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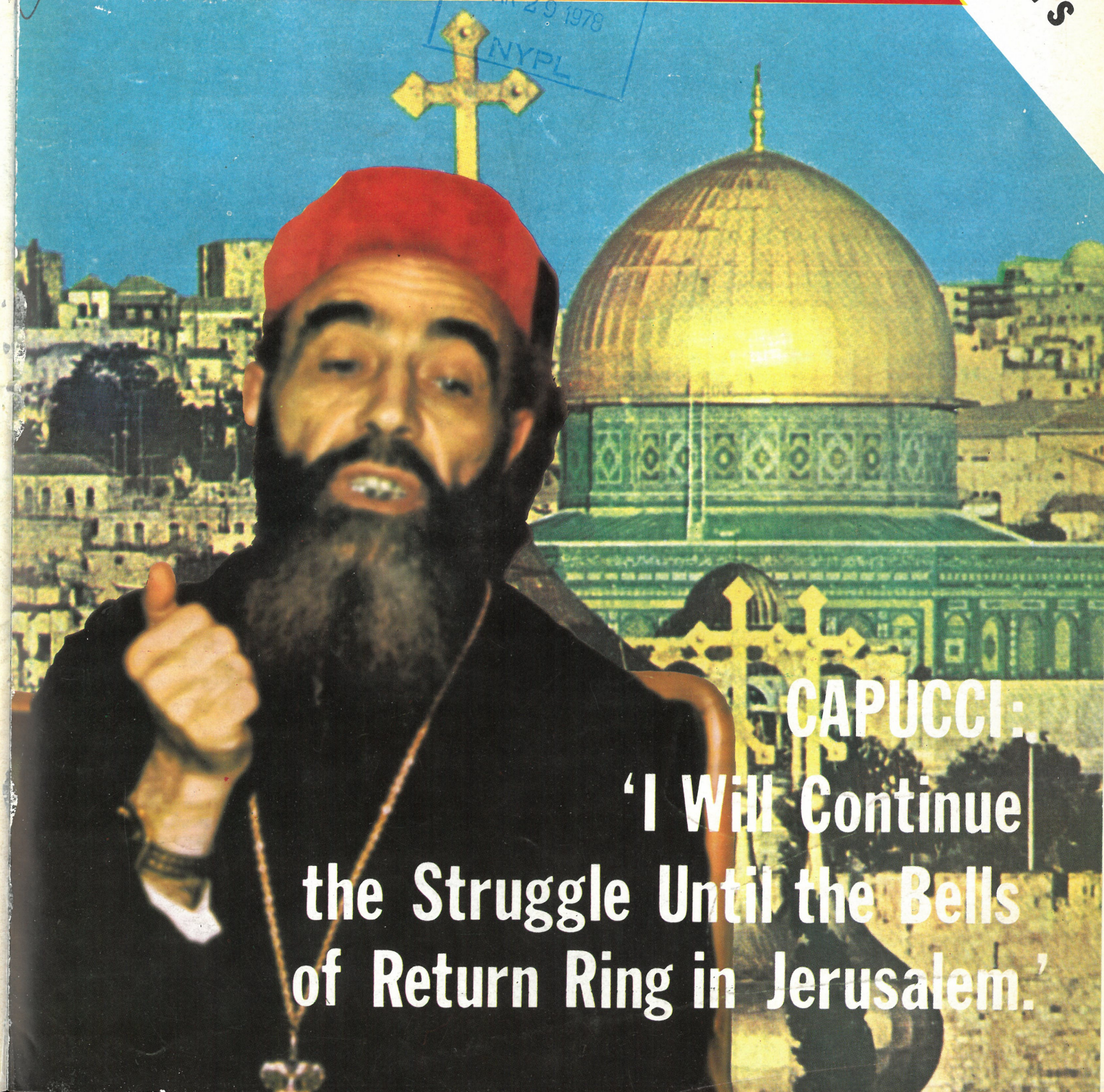


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SADAT'S VISIT

Sadat's trip to Israel was a shock to the entire world. Not a reasonable man took the announcement of the visit so serious and most political observers thought it was but a political manoeuvre in order to expose Israeli intransigence more and more. Nobody believed that Sadat would give the Israelis such a great concession without receiving anything in return. But speculations contradicted and the supposed trial balloon became little by little a reality.

Sadat went to Damascus to convince President Assad of his intentions, but he failed. He even failed to convince his Foreign Minister, Ismael Fahmy, and the designated new Foreign Minister, Mohammed Riad, both who resigned in protest against the trip. On the eve of Sadat's visit to Damascus, Chairman Arafat sent a letter to Sadat asking him to give up the idea because it will harm the Arab and Palestinian cause. But Sadat's insistence to continue his trip left the door open to speculation, and some optimists were led to believe that he might get something from the Israelis.

The PLO condemned the visit as a useless step which will give the Israelis prestige and recognition. Palestinians, Arabs, and even neutral observers believe that such recognition should not be given before a clear Israeli willingness to withdraw from the Occupied Arab territories and their recognition of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and the right to establish their own independent state. Sadat's logic, simplifies the 60 year old Middle East conflict as a psychological problem between Israel and the Arabs. Sadat forgets the tragedy of the Palestinian people which began 30 years ago with the creation of the state of Israel in Palestine. He also fails to remember that Palestine belongs to Palestinians who lived peacefully in their homes for centuries and who were expelled and oppressed by the Zionist colonizers.

In his speech before the Knesset, Sadat gave the Israelis additional concessions. Besides reco-

gnition he gave them secure borders, international guarantees and he also avoided to mention the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. Begin's speech, was a slap in the face of Sadat and a jolt to the whole world. Begin gave nothing in return, he avoided even to mention the Palestinians and did not speak about withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories. His speech was emotional, unobjective, and repetitious of old Israeli arguments from the Bible.

In East Jerusalem, in spite of strict security measures, a demonstration consisting of approximately seven thousand people gathered in the old city and shouted — "Sadat traitor! — Sadat agent"! The Imam's speech on the feast day, ridiculed Sadat's coming to Jerusalem before it is liberated. Except for a handful of collaborators who accepted to meet Sadat, the majority of the West Bank mayors and leaders were against the visit and boycotted the Egyptian President during his trip.

The whole world was awaiting Sadat's speech in front of the Egyptian People's Assembly to see what he had brought with him. Sadat's speech was senseless. It was but a justification of his visit and mentioned nothing of Israeli concessions. So everyone was convinced that the trip was a real failure to Sadat and to his move. In fact, the entire speech was held to give additional concessions to the Israelis. He invited them to come to Cairo to continue talks in preparation for Geneva, under an international, Arab and Palestinian umbrella.

The Palestinian people will not condone those steps taken by Sadat, and will never give up their rights in their homeland, Palestine. The PLO, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, will never stop its resistance to the Zionist occupation of Palestine. As long as injustice, oppression, expulsion, torture and bloodshed prevail in the Middle East, there will be no peace in the region; there shall be no peace at the expense of the Palestinian people.



FROM DEIR YASSIN TO IZZIYEH BEGIN STILL THE No.1 TERRORIST

Three days after the barbaric Israeli attack on Izziyeh, survivors continue to search for the remains of their families.

On November 8th and 9th, 1977, Zionist forces stepped up their aggression on South Lebanon using war planes, gunboats and heavy artillery. Scores of village homes were razed to the ground, innocent villagers killed and crops and orchards destroyed. "Palestine Bulletin" paid a visit to the area to examine the extent of the crimes committed against innocent civilians.

