powers, and especially the U.S.A., intended to prevent Cyprus from becoming really independent.

#### U.S. Cyprus policy: destabilization and partition

The early years of the Cyprus republic witnessed the failure in overcoming the inter-communal dissension and passions, the burden of the past. As a result, the Turkish minority was rather suppressed despite its extensive formal rights. At the same time, the U.S.A. increased pressure on the Cyprus government and extended its attempts to exert influence and pressure on both Greece and Turkey via Cyprus. In 1964, after heavy clashes between Greek and Turkish Cypriots and a first threat of military intervention on the part of the Turkish government, the U.S.A., in a special message to the Greek Papandreou government, offered "to apply utmost pressure and persuasion to get the Turks to give up any claim for sovereign territory on Cyprus" — in exchange for the concession on the part of Greece of large U.S. military facilities, especially bases for the U.S. sixth fleet. The Greek government's refusal to give away such bases was one of the reasons why the U.S.A. staged the fascist coup in Greece in 1967. Following the installation of the terror junta in Greece which soon conceded large military facilities and bases to the U.S.A. in addition to the existing N.A.T.O. bases, the C.I.A. intensified its covert support for those chauvinist Greek-Cypriot forces which called for a fascist-dominated and U.S.-sponsored "enosis" with Greece. This, of course, was not only of service for keeping the Makarios government under pressure, but also for exerting influence on the Turkish scene, where, conversely, chauvinist forces were nourished, also relying on U.S. and N.A.T.O. support.

The Makarios government which had earlier always favoured anti-imperialist "enosis" with Greece and

was now aware that pan-Greek nationalism for the time being served reactionary interests and forces, strove to maintain, with the help of non-aligned countries and the Socialist camp, an independent in-between position for Cyprus. Different attempts on the President's life failed, but the C.I.A. did not stop the conspiracy. Of course, such a triangular game in which U.S. and N.A.T.O. imperialism tries to exploit and play the chauvinist forces in Greece, Turkey and Cyprus against each other, bears many contradictions and dangers. Not only does it threaten to trigger off an inter-N.A.T.O. military confrontation; it also creates and meets increasing rage and resistance on the part of the Greek, Turkish and Cypriot peoples.

In July 1974, the situation exploded when a fascist coup was staged against the Makarios government, with the backing of the fascist Greek Junta and the blessing of the CIA. However, Makarios, the symbol of Cypriot independence, escaped assassination. But Turkey reacted by seizing the opportunity to invade the northern part of Cyprus. The main result of all the turmoil was, apart from the crumbling of the Greek junta, a bloodbath among the Greek and Turkish communities with thousands slaughtered or missing. More than 200,000 people — about one third of the entire population — were driven from their homes and made refugees.

This led to the de-facto partition of the island. After all this, the perverse "worth" of the N.A.T.O. countries' so-called "guarantees" for the integrity and independence of Cyprus became obvious. As soon as it had become clear that the concept of a fascist coup and "enosis" had failed, the U.S.A. and the other N.A.T.O. "guarantors" quickly shifted towards backing the Turkish occupation and the de-facto partition of the island. While outwardly sponsoring so-called peace negotiations, they even gave a secret "green light" for another expansion of the Turkish occupation in August 1974, now covering nearly 40 o/o of Cyprus and cementing the dismemberment of the island and the division of its tormented population.

#### The "new" imperialist tactic: "peace"-initiatives and "aid"

The explosion of 1974, however, caused risky repercussions for its instigators themselves. Not only did the cynical power-play threaten to escalate into an open military confrontation inside N.A.T.O. and thus to destabilize N.A.T.O.'s South Eastern flank. But also Greece, shocked by the exposure of C.I.A. manoeuvres and a wave of public indignation, withdrew, at least formally, from the N.A.T.O. executive bodies and reduced the use of U.S. naval bases and other facilities granted by the junta. When the U.S. Congress, in a move to appease the Greek side, temporarily cancelled U.S. arms supplies to Turkey, the Turkish government, in turn, suspended the work of over 25 extensive air and electronic spy bases there. Above all, the outrage of the masses in all the

countries concerned over the dirty over the dirty game played behind their backs and at their expense surged up and is still increasing, with mass demonstrations and protests against N.A.T.O. and the U.S. bases. In particular in Cyprus, the parliamentary elections in September 1976 saw a sweeping victory for the popular front coalition, unifying the Communist, Socialist and Democratic Parties in the struggle for the country's integrity and independence. This front not only supported the late president's foreign policy, but also backs the new president, Spyros Kyprianou, a former foreign minister who opposed the Greek junta.