While travelling south-east of the ancient Lebanese port of Tyre, the driver pointed to an open area rising up into the mountains and said: "There! There was the village of Izziyeh". There was nothing to be seen but dust. We got out of the car and walked closer to the site to see that the village had been completely obliterated. There were pieces of furniture scattered about, with huge bomb craters that reminded us of inverted volcano cones, and shrapnel glittering among the rubble. In the distance we saw an old man, aged 65, darkened from excessive exposure to the sun. We approached him to ask what had happened and what he was doing.

"Welcome my sons", he said, drying the sweat running down his face with his Arab turban; "Welcome". He leaned on the handle

of his spade and continued: "Well, this is the location of my house, but I can't offer you anything". Tears covered his eyes, he gazed at us for a while and then said: "On November 9, in the morning, I left my home to get firewood, when suddenly squadrons of Zionist planes flew over my head and started bombing our village. They kept coming and going continuously for about half an hour pounding at our village. The village was covered with smoke when the planes left, so I knew I was not dreaming. The cloud that covered Izziyeh cleared and it was as if the buildings had evaporated with it. The village, my family, my wife, my children all gone!" Tears interrupted him, he sobbed and then continued: "Yesterday I managed to dig my wife out, and today I am digging, looking for my children's bodies". He paused, and gazed at us as if we knew where his children were buried.

We asked him to tell us how many people were killed. He smiled a cynical smile and said: "I am one of the few survivors; up to now we have dug out 48 bodies. I hear there are some wounded in hospitals". We asked him if there had been any arms or fighters in the village; he broke in and shou-

ted: "There was nothing in the village. We are all Lebanese farmers. Most of us like myself fled the border area and settled here thinking we'd be safe from Zionist aggression. Well, we were mistaken!"

This was only one of the terrorist acts committed by Zionist warmongers. The same day, the Palestinian refugee camps of Burj al-Shamali and Rashidiyeh were hit by 1000lb. bombs. Eighteen air raids were carried out in the space of thirty-five minutes, all aimed at civilian targets in the populated areas. Over 110 civilians, mainly old people, women and children were massacred and over 200 were seriously wounded. The Israeli aggression against South Lebanese villages included Chihine, Tair Harfa, Majdel Zoun, Jibrin and Um al-Qout, as well as Izziyeh.

Israeli acts of terrorism and fascism are understandable since terror is the major ingredient of the concept of Zionism, which advocates genocide against a people to clear the way for colonial settlement. Nor do we question the terrorist qualities of the Zionist Premier, Irgun founder, Menahem Begin, which have brought him world wide recognition. But we do want to point out the fact



Izziyeh: Innocent Victim of Zionist terrorism.

that Zionist acts of terrorism have reached a high level of sophistication and efficiency in utilising modern U.S. supplied arms.

At Deir Yassin on April 10, 1948, the Irgun Zvai Leumi terrorist group, led by Polish settler Menahem Begin, massacred 350 villagers in cold blood. The terrorists went from house to house slaughtering innocent Arabs, a majority of whom were women and children, using sticks, knives and rifles. The justification at the time was "to establish an airfield" on the location, and "as a showpiece to demoralise Arabs". As a result 700,000 Arabs are reported to have been forced to take refuge.

With the Likud coming to office on May 17, 1977, its leader Menahem Begin achieved a position of more influence than being merely a commander of the Irgun terrorist group. His election gave him a lifetime opportunity to utilize the modern American arsenal hoarded for disposal by the Zionist state. The intensification of Zionist acts of terrorism in South Lebanon, after Begin's ascent to power, is a direct verification that Begin is still the most qualified terrorist in the Zionist ranks. Begin was quoted in the

Jewish Newsletter, October 3, 1960 as saying: "The massacre was not only justified, but there would not have been a state of Israel without the victory at Deir Yassin". In 1977, in South Lebanon, Begin maintained the terrorist traditions of the Zionist state.

The Zionists claim that the bombardments of November 8, 9 and 10, were in retaliation to a rocket attack during the previous 48 hours against the Israeli settlement of Naharia. What the Zionists did not point out is that despite their publicized withdrawal of soldiers and tanks when the cease-fire went into effect on September 26, Reuter reported, quoting U.N. Truce Observers, (11/11/77): "Israeli troops are still entrenched in six fortified positions in South Lebanon". Not only that but Israeli gunboats had sunk a Lebanese fishing boat off the Lebanese port of Tyre, a day before the alleged attack on Naharia. The fact stands clearly that the Zionists have been stepping up their aggression, and Lebanese and Palestinian forces had no alternative but to defend themselves.

The Zionists maintain that they "struck at sources of fire". Again, what they do not say is that the

civilian villages hit, including Izziyeh, are 25 kilometres from the border, while the Katusha which was allegedly used to shell Naharia, has a maximum range of 8 kilometres.

The U.S.A., for its part, revealed again that its idea of human rights applies only to its allies. A statement by the U.S. State Department spokesman Hodding Carter, condemned the Palestinian shelling of Israeli positions and troop concentrations at Naharia, carried out in retaliation for Israeli attacks on civilian targets, and failed even to comment on the Israeli aggression. This hypocrisy reveals for the hundredth time the U.S. position of support for Israel in its manifold acts of terror against the Palestinian and South Lebanese people. Once again the Zionist calculation that the death of one or two of its citizens requires, justifies, indeed demands, the death of scores of Arabs, has been blessed by the U.S. government. The indissoluble bonds between U.S. imperialism and Israel are demonstrated to the world.

There could have been no other reasoning in Zionist minds in committing the latest terrorist acts in South Lebanon, but to follow the Zionist concept of sowing discontent and accelerating the process of clearing the area of its inhabitants in order to pave the way for fulfilling colonialist objectives. In Deir Yassin, as in Izziyeh, the justification was to terrorize Arab villagers to the extent that they would leave their homes enabling further Zionist settlement.

The patriotic people of Lebanon and the Palestinian resistance, well aware of the Israeli intent, are confronting it by all means possible. As the Lebanese Prime Minister Salim Al-Hoss pointed out: "The barbaric crimes of the Israelis were in flagrant violation of human and moral principles. Nothing can justify the killing of innocent citizens. And the Palestinian Revolution has made it clear once again that it is ready to implement all accords with the Lebanese authorities, but will strike back with an iron fist at any threats to its rights of self-defence."

**FATEH COMMUNIQUE
FATEH REJECTS SADAT
VISIT TO KNESSET
SADAT VISIT PUTS
REVOLUTION IN CRITICAL
POSITION BEFORE
ZIONIST ENEMY**

Beirut, 17/11, Wafa.—

The Fateh Central Committee held a number of meetings over the past three days, during which it reviewed the latest developments, particularly press reports regarding the possibility of a visit by President Sadat to the Israeli Knesset.

The Palestine National Liberation Movement, Fateh, conscious of its responsibilities, stresses the following points:-

1) From its militant position in the Palestinian and Arab arenas, Fateh rejects this visit, which represents a dangerous turning point and a gain for the plots of international Zionism and its imperialist allies, with the U.S.A. at their head.

2) Fateh sees that this visit which may be made by Sadat, puts the Palestinian people and their armed revolution, as represented by the P.L.O., in a critical position at all levels before the Zionist enemy, whose arrogance increases with time, and who constantly states that there are no Palestinian rights, and there will be no Palestinian state and no withdrawal from the occupied territories, but instead prepares for a new war of annihilation against our Arab people and nation.

3) Fateh reaffirms its firm commitment to the principles of the past sessions of the Palestinian National Congress, and to its resolutions and programs, which cannot be deviated from or relinquished under any circumstances or at any stage. Rather, we are faithful to them, protect them and prevent their dissipation in the most critical situations and at the most critical times.

4) While believing in the historical role of the great people and army of Egypt, their huge sacrifices for the Palestinian cause and people, and for the causes of the Arab nation, Fateh calls on President Sadat to reverse this step which harms the interests and struggle of the Arab nation. It does this out of its belief in the vital role of Egypt in the Arab theatre and in terms of Arab strategy, one which always affects the future and destiny of our Arab nation.

5) Out of its concern for the unity of the Arab stand in confronting Zionist aggression - which is what we have struggled and continue to struggle for on the Arab and international levels in order to consolidate a unified militant Arab stand - Fateh will act on a wide scale in the Arab theatre along the following lines, founded on our clear, firm and public stands:-

A. Holding to the resolutions of the Rabat and Algiers summits, which constituted a basis for provisional Arab and international action as a base for confronting Zionist aggression, the guarantee of Palestinian national rights and Zionist withdrawal from all occupied Arab lands.

B. The PLO is the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and bases its political action on the resolutions of its National Congress and the resolutions of the Cairo, Algiers and Rabat summits.

C. Any solution which is not based on the rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination and to establish their independent state on their land, and their right to return, is rejected by our people and nation.

D. While understanding the dangers of this phase and believing in the importance of Arab solidarity, we affirm our concern for the unity of the Arab stand. The responsibility for this stage does not lie with the Palestinian people alone, but with all the Arab masses and regimes. These stands must be translated into support for the Palestinian people and their armed revolution in confronting Zionist-imperialist plots.

In these historic and decisive moments, the Fateh Central Committee salutes our people inside and outside Palestine and praises their steadfastness, sacrifices and heroic struggle. It calls upon them to close ranks behind the PLO and its leadership in facing future developments. We are confident that the will of our people and our Arab nation, will be victorious through its steadfastness and ongoing struggle. For we are not alone. With us stand the Arab nations, the peoples of the world, and the free men, friends and the non-aligned, Islamic and Socialist states.

While declaring this responsible stand, which is devoid of any emotion or attempts at out-bidding, Fateh takes as its point of departure the reality of our concern for the interests of our dispersed Palestinian people whose land was usurped, and which confronts the Zionist enemy which is constantly lying in wait for our people and nation.

**Long live Palestine, Arab and free.
Long live the Arab struggle for its liberation.
Glory to our martyrs.**

**PLO MEMORANDUM ON
ISRAELI ATTACKS**

The PLO has sent a memorandum giving a clear picture of the latest Israeli attack against several Lebanese villages, towns and Palestinian refugee camps in South Lebanon, to the UN Secretary General Dr. Waldheim; to Dr. Mahmoud Riad, the Secretary General of the Arab League; and to the grouping of Islamic and non-aligned states. The full text of the PLO memorandum follows:-

"In an attempt to escalate tension in South Lebanon, Israel has recently carried out a series of aggressions which, reached their apex in the air-raids launched on November 9th - using 16 Phantoms, Skyhawks and Mirages - against civilian areas in a number of villages, towns and refugee camps, in addition to the artillery and rocket bombardment of these civilian areas, killing or wounding a great number of civilians including women, children and old men.

"This aggression was preceded by a series of attacks which followed several provocations aiming at justifying the aggression through a number of forged allegations for which all information media were mobilized.

"These barbaric aggressions, which resulted in huge losses and in a great number of innocent victims, are part of an Israeli political campaign aiming at creating a new reality in South Lebanon, based on the expulsion of civilians as a prelude for a direct or indirect Israeli seizure of South Lebanon to use it as a threat at the Arab confrontation countries, a card for blackmail so as to threaten peace efforts in the region, and an easy way to annul the agreements signed between the Lebanese state and the PLO.

"In highlighting the dangerous aspects of these aggressions, the PLO asks that you take note of this dangerous situation, in the hope that your stand will be of help in halting this arrogance, in protesting against it, and in preventing its recurrence.

**P.L.O. EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE: SADAT'S
DECISION APOSTASY
AND BLOW TO ARAB
SOLIDARITY**

Beirut, 18/11, Wafa,

The PLO Executive Committee and the representatives of all the Palestinian organizations on 18/11/77, held a meeting headed by Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the PLO Executive Committee and General Commander of the forces of the Palestinian Revolution, and issued the following communique addressed to the Palestinian and Arab masses:-

"The decision taken by President Sadat represents apostasy from the dearest and most sacred goals of our people and nation and a disavowal of the blood of hundreds of thousands of martyrs who died for Palestine and for Arab land.

"The step taken by Sadat squarely deals a blow at all the principles of Arab solidarity and the resolutions of Arab summits and the achievements of the Ramadan war, which were realized thanks to the heroism and sacrifices of Arab fighters, headed by the great Egyptian army.

"The Arab nation will not forgive any Arab ruler for such a step, which forms a dangerous turning point and a denial of this nation's struggle throughout history, the axis of which was always the Palestinian cause and the liberation of Jerusalem.

"In announcing its rejection of President Sadat's step, the Palestinian leadership re-affirms its attachment to the political program and resolutions adopted in the various Palestinian national congresses, and calls on the Arab masses to denounce and condemn this dangerous stand which negatively affects our nation, its future and dignity. It also calls upon all the Arab states and their Governments to define their respective stands and to make their voices heard in regard to this situation.

"While saluting the steadfastness and sacrifices of our people under occupation, we call upon them to express openly their indignation against this visit, to declare a general strike and act along the broadest lines by boycotting all Zionist activities and attempts to make this visit an introduction to fresh blows against the Palestine cause, the victories of our people's revolution over 60 years, and all the achievements of the Arab liberation movement throughout the stages of its struggle at all levels and in all fields.

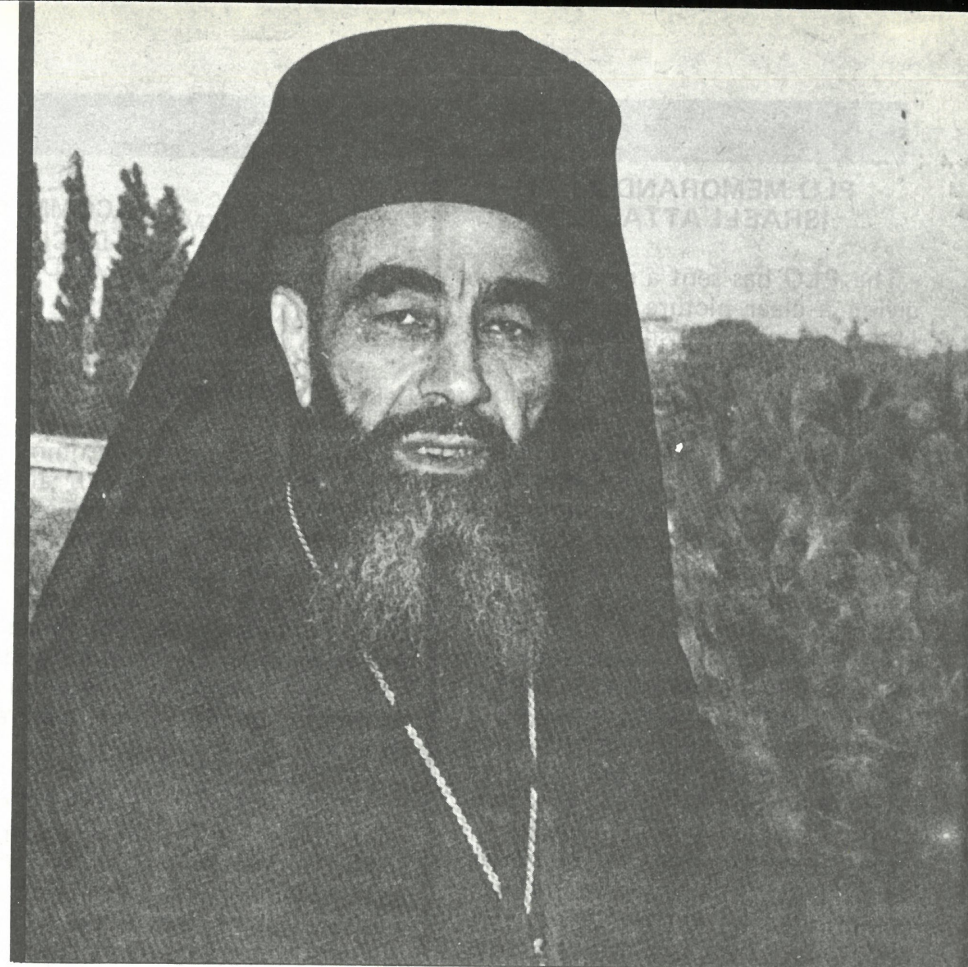
"The Aqsa Mosque which was always a symbol for processions of liberators and martyrs cannot ever be a pulpit for surrender.