Reacting to all these developments, the U.S.A. and N.A.T.O. have obviously begun to change the tactics of their policies, but seemingly not the aims.

For public consumption, the U.S.A. sticks to the U.N. Security Council's resolution which, after the 1974 events, called for the re-establishment of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of Cyprus, the withdrawal of all foreign troops from the island and an inter-communal dialogue and detente. The U.S.A. even pretended to exert pressure on the parties concerned and not to give military supplies and "aid" especially to Turkey unless a peaceful solution for Cyprus could be achieved. In reality, however, it did everything to buy time, to "stabilize" the status quo and again to increase its economic and military influence.

First, the U.S.A. allocated "generous" economic and humanitarian "aid" to the Cypriot government and the refugees — the very victims of the U.S./N.A.T.O. subversion policy. Besides, other N.A.T.O. states, in particular West Germany, were deployed to replace the U.S. arms and military "aid" supplies. Likewise, the E.E.C. tried to intensify its economic influence and grip over the respective countries. Finally, the U.S.A. worked, in the course of so-called "peace"-talks and "mediation" missions and in exchange for extensive "aid" offers, to get its military bases re-opened, step by step, and instead of bringing peace and solution for the people, to uphold the partition and tension in Cyprus. In 1976, the outgoing Ford-Kissinger administration drafted two subsequent "defense" treaties with both Turkey and Greece providing for \$ 1,000 million and \$ 700 million respectively in military "aid" for them in exchange for an unrestricted resumption of U.S. military activities in both countries.

In Cyprus itself, the U.S.A. pressed the Makarios

government to yield to the opening of an U.S. "listening" station and also to the above-mentioned use of the Akrotiri air-base by the U.S. Air Force, in particular for spy operations in the Middle East. (see also "Financial Times", 1 March, 1975). The U.S.A. intends also to take over completely all the hitherto nominally British base facilities eventually.

#### Carter's "peace initiative" — a humbug

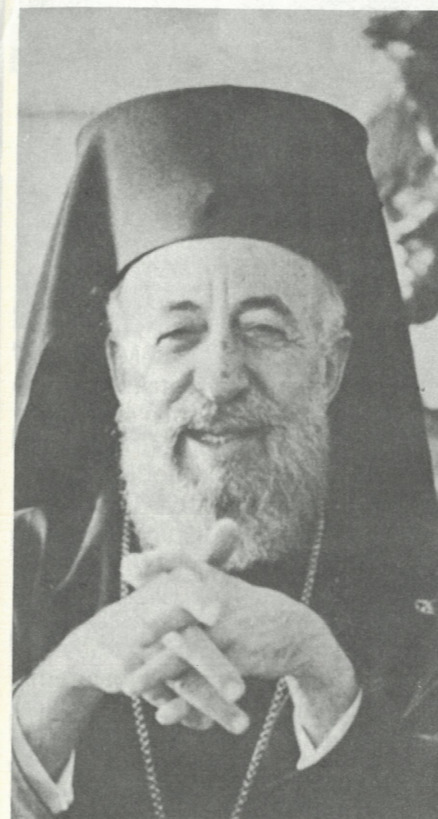
It is quite remarkable that the take-over of the Carter administration in the U.S.A. raised another wave of "peace" talk and promises which stirred up considerable hopes in Greece and Turkey and even among the Cypriot population. However, imperialism apparently can not be healed by faith, and a spectacular Cyprus mission undertaken in February 1977 by Clark Clifford, as a special envoy of President Carter, yielded nothing except vain words for the people hoping for a solution to their problems. Instead, President Carter, having earlier said he would not approve of the implementation of the defense treaties with Turkey and Greece unless "progress" in Cyprus had been achieved, now quietly put these agreements into "interim" effect.