"In these critical circumstances, we call on the Palestinian masses wherever they are to confirm their

rallying around their leadership and their sole legitimate representative - the PLO - and to strongly confront all calls for surrender, and the defeatist climate which the Zionist-US enemy is trying to impose on the Arab Nation through the visit of Sadat.

"The Palestinian gun, the blood of thousands of martyrs, the thousands of detainees and the tens of thousands of militants struggling against Zionist occupation will form a barrage to repel capitulation and prevent the recurrence of the 1948 conspiracy. They will pave the way towards the liberation of Jerusalem and the Aqsa Mosque until the Palestinian flag is raised over the soil of our sacred homeland and until our national aspirations are realized and our rights to return, to self-determination and to establish an independent Palestinian state are fulfilled."

CAPUCCI THE REBEL PRIEST



After he had served three years in Zionist prisons, Zionists finally had to release the Greek Catholic Archbishop Hilarion Capucci. It is only due to democratic world progressive public opinion's persistent reaction that the Archbishop was released. The very presence of Capucci in Israeli custody inspired militants in the Palestinian Revolution, to act for his release on several occasions, thus putting the Zionists in a constant state of unrest. However the Zionists, as is their machiavellian habit, thought of exploiting the release of the Archbishop for political gain. It is in this context that the Zionists tried to blackmail the Vatican and Capucci himself. The attempt to extort concessions from the Vatican, such as the Church's recognition of the Zionist entity, and its domination of the city of Jerusalem, did not work. Contrary to Zionist allegations that the price paid by Capucci's release was that the Archbishop would refrain from politics, Capucci's attitude at the scene of eviction from Occupied Palestine, Lydd Airport, and when he reached Rome, testify to his genuine Palestinian nationalist character and affiliation. His origi-

nal Palestinian outcry against the new-Nazi Zionism continued to reverberate, thus putting an end to cheap Zionist lies aimed at distorting his actual nationalist stand.

"We will never leave Palestine, if we were made to leave the small prison cell we will be made to dwell in a big prison." Like the rest of the people of Palestine, Capucci sees in his deportation from Palestine and forced residence in another "home" no real solution. Capucci shouted in the face of his captors, that "he will continue the struggle until the bells of return ring in Jerusalem". Upon his arrival in exile in Rome, Capucci renewed his nationalist pledges for Palestine and its people, thus giving the Zionists another slap in the face, and putting an end to false allegations that setting him free was part of a deal concluded between him on one hand and between the Zionist authorities and the Vatican on the other.

The militant Archbishop who never capitulated to the enemies of his people, free once again to speak, confirmed his allegiance to

Palestine and its cause toward liberation. His thin body and face testifies that he has been subjected to the customary Zionist methods of torture.

The Palestinian Revolution, which is indebted to its militants, especially that vanguard section of the people who stand face to face with Zionist executioners, was waiting for Capucci at Rome airport. The released bishop received a tumultuous welcome from the sons of Palestine, bearing Palestinian national flags and singing revolutionary anthems.

Palestine Liberation Organization's representatives, welcomed the bishop in the name of the people, revolution and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the PLO, Abu Ammar. Within the context of welcoming the militant archbishop, Abu Lutf, Head of the PLO Political Department, extended the good wishes of the revolution and its leader Yasser Arafat.

After three years of struggle behind prison bars, Capucci's case asserted itself internationally as a landmark in the history of the

people of Palestine. In spite of the incessant endeavours of Zionism and its allies, to liquidate the Palestinian identity, the people took up the gun in self defence; Capucci is a great symbol for all militants. Capucci's record of militancy dates back before his action was discovered by the Zionists. He engaged in organizational as well as different militant tasks, beginning with political agitation amid his brothers and comrades and ending with securing means of resistance, supplying arms and ammunition for the revolutionaries in the Jerusalem area. Thanks to his efforts, a variety of military operations against Zionist targets were totally successful. Even at the time when he was discovered by the Zionist authorities, they could not break his resistance, which was part of his people's all-out struggle. In spite of constant beatings and methodical torture and old age, he manifested the will to live and struggle. News of his resistance inside his cell leaked out, thus exposing more openly the face of Zionism.

As a means of attracting attention to his plight and that of Palestinian prisoners of war, Capucci conducted a hunger strike, thus compelling the prison authorities to initiate certain improvements in the prevailing conditions of detention.

When asked by interviewers about his future concerns, Hilarion Capucci reiterated his abidance by the rightful cause of his people. When asked about his possible appointment to a clerical post in South America, he expressed his hope that this would not take place, because that would be understood as an attempt to keep him far from Palestine. Capucci reaffirmed his affiliation to the Arab Nation and called for the unity of the Arabs as a means for the restoration of Palestine. He also said: "I am indebted to the Arab Nation and as long as I live I will serve my people, the people of Palestine and the Arab Nations as a whole."

Capucci, the militant archbishop, stands as an embodiment

and symbol of the broad national character of the Palestinian Revolution. Among the Palestinian masses, who carry the basic burdens of the revolution, the progressive and nationalist religious element contribute their energies to the general struggle. Other progressive religious elements include Sheikh Izz-Eddin Alqassam and Sheikh Abu Teir, who is still being detained by the Israelis on a charge of collaboration with the Resistance Movement. In contrast with the isolationist - fascist ten-

dency which operates under the cloak of religious sectarianism, Capucci manifests an integrated Arabic Christian character as a part of the whole Palestinian Arab struggle for the liberation from Zionism and imperislm.

The rest of the people of Palestinian progressive elements will continue to resist until as Capucci said, "the bells of the return to Palestine will ring."



P.L.O. representative Shafiq Al-Hout receives Archbishop Capucci.



P.L.O. representative in Rome, Nimr Hamad, receives Capucci.



The Israeli demonstrations in defence of living standards.

ZIONIST ECONOMY IN TURMOIL

The actual economic crisis which sweeps across the Zionist entity is not an isolated phenomenon, for it has its origins in the very foundations, structure and functions of the Zionist state.

The historic origins of the state and its organic and fundamental relationship with world imperialism plays the decisive role in what is going on in the economic scene. The very fact that Zionism and Israel is the product of Western

imperialism at a particular stage of its development, places Israel under the same conditions and laws that govern the functions of capitalist societies in general. The permanent periodical crises that engulf and characterize Western societies also manifest themselves in Israel's imminent and total dependence on world imperialism in general, and the U.S. imperialists in particular. Reliance on the U.S. causes it to be much more deeply

affected in comparison with the "well established" capitalist countries.

The artificially fabricated Zionist state and society which have no roots in Palestine and which are hostile and alien to the area, are more deeply subjected to the illnesses and side effects of capitalism. Added to this is the militaristic nature and function of the Zionist society, whereby 60 to 70 per cent of the budget goes for aggression expenditures and military campaigns against the Palestinian people and the Arab nations.

Since "Israel" is an organic integral part of the imperialist world economic and political system, the current Israeli economic crisis could be understood from the stand point of the general crisis characteristic of the world capitalist economy. After the superficial economic boom which the Western world witnessed in the early 1960s, the Western economies once more plunged into the vicious circle of high rate inflations and unemployment. There was as well the so-called oil crisis which was partly engineered by U.S. monopolies in an attempt to curb other rival monopolies, namely the Japanese and the West German-European blocs. Under such circumstances, whereby "Israel" depended for its existence on the U.S., and, as an Arab official puts it, "a dependence ranging between a loaf of bread and Phantoms". The deficiency of the Zionist balance of payment which has hit the 3 billion dollar mark, provides an insight into the degree of Zionist dependence on imperialism and the consequent crisis resulting from it.

U.S. monopolies, for their part, manifest deep sympathy with the Zionist situation, taking into consideration the extremely valuable services rendered by the Zionist entity.

Imperialist monopolies show leniency in terms of giving the Zionist state long term loans, mostly with no return of interest. How-

ever, even this imperialist "generosity" has not been sufficient for an improvement of this Zionist economy which is now in bad shape. Thus, it was not surprising that an imperialist economist like Milton Friedman, praised the recent domestic steps adopted by the Likud government in order to revive the economy. Friedman's original suggestions, were that the Israeli economy should be based on free enterprise principles and accordingly the state's role should be diminished to a great extent.

In this respect it is worthwhile mentioning that one of the factors that contributed to the Likud takeover was the bad state of the economy which weighed heavily upon the average citizen. By giving

their vote to the Likud, the Zionist public expected the Likud would be able to improve the situation. However, the professed policies of the Likud in regard to the restoration of private initiative can not take the lead in a militaristic situation, where high centralization is required in all spheres of life, including the economy. Therefore the election slogans are expected to remain largely on paper and in political platforms. As a means of dealing with the crisis, the Likud hawks envisage using the traditional colonial solution; an increase in exports. When considering that the quantity and quality of the Zionist products cannot compete with those of the West, it is assumed that the suggested export outlet for Israel would be adjacent Arab countries and certain African and Latin American regimes. Making use of the "open bridges" with the Jordanian regime and the Lebanese fascists in South Lebanon, the hawks hope to play an additional role of mini imperialism in the area.

The Zionist authorities' actual tendencies are to link up more firmly with world imperialism in an attempt to remedy their tottering economy. Begin's economic plan shows that Likud is going to abolish foreign exchange tariffs

and call for extensive foreign investments.

In May, 1977, the increase in the cost of living was 6%. In August, 1977, the increase was 7% in comparison with that of July. The rate of inflation reached such a level that it left the average Zionist citizen in a bewildered state. Reaction to Begin's so-called "new economic policy" triggered spontaneous mass reactions inasmuch that low salaried white-collar employees and wage earning labourers took to the streets, demonstrating and disrupting the course of normal life. The intensity with which the "Israeli" public reacted obliged the Histadrut, which is traditionally known to be the protector of the capitalist's interests, to act. Indeed the Histadrut itself runs multiple corporate enterprises and banks. Despite its role, the Histadrut was compelled this time and under the intense pressure of the workers and low wage employees to "threaten" a declaration of a general strike. However the lower sectors of Zionist society did not wait for instructions from above. Spontaneous strikes were organized in which the number of parti-

cipants is estimated to have passed the 35,000 mark.

The government's announcement of its new economic policies, which included the raising of the Value Added Taxes (V.A.T.), and the raising of the price of basic commodities of consumption, inflamed the feelings of bitterness among large sections of Zionist settlers. This occurred in spite of the promises to raise wages and salaries. Before the floating of the Israeli pound, Zionist settlers queued in front of gas stations and supermarkets to purchase commodities before prices were raised. Fuel prices were raised by 2% and it is estimated that the average rise in the cost of living would be from 6% to 10%. This rocketing inflation consequently upset the balance of liquidity ratio.

Amid this prevailing economic and social chaos, and in addition, the permanent state of war with the Palestinian and Arab peoples, more immigrants deceived by the Zionist myth are confronted with the bitter facts and tend to leave Palestine for their original countries. Many others destined to arrive in Palestine proceed to Canada and the U.S.

In light of the vicious circle of the Zionist economy and no foreseeable solution to the crucial economic crisis, there is a high probability that Zionist ruling circles will resort to using the old imperialist classical remedy of averting a major internal social shake up in "Israel" by converting the contradiction outwards against the Palestinians and Arab nations. So it is expected that the Zionist leadership will embark upon more campaigns of military aggression besides the intensification of economic exploitation of the Occupied West Bank, Gaza, and the incessant attempts at effecting economic penetration and colonization of the Arab World.



Begin, Israeli Prime Minister.

ENEMY NEWS



Francis Lancard, the I.L.O. Secretary General.

USA WITHDRAWAL FROM THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION

The American government, after trying all means possible to destroy the democratic functioning of the International Labour Organization, decided to withdraw from it on November 5, 1977.

The ILO, founded in 1919, became one of the specialized UN agencies. It was set up to improve the living standards and working conditions of workers. It functions through conventions and recommendations adopted at annual conferences, setting guidelines for governments and national labour unions.

In November, 1975, the United States gave two-year notice that it would withdraw from the ILO if the US did not get its way. The US particularly objected to the progressive and democratic trends within the ILO which led the organization in 1974, to condemn Israel for radical discrimination and violations of trade union freedom, and in 1975 to grant observer status to the PLO.

This imperious attitude of the United States is not new. Whereas in the Security Council the U.S. is able to use its veto to block any democratically passed resolution of which it does not approve; in the specialized agencies of the U.N. the United States resorts to threats, pressure and blackmail. In 1934, for instance, the U.S. insisted on and bullied its way into a permanent post within the administrative council of the ILO. More recently, in 1970, the U.S. refused to make its annual contribution to the ILO because a representative of the Byelorussian S.S.R. had been elected as vice-director of the agency.

In withdrawing his country from the foremost international body designed to protect the rights of working people, President Carter is once more revealing the hypocritical nature of his "human rights" campaign.

Apparently, human rights are a cause for concern only when such concern is expedient for political or propaganda purposes. As Abu-Maizar, who has led the PLO delegation to the ILO, said, "perhaps human rights in the U.S. conception stops at the frontiers of the Zionist entity".

BEGIN REJECTS UN RESOLUTION

Jerusalem,

Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, following a meeting with the US Ambassador to Israel, declared that his government **does not intend** to implement the resolution of the UN General Assembly which calls for a halt to the establishment of Israeli settlements in the occupied Arab territories.