#### A "chessboard" for imperialist cynism

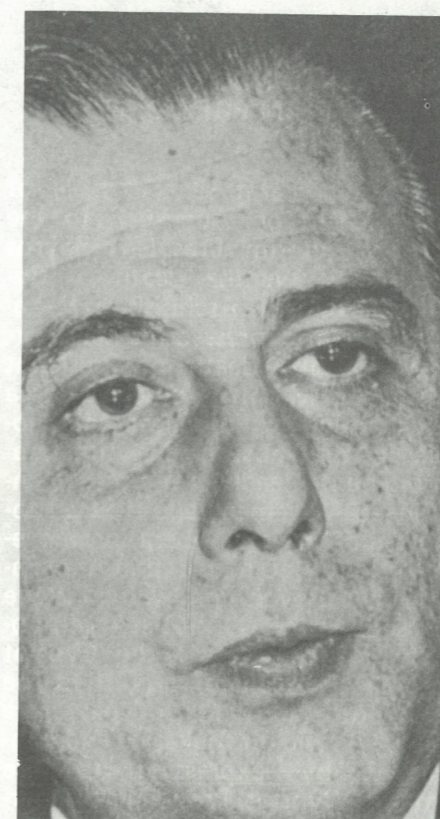
The leading imperialist West German newspaper "Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung" in a commentary on 4 August 1977, drew the inferences from what it itself labelled the "more or less cynical policy" of the U.S.A. and its N.A.T.O. allies with respect to the partition of Cyprus: "Two options are better than one which could prove none... The Cypriots strive, officially and with Moscow's approval, for the demilitarization and neutralization of the island. And, having a U.S. radar station and bases under British sovereignty on their territory, the more they threaten "demilitarization", the more the West will handle the whole island as a chessboard and therefore consider the present state of affairs as not just the worst one. The West, if interested in keeping the present state of affairs, will have to support not only Turkey but also discreetly Makarios' successors so as to immunize them against radicalization — despite the territorial truncation..."

#### Mounting contradictions and resistance.

It is unlikely that this dirty game can be continued for long. It is betting on the maintainance of too many dangerous political and military contradictions. Likewise, the capitalist "integration" schemes for Turkey, Greece and Cyprus at the hands of the EEC are meeting and creating increasing difficulties on all sides. In all the respective countries those forces which seriously call for a final end to the military, political and economic manipulation and the resulting human victimization continue to rise at all levels. Those forces strive for true national independence without falling into the trap of chauvinist hatred and thus also serving the imperialist plotters and merchants.



President Makarios:



New President Kyprianou



Turkish-Cypriot leader Denktash

Were it not for the interference of the U.S. and N.A.T.O. "peacemakers" which have apparently nothing in mind but how to keep their militarist bases and exploitative supremacy over the whole area, peace could have come a long time ago to Cyprus, as well as to Turkey and Greece. Once these forces that live on tension and partition have been eliminated, a solution for the "Cyprus"-conflict can surely be found, maybe with the help of true international guarantees, providing for the unrestricted territorial integrity, sovereignty and unity of the island connected with an internal federative system safeguarding the rights and security especially of the Turkish community and its area.

#### Cyprus and Palestine: one destiny, one struggle

It needs no deep examination of the history of Cyprus, the imperialist strategy of fomenting inter-communal strife and partition and seeking for militarist occupation and strongholds, to find out the obvious parallels to the fate of Palestine and the ordeal of the Palestinian people of both Arab and Jewish origin, and the situation of the Middle East in general.

In fact, the destiny of Cyprus will not be separated from that of the whole area, because the very forces which worked and are working for the partition of Palestine and the establishment of an imperialist fortress through Zionism, have brought about the dismemberment of Cyprus, which they want, to serve at the same time as a "hinterland-base" for "Israel" and the control of the Middle East.

The struggle of the whole Cypriot people and the Palestinian people is the same one. Indeed, the people of Cyprus as well as late President Makarios have been always among the deepest and sincerest friends of our people and resistance. This will continue. Likewise, the experience of Cyprus confirms the Palestinian struggle against Zionism and imperialism, for the liberation of the whole of Palestine from all kinds of imperialist bases and from sectarian and chauvinist mania, for the peaceful and cooperative coexistence of different national communities there.

In particular, the character and results of the latest U.S. "peace" efforts for Cyprus will teach the Palestinian and Arab people an instructive lesson on the trustworthiness of and the results to be expected from parallel moves in the whole Middle East.