Meanwhile, the Gush Emunim settlement group has set up tents in a region along the main roads which links Qalqilya to Nablus, 19 kms. to the east of the latter.

In related news, pamphlets were distributed all over the cities and towns of the occupied West Bank, condemning the Zionist occupation and the Israeli settlement policy in the occupied territories.

SHARON ANXIOUS ABOUT POPULATION DENSITY IN GALILEE

Tel Aviv, November 1st,

In an interview recently published by Ma'ariv, the Israeli Minister of Agriculture, Ariel Sharon, announced that he will request a discussion of the question of **population density in the Galilee region**. Sharon said he was currently dealing with the control of Palestinian "aliens" over state properties, hence his anxiety over the density of the Palestinian population in the region. He was also quoted as saying: **Very shortly there will be no place for repatriating Jewish immigrants.**

Meanwhile, speaking before the council for the **Western Galilee region**, Sharon declared that the problem of Arab "settlement" in the Galilee is a critical and serious one and that it threatens the future of Jewish settlement in the Golan.

In related news, the Gush Emunim group recently set up tents in the Nabi Saleh area, near **Jenin**, inside two military camps, in accordance with official Israeli plans to turn military camps in the West Bank into permanent civilian villages.

SIX NEW SETTLEMENTS TO BE ESTABLISHED IN NABLUS

Jerusalem,

The Israeli authorities on October 28, declared that the settlements already established in the West Bank, and those that will be established, have been given legal status and that those settlements will from now on be directed by committees under the direct supervision of the Israeli government.

Meanwhile, Ariel Sharon, the Israeli Minister of Agriculture, and head of the Knesset's settlement committee, declared that six new settlements will be established in **Nablus**, and that 88 million Israeli pounds have been allocated to establish new settlements and to improve already existing settlements in the West Bank. He added that army camps will be transformed into civilian settlements to absorb more settlers.

The Israeli Cabinet had adopted the above mentioned measures declared by Sharon, during its meeting two days ago.

US-U.N.R.W.A PLAYS WITH THE LIFE OF PALESTINIANS

In a recent statement published by the United Nations Relief and Work Agency (UNRWA), the agency decided to cut back the amount of subsidies allotted to the Palestinian refugees by 20%. This implies the cutting of the amount of food rations. The UNRWA decision was undertaken on the grounds that the agency developed a deficit budget amounting to 700,000 dollars due to the reluctance of the U.S. to honour its

commitments toward the agency.

The US expects by this measure, to exert pressures on the Palestinians benefiting from the relief program, thus forcing them to capitulate. Thanks to the resourcefulness and energies of the Palestinians, who for a long time have depended on themselves for living necessities, rather than existing in a state of criminal starvation imposed by UNRWA. The inadequacy of the original quantity of rationing was such that founders of a Zionist entity could hope to leave the Palestinians in a state of malnutrition, consequently directing Palestinian national and political awareness to a mere interest in food.

UNRWA's unfounded excuses of reduction is compared to the one fact that one U.S. Phantom costs 3 million dollars. The refusal of the U.S. to make up the 700,000 dollar deficit becomes perfectly understandable from its known anti-Palestinian stand.

The "highly humanitarian" US administration indeed uses the UNRWA financial situation to extort capitulation from the average Palestinian by striving to starve him. This attitude is an indication of the imperialist practice, contrary to all false cheap machiavellian "humanitarian" propaganda. The situation calls upon the genuine democratic, progressive and humanitarian forces to carry out their tasks in relation to the people of Palestine.

The million or so Palestinians "benefiting" from UNRWA, who are distributed in Lebanon, Jordan, Syria and occupied Palestine, do not count as mere refugee numbers in the stock books of the UNRWA. The emergence of the armed resistance movement ushered the way of liberation for them.

WEST GERMANY WELCOMES ISRAELI MINISTERS. INCREASED HELP FOR ZIONIST WAR ECONOMY.

On the level of words without further obligation, the West German government has lately shown more flexibility towards the Arab

and Palestinian cause, up to the verbal recognition of the "legitimate right of the Palestinian people to its national identity" and "the need for a homeland for the Palestinian people," (E.E.C. declaration of June 30, 1977).

In fact, however, West Germany continues to extend unconditional and even increased material support to the Zionist policy of intransigence and expansionism. And while the West German government still refuses, and on the E.E.C. level, obstructs recognition of the representative of the Palestinian people, the P.L.O., it is embracing one Zionist government official after the other. In particular, the Zionist foreign Minister Dayan, is expected for official talks in Bonn on November 28, and his colleague, Finance Minister Ehrlich, will follow in early December.

The West German government has been, and is still, decisively furthering Israeli-E.E.C. cooperation, especially with the agreement of May 1975, which provides for the easing of Israeli access to the European market, and favours European investment as well as the creation of new job opportunities in Israel.

West Germany's own investments in Israel have an increasing tendency related mainly now to the electronics, machine-tools and chemical industries. They have reached a nominal total of over \$200 million, an amount not vital to the West German capital but for the Zionist war and settlement economy.

In July 1975, during a visit of Rabin to West Germany, the government agreed to extend, despite the formal ending of the former West German so-called "reparations" agreement, a further annual loan of DM 140 million (over \$60 million) to Israel. When visiting Israel in March 1977, the West German Foreign Minister, Genscher, again confirmed another annual DM 140 million in "aid". This sum exceeds, for instance, the entire aid which all of the E.E.C. together has granted to post-war Lebanon, torn by Zionist subversion and aggression.

Now, Israel expects to get even

more material support from West Germany:

According to an interview, Minister Ehrlich gave "Davar" (on 14 October, 1977) what Israel wants, first, that West Germany re-schedules and "consolidates" the Israeli debt to West Germany. According to Ehrlich, the West German Finance Minister, Apel, had already promised favourable consideration of the debt "consolidating" request when he met Ehrlich recently in Washington. Moreover, Ehrlich is to ask West Germany not only to perpetuate but to increase the rate of annual loans to DM 250 million (about \$ 110 million doolar), "because of West German price increases."

In addition, Ehrlich expects a West German government guarantee covering a DM 100 million loan which Israel also intends to raise from a West German bank consortium as an "agricultural" loan.

Besides, Ehrlich hinted at the possible signing of an economic agreement with West Germany during his visit. At the end of November, the West German Foreign Minister, Genscher, who paid his last visit to Israel in March, is to welcome his colleague Dayan. In this context one has to note that the West German-Middle East position widely controls that of the E. E. C. as a whole, and that the West German political and economic moves concerning the Middle East conflict are, as Genscher said during his Israel trip last March, "concentrating on flanking support for U.S. measures" (radio "Deutsche Welle", 18 March 1977). It must also be remembered that the conclusion of the U.S.-Israeli-Egyptian "disengagement" agreement in 1975, was accompanied by intense West German economic and political support.

After all, the deeds of the West German government obviously run counter to its occasional courtesies towards the Arab and the Palestinian people, and aim at nothing but to stabilize the Zionist war and settlement economy.



MILITARY OPERATIONS

THE PALESTINIAN MILITARY SPOKESMAN ISSUED THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE:

No. 128/77

October 28th, one of our commando units set off charges along the Jerusalem - Haifa railway in the Ras al-Ain region, northeast of Tel Aviv, destroying large parts of the railway. When a train passed along the destroyed railway line, it was derailed and at least five wagons were wrecked. An unknown number of persons aboard the train were killed or wounded.

No. 129/77:-

A special unit, 110, operating inside occupied Palestine, planted timed explosive charges near an Israeli police check-point in the Misrara region in Jerusalem after avoiding several other check-points. The charges exploded at 11:05AM, on October 28th, resulting in a number of casualties among the policemen manning the

check-point. Israeli security forces thereupon, imposed a three hour-long curfew on the area and began a wide-scale search for other charges, and arrested a number of Palestinian young men.

No. 130/77:-

A commando unit, on October 27, planted timed explosive charges inside a parking lot near the Jaffa Gate in Jerusalem. The charges were discovered at 7:30AM on the same day by an individual who reported it to a police patrol. The patrol rushed to the scene accompanied by an explosives expert, but the charges exploded in his hands when he tried to defuse it. The explosion killed or wounded a number of Israeli police and damaged a police vehicle. The Israeli security forces set up check points all over Jerusalem, then arrested several Palestinian citizens on charges of participating in the operation.

COMMANDO ATTACKS IN HAIFA AND TEL AVIV

Beirut, 31/10, WAFA.

Palestinian commandos on October 29, set off charges in a plywood depot in Haifa, and in a carpentry workshop in Tel Aviv, bringing to 146 the number of attacks this year, and to 12 the number of operations over the past 12 days. The Palestinian Military Spokesman issued the following communiques:-

No. 130/77:-

A commando unit on October 29th, placed timed incendiary charges in a plywood depot in the linen market in Haifa. At 1:30PM, the charges exploded, starting a fire inside the depot which then spread to neighbouring depots. The fire burned until late into the evening despite the efforts of firemen to control it. Following the incident, Israeli security forces patrolled the city's streets and arrested many Palestinian "suspects".

No. 131/77:-

A commando unit on October 29th, planted timed incendiary charges in a carpentry workshop located near the Central bus station in Tel Aviv. The charges went off at 3PM, setting fire to the workshop, wrecking it and damaging another workshop and depot nearby. A number of people inside the carpentry workshop were injured and losses are estimated to be heavy.

TWO OPERATIONS IN JERUSALEM AREA

In their first operation this month, Palestinian commandos on November 4th, set off charges in the Egged Central Bus station in Jerusalem, and in a bus station situated on the Jerusalem-Hebron road, thus bringing the number of their operations so far this year to 149. The Palestinian Military Spokesman issued the following communiques:-

No. 13/77:-

A commando unit on Novem-

ber 4th, planted timed explosive charges inside the office of the station manager in the Central Bus station of the Egged company, situated in Kiryat Moshe, in the western suburbs of Jerusalem.

The charges went off rocking the whole area. Police forces immediately rushed to the scene and evacuated the station while ambulances carried away the wounded. The office was seriously damaged as a result of the blast.

Around 48 Palestinian citizens have been arrested as of noon today by the occupation authorities, on suspicion of being involved in the incident.

No. 134/77:-

November 4th, after avoiding several check-points and police patrols, a commando unit placed timed explosive charges inside a bus station in the Mar Elias area, on the Hebron-Jerusalem road, which was scheduled that day to be a collection point for Israeli soldiers on leave.

At 10:15AM, the charges exploded, killing and wounding an unknown number of Israelis, including several soldiers, damaging three buses and damaging the station. Large numbers of policemen rushed to the scene and sealed off the whole area as ambulances were seen transporting the injured.

CHARGES DISCOVERED AT LYDD AIRPORT

No. 136/77:-

A commando unit on November 10, placed timed explosive charges in the main square in front of Lydd Airport. At 8:15AM, the charges were discovered by Israeli frontier guards who were carrying out their routine checks at the airport. Explosives experts, who were immediately called up, were forced to set the charges off on the spot as they could not defuse them.

The airport window-panes were shattered and a number of cars parked nearby were damaged as a

result of the explosion.

CHARGES IN QIRYAT GAT, ATTACK ON PATROL IN NABLUS

Palestinian commandos on November 11, set off charges in the Qiryat Gat settlement; while another unit attacked an Israeli patrol in Nablus. These attacks bring to 153 the number of commando attacks this year. The Palestinian Military Spokesman issued the following communiques:-

No. 137/77, WAFA

A commando unit on November 11, placed powerful timed explosive charges at the Egged bus stop of the Central bus station in the settlement of Qiryat Gat near Tel Aviv.

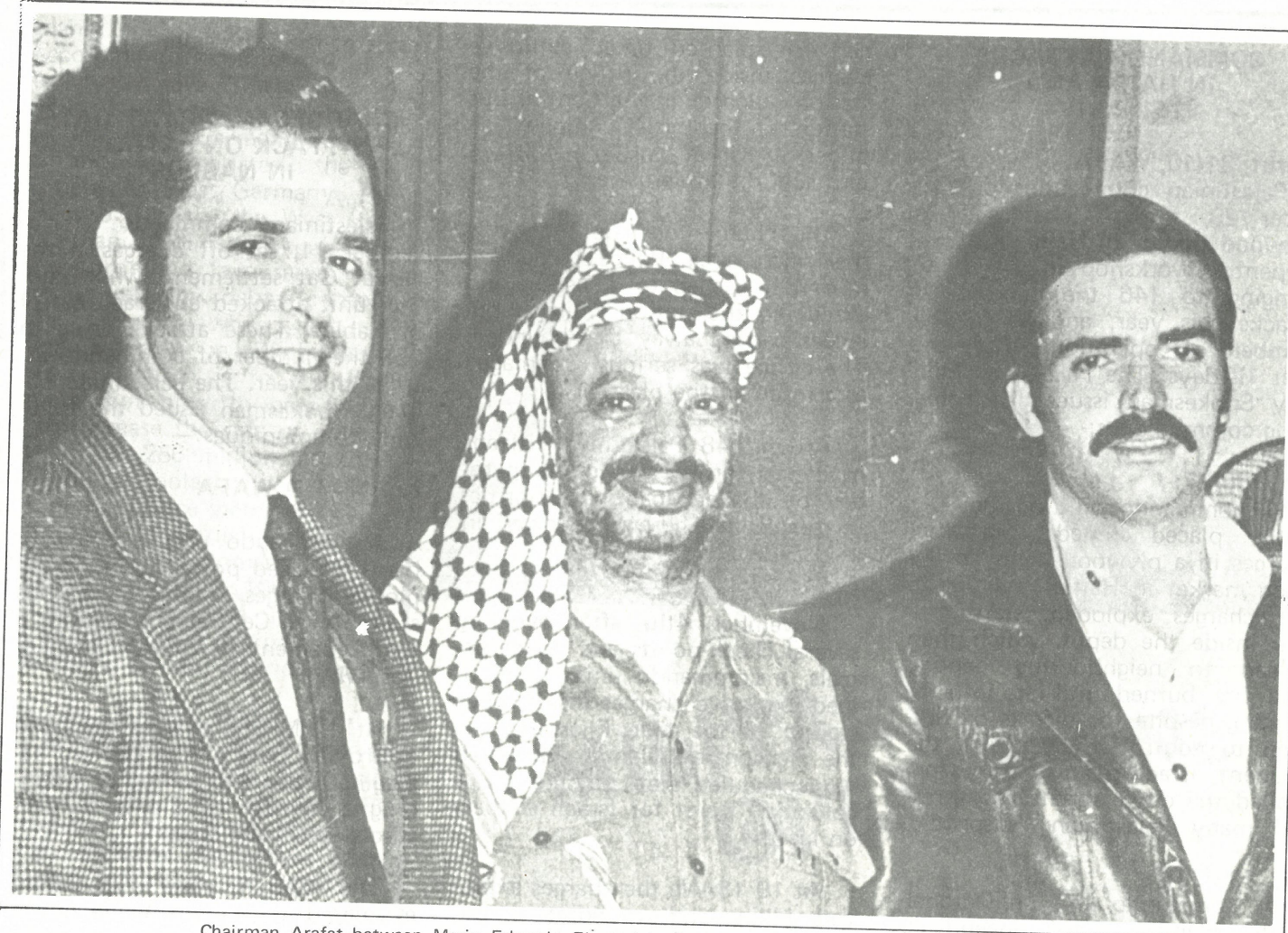
At 1 PM, the charges exploded destroying part of the station, damaging a bus and killing or wounding a number of Zionist settlers who were in the area.