In any case, peace and a solution to the grave problems will not come to the area and their peoples from those forces which themselves have created the problems, and which have been always exploiting these peoples and their unspeakable sufferings as mere chess-pieces in their dirty games, and which still strive — in whatever disguise — for the maintainance and expansion of their strongholds. Peace will only come from the common and united struggle of all the peoples and all the communities in the area against this domination and for true national independence, free of any chauvinism, for the mutual recognition, coexistence and cooperation of these peoples and communities, which have all been exploited and have suffered so much at the hands of Western imperialism.

## ARAFAT CONDOLES CYPRIOT INTERIM PRESIDENT

Yasser Arafat sent a cable of condolences on August 3 to the Cypriot interim President Spyros Kyprianou on the death of Cypriot President Archbishop Makarios. Arafat expressed his deep sorrow for the death of President Makarios, whom he described as a loyal friend to the Palestinian people in the most critical times; a prominent leader of the Non-Aligned Movement and a firm supporter of national liberation movements. Arafat added that the Palestinian Revolution will continue its support of Cypriot struggle, totally convinced that the Cypriot people will remain faithful to the goals of unity and independence set by President Makarios. He concluded by expressing to the interim Cypriot President his personal condolences, and the condolences of the PLO and of the Palestinian people on this tragic occasion.

Arafat also sent a cable of condolences to the family of the late President in which he praised the indefatigable struggle of President Makarios for the independence and unity of Cyprus, and his stands of support for the Palestinian people and their just cause.



## SOLIDARITY NEWS

### MASSIVE DEMONSTRATION OPPOSES MENAHEM BEGIN'S TERRORIST POLICIES

A massive demonstration of more than seven hundred people greeted Menahem Begin, the Israeli Prime-Minister, on his arrival at the White House on July 9, 1977. American joined Arab and Third World students in an expression of solidarity and determination to oppose Begin's terrorist and racist policies in occupied Palestine. The marchers carried banners that condemned Begin as a "Terrorist Murderer", and demanded an "End to American Military Support for Israel". The demonstration included representatives from Black American as well as African student organizations, and they stressed the racist relationship between Israel and South Africa and called for an end to the two racist oppressive

regimes. Spokesmen for the demonstration mentioned that a large number of American and Third World organizations participated in the demonstration which was sponsored by the Organization of Arab Students.

The Committee for Human Rights for Palestinians also held a Press conference on July 8, in Washington, D.C. and called on President Carter to raise the issue of Israel's violation of human rights with Begin. Dr. Nasir Aruri documented Israel's illegal detention of his cousin, Mr. Taysir Aruri, in Israeli jails without trial for nearly two years. He made a special appeal to President Carter for the release of Taysir from Israeli jails.

A spokesman for the Palestine Liberation Organization held a Press Conference in Washington,

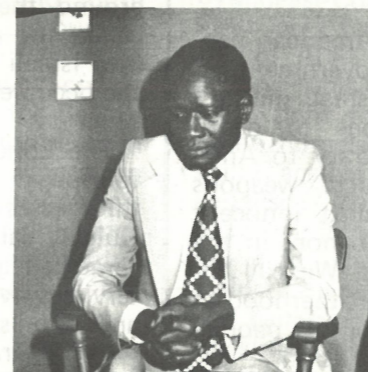
D.C. On July 9, 1977 and made the following appeal to the American people:

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE STATEMENT BY THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION WASHINGTON, D.C. TUESDAY, JULY, 19, 1977

We are appealing to the American people and all their progressive and humanitarian organizations to support the Palestinian Arab people who have suffered enough from Zionist-Israeli aggression.

One and a half million Palestinians have lived for ten agonizing years under an oppressive Israeli military rule in the West Bank and Gaza, denied their most basic human rights and subjected to torture, imprisonment and expulsion without trial. No people have

### CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE OF TWENTY ARRIVES IN BEIRUT



Mr. Amado Val, Chairman of U.N. Committee of Twenty

At the invitation of Abu Lutf, head of PLO Political Department, Mr. Amado Val, chairman of the U.N. Committee of Twenty for the realization of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, arrived in Beirut on August 16.

Mr. Val who is also the Ambassador of Senegal to the U.N., met with Abu Lutf on August 17, 1977, and discussed with him several issues related to the work of the Committee.

Chairman Yasser Arafat, head of PLO Executive Committee received, Mr. Val on August 19 evening whereby they exchanged views on

the current political situation, the latest development of the Middle East crisis and the Palestine Question.

On August 20, Chairman Val held a press conference in Beirut in which he criticized the American stand towards the Palestinian revolution and its persistent hostile practices concerning the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

Commenting on the amendment of the U.N. resolution No. 242 he said "it is not possible to amend that resolution, it requires the U.N. Security Council to issue a new one recognizing the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, but if all U.N. resolutions were literally applied by Israel there would have been no necessity to issue a new one." He reiterated that Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 do not constitute a sufficient base to deal with the Palestinian question, because both resolutions do not take in consideration the right to self-determination of the Palestinian people. Meanwhile the PLO considers the General Assembly's resolution 3236 of November 1974 as the only base for any future settlement negotiations too solve the Middle East conflict and its core, the Palestinian Question.



demonstration in U.S.A. in support of Palestinians

even endured that long under such oppressive conditions.

We demand the immediate ending of Israeli military occupation of Arab lands, and appeal to the American people to help the Palestinian people in their struggle for full freedom.

For thirty years, three million Palestinian Arabs have been denied the right to freedom and national self-determination in their own land. The Palestinians have been denied their national, civil and human rights for too long. It is time for all Americans to stand up for freedom and help the Palestinian

people return to their homeland and live there in peace in a secular democratic society where Jews, Christians and Muslims would have equal rights.

We appeal to the American people to urge their government to stop supplying the Israeli military with massive weapons of death and destruction, contrary to American legislation; such weapons have been used against innocent civilians in South Lebanon, in the West Bank and Gaza. We call for peace, equality and brotherhood in liberated Palestine for all people, Jews, Christians and Muslims.

### U.S. LAWYERS CONFIRM ISRAELI TORTURE OF PALESTINIANS

August 2 1977

United Nations (AP) — Israeli military interrogators frequently use torture to get confessions from Palestinian Arab prisoners in the West Bank of the Jordan River and the Gaza Strip, a group of U.S. lawyers back from a fact-finding tour of the Israeli-occupied territories charged Monday.

Prof. John Quigley, who led the

10-member delegation of the National Lawyers Guild, told a news conference that the Israeli violations of human rights in the area also include deportation of Palestinian community leaders, demolition of Palestinians' houses and deterioration of health care.

The Israeli government has denied any allegations that they em-

ploy torture tactics, but in recent weeks its practices in the occupied territories have come under sharp international scrutiny.

"In short, we came away convinced that the Israeli government implements a policy of torture for the annexation of the occupied areas," said Quigley, who teaches international law at Ohio State University in Columbus.

The Guild, founded in 1937 as an alternative to the American Bar Association, has been active in civil rights and anti-war movements. It has about 5,000 members in the United States.

Quigley said the mission based its findings on interviews with torture victims, Palestinians and Israelis during their three-week trip to Jordan, Lebanon and Israel.

Amnesty International, the London-based organization working for the release of political prisoners around the world, has repeatedly called for an independent inquiry into Israeli handling of prisoners in the occupied territories.

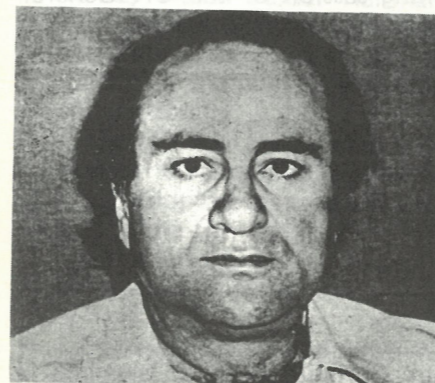
The London Times also carried a four-page report in June citing three cases of torture against Arabs. Quigley said the mission found the Times allegations credible after interviews with five torture victims and two Israeli lawyers who represent the Arabs.

He asserted that the Israeli system of military justice provides virtually no safeguards that might ensure against torture in security cases. He contended that no lawyer may be present until questioning has ended, that little evidence beyond a confession is required for conviction and that confessions are originally drafted in Hebrew which most detainees do not understand.

Quigley said the group made repeated efforts to gain entry into Israeli military prisons and speak with prison officials, but their re-

quests were rejected without explanation. He claimed that some mission members were harassed by Israeli authorities. Once, at the Allenby Bridge east of Jerusalem, four lawyers were strip-searched "for no apparent reason," he said.