The station was immediately evacuated and closed, while police patrols began a search for other charges. All activities in the area were completely halted all day on November 11, out of fear of the presence of other explosives.

As usual, a number of Palestinian citizens of the region were arrested for their alleged connection with the operation.

No 138/77:-

A commando unit on November 11, attacked with hand grenades and personal weapons an enemy mobile patrol, comprising a jeep and 5 soldiers, which was stationed near al-Sa'a square in the center of Nablus. One of the grenades exploded inside the jeep, which immediately caught fire, and three of the soldiers were wounded.



Chairman Arafat between Mario Eduardo Firmenich, Secretary General of M.P.M., Commander-in-Chief of Montonero Army and Fernando Vaca Narvaja, Secretary for M.P.M. International Relations.

THE TRIANGULAR DILEMMA: LATIN AMERICA, ISRAEL AND SOUTH AFRICA

In contemporary global economic, political and military alliances, a triangular pact is more clearly emerging each day. The internationally isolated fascist dictatorships of Latin America, the apartheid regimes of southern Africa and the Zionist state of Israel have intensified their intercontinental cooperation.

Analysing the unholy alliance of Racists, Zionists and Fascists, one cannot help noticing that the pact has been intensified at a pace that correlates to their international isolation and growing international opposition, spearhead by national liberation movements. Moreover, the entente is part and parcel of the US imperialist global strategic jigsaw.

LATIN AMERICA AND ISRAEL

Abba Eban, the former Israeli Foreign Minister, forwarding a government release on the extent of Israeli cooperation with Latin American countries in 1973, wrote: "The Israeli experience in the transformation of society and economy, carries many important lessons for other countries". And the fascist dictatorships of Latin America are doing exactly that. The Zionist experience of oppression, forced appropriation of land and the destruction of peoples and their essential human rights are also being implemented word for word by military dictatorships in Latin America.

Zionist foreign policy in a bid to gain international recognition for its artificial entity in Palestine, sponsored by America, had launched massive economic and other international projects. Nevertheless, the 1967, and 1973 Zionist wars of aggression, revealed its true face and resulted in its isolation in Africa and Asia. As a direct consequence of its isolation, Zionism was to fall back on its racist and fascist counterparts in southern Africa and Latin America. Israeli economic and military interaction with Latin American countries intensified.

Israeli cooperation with Latin American countries is initiated through the Israeli division of international cooperation, the Mashaw. Under the cover of exporting "the Israeli experience" and "know how" the Zionist entity was accepted into the Organization of American States and the Inter-American Development Bank. It was through these international bodies that Israel first set foot in Latin America in 1960, where it "advised" the integral planning of a new region in Las Majaguas, in the state of Portuguesa, in central Venezuela.

From here, according to a Zionist official organ, the Center of Cooperation and Labour Studies for Latin America, Israel signed cooperation agreements with:

ARGENTINA	: 1971
BOLIVIA	: 1961, 1973
EL-SALVADOR	: 1971
COSTARICO	: 1965, 1971
GUATEMALA	: 1971
HONDURAS	: 1976
MEXICO	: 1966, 1973
NICARAGUA	: 1966
VENEZUELA	: 1966

In 1972 alone, approved Israeli investments in joint ventures was 100,000 (US dollars) while firms officially executed:

Building and construction	5,800,000 (US dollars)
Planning and consulting	1,171,000 (US dollars)
Israeli exports	14,200,000 (US dollars)
Israeli imports	34,900,000 (US dollars)

(Source: Israeli Ministry of Finance, Foreign Exchange Department, 1973.)

The most significant cooperative adventure of the desperate Zionist regime and fascist dictatorships, like those of Pinochet of Chile, Banzer of Bolivia, Stroessner of Paraguay, Gei-

sel of Brasil and Videla of Argentina, is in the realm of armament and counter revolution.

It is worth noting that on November 11, 1976, Israel delivered "Shafrir missiles and other air to air, infrared homing weapons to the dictatorship in Chile" (Newsweek), and "Gabriel missiles to Argentina" (Strategic Survey, 1975). The 1976 publication of the International Institute for Strategic Study, noted that "Israel is a primary arms supplier to Bolivia, Ecuador, El Salvador Mexico and Nicaragua.

The Zionist reactionary military fascists' alliance is naturally in accordance with imperialist strategy. The American government makes hypocritical human rights statements; and in order to save its international posture, has stopped direct delivery of sophisticated weapons to Latin American dictatorships. Instead, they channel armaments and spare parts with Israeli markings on them to form the back bone of its neo-imperialist policy.

Moreover, the fascists and the Zionists, finding themselves completely isolated internationally and challenged by ever advancing resistance movements holding to the same destructive paths, have chosen to cling on to each other, which also brings the racist regimes of South Africa and Rhodesia into the picture.

LATIN AMERICA AND SOUTH AFRICA

Much has been said about Zionist — racist cooperation. It is already accepted world-wide that Zionism and racism are just different sides of the same coin, applied in the Middle East and Africa. The tightening of economic, political, military and cultural ties between South Africa and South America is worth examining.

The last three years has witnessed high level visits, such as Stroessner's visit to South Africa, Vorster's visit to Paraguay and Uruguay, which have resulted in military understandings that are expected to materialize in the form of a South Atlantic treaty or a southern NATO.

After the triumph of the MPLA in Angola, the racist regimes of southern Africa and the fascist dictatorships in the southern cone, are considering a military alliance which would include Argentina, Brasil and South Africa as its principal members, with American blessings.

The Argentinian Admiral, Emilio Eduardo Masses, who together with General Jorge Rafael Videla, both of whom form the back bone



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of the military junta, have taken the initiative. In September of last year, they invited the South African Navy Admiral, James Johanson, to take part in the U.N.I.T.A.S. naval manoeuvres of the U.S., Great Britain, Brasil, Uruguay and Argentina. This arose from the imperialist strategic conception that the oil route and the cape in general must be defended. That explains why in 1976 the Argentine general, Alberto Marini, a strategist, declared: "If the west does not support South Africa, this country's luck will run out shortly. If we let it succumb, without giving it our aid, the control over the Indian Ocean will be inexorably lost and in less than a decade, Europe will end up communist".

To clear the ground for this alliance, the press propagates pro-apartheid views in most of the dictatorships. The Uruguayan paper "El Pais" proclaimed on August 13th 1976, "The apartheid policy practised by the South African Republic, is not as rigid as its critics would have us to believe...people have to be helped and taught until their own evolution allows them to make high level decisions" No doubt, the fascists believe their own people must be tutored until they become "mature enough" not to be anti-imperialist.

The Chilean dictator, Pinochet has set up an embassy in South Africa with "technical cooperation" as its motto. General Stroessner of Paraguay, was the first Latin American president to visit Prioria in 1965. Shortly after, Monte-Video and Asuncion were the capital cities to be visited by the South African Prime

Minister Johann Vorster