### SENATOR ABOUREZK HAS CONFRONTATION WITH ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER WASHINGTON, D.C.



American Senator Abourezk confronting Begin

During Israeli Prime Minister Begin's visit to the United States on July 20, 1977, a brief confrontation occurred between Begin and South Dakota Senator James Abourezk.

Following a series of questions by various Senators' asking for Begin's assessment of prospects for peace in the Middle East, the confrontation occurred with relation to Begin's statement that Israel would not accept an official of the Palestine Liberation organization at a Geneva peace conference.

"Since the PLO represents Palestinian Arabs," Abourezk added, "is not Israel setting up a deadlock in advance by offering the Arab countries something Israel knows they cannot accept?"

Begin began his response by asking, "Who does the PLO represent?" Abourezk interrupted by saying, "They represent the Palestinian Arabs and are at least as legitimate as the Irgun or Haganah was."

Begin launched into a long explanation of the difference between the Irgun and the PLO by saying it

was a "sacrilege" to compare the two organizations stating that the Palestinian killed civilians and children and rejoiced while the Irgun always apologized when civilians or children were killed!

Further exchanges came to an end and when Begin brought the meeting to a close after his response.

Abourezk said later if Israel attempts to dictate who shall represent the Palestinians rather than the Palestinians themselves, the chances of negotiation are extremely slim.

### MIDEAST COMMITTEE IN VIENNA SUPPORT ARAB MILITANTS IN ISRAELI PRISONS

The following resolution was adopted by the participant of a performance organized by Mideast-committee

To the Executive - Committee of PLO

The participant of performance by Mideast-Committee/Vienna at June 28th 1977 for supporting the struggle of Arab nationals in Zionist prisons send hearty greets to you. Your fight for liberation of Palestinian homeland had stood successfully against conspiracy of imperialism. Your people and Your organisation today is standing united and shoulder by shoulder against enemies. We are sure you will gain your noble aim and free Palestine will be built up. We want to affirm our internationalist solidarity.

Long live the Palestinian struggle  
Long live the Palestine Liberation Organisation!

### AMERICAN RAMALLAH FEDERATION SUPPORTS PLO

In an expression of full support for the Palestinian cause, more than four hundred members of the Ramallah Federation marched in front of the White House on July 10,

1977 demanding human rights for the people of Palestine. The marchers carried posters that read "Palestinians Have Human Rights Too", and called on President Carter to end American military aid to Israel and to support the Palestinian people in their just struggle.

At the American Ramallah Convention, held on July 7-10, 1977 in Washington, D.C. a number of prominent leaders spoke in support of the Palestinian people. Senator George McGovern called on the American government to recognize the national rights of the Palestinian people and criticized the Begin government for violating human and civil rights in the occupied territories. He warned that Begin's policies will lead to another war, and called on the American government to reconsider its military aid to Israel if the Israeli government continues to hinder peace in the Middle East. Senator McGovern stressed that the Palestinian people have suffered a great injustice, and are therefore entitled to freedom, self-determination and a State of their own. The representative of the Palestine Liberation Organisation also addressed the convention, expressed appreciation for the convention's support and pledged that the PLO will continue the struggle and the sacrifices until it achieves victory.

The Ramallah Convention adopted a number of resolutions calling on the American government to recognize the PLO, to support the right of the Palestinian to self-determination and independence, and to end American military aid to Israel due to its violations of human rights in the occupied territories.

### PORTUGAL READY TO OPEN PLO OFFICE IN LISBON

Algiers August, 1977

Portugal has declared its readiness to open a PLO office in Lisbon. This was announced by the new Portuguese Ambassador to Algeria in a statement he made during the presentation of his papers of accreditation to Algeria President Houari Boumedienne.

# UN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE CALLS FOR SUPPORT OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

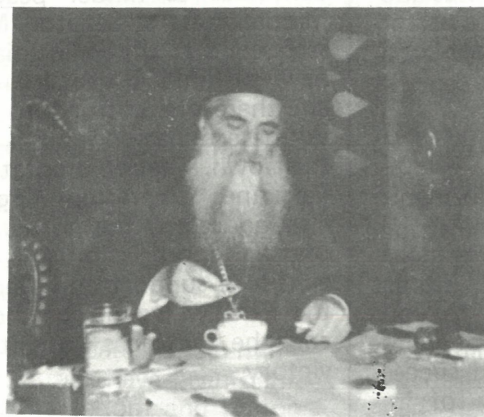
The UN Economic and Social Council, which ended its 63rd session in Geneva August 4, called upon various UN Committees and on international organizations to carry out aid projects to the Palestinian people under occupation, in coordination with the PLO. The Council also called on these organizations to support the UN Economic Committee for West Asia in its plans to improve the deteriorating economic situation in the occupied lands, as a result of Israeli occupa-

tion. This resolution was opposed by the USA and several West European countries. It is to be recalled that the UN Economic and Social Council had earlier accepted the PLO as a full member.

## OAU TO CONDEMN ISRAELI DECISIONS

Following a meeting on August 23 in Cairo between the Egyptian Foreign Ismail Fahmi and African Ambassadors to Egypt, the Ugandan Ambassador, who is the official spokesman on behalf of the African Ambassador affirmed that the Orga-

nization of African Unity will in the near future issue an official condemnation of the recent Israeli decision to Legalize more settlements in the occupied West Bank. The Ugandan Ambassador who made this press statement following the meeting, added that the OAU will discuss this subject at a special ministerial conference or at the coming session of the UN General Assembly in New York.



Patriarch Elias IV

## PATRIARCH ELIAS IV CALLS FOR JUSTICE FOR PALESTINIANS

During his first historic visit to the United States, his Beatitude Elias IV Patriarch of Antioch spoke clearly and strongly in defense of the Palestinian people. At the annual convention of the Antiochian Orthodox Church in Washington, D.C. on July 30, 1977 Patriarch Elias IV stressed that the only solution to the Middle East conflict is the establishment of a society where Jews, Christians and Muslims would coexist with equal rights in Palestine. He criticised Zionism and stressed that as a colonialist movement it brought war and hate to Palestine, and later on Zionism brought violence to Lebanon. He said that the Palestinian and Lebanese people are one, united in brotherhood and Arabism, but Israel carried violence and war on to Lebanon in an attempt to divide

the Arabs and create new tensions. Patriarch Elias IV stressed that Christianity and Islam have coexisted throughout the ages, and both called for peace and brotherhood. He called on Arab-Americans and Americans in general to work for real peace in the Middle East, to oppose the racist oppressive policies of Zionism, and to support the Palestinian people who have been denied their human, civil and political rights. He called for the liberation of Jerusalem and opening it to all peoples and religions, since it is holy to Muslims and Christians also. Patriarch Elias IV met with President Carter as well as Congressional leaders and explained to them that Israel's occupation of Arab lands is illegal, and stressed that Zionists have no rights in Palestine from the Biblical point of view. He called for support for the Palestinian people and asked for an American policy based on justice and human rights. The Antiochian Orthodox convention adopted a number of important resolutions calling for peace in the Middle East on the basis of justice for the Palestinians, their right to return to their homeland and to live with full and equal rights. It appealed for an end to American massive military and financial aid to Israel at a time when it still occupies Arab lands, asked for the protection of the human and civil rights of Palestinians under Israeli occupation, and appealed for an American policy that would show concern for the rights of the Palestinian Arabs. The convention was attended by more than two thousand members who paid tribute to Patriarch Elias IV on his first visit to the new world.

## US NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD RESOLUTIONS

### SUPPORT PALESTINIAN RIGHTS

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON:  
26 August

During the National convention of the US National Lawyers Guild in Seattle, Washington from August 18-22, Hasan Abdel Rahman, the PLO representative, attended the convention as a guest and gave a speech at the plenary session of the convention.

The Guild, a national organization of lawyers, 60% of whom are Jews, adopted a resolution for the first time in the history of the Guild supporting the national rights of the Palestinian people.

Following are the operative paragraphs:

"Herefore be it resolved that the national Lawyers Guild:-

1. Calls for the cessation of all Israeli settlement in the occupied territories and effect a complete withdrawal from all territories occupied in 1967.
2. Recognizes the right of self-determination and national independence for the Palestinian people.
3. Recognizes the Palestine Liberation Organization as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and its right to participate on an equal footing as a principal party in any discussion of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.
4. Recognizes the right of return or compensation for all Palestinians displaced or dispossessed in the creation of Israel in 1948 pursuant to UN resolution 194.
5. Calls for the elimination in all the states in the Middle East of laws, institutions, regulations and practices which have the purpose or effect of discrimination on the basis of religion, national or ethnic origin, sex or race.





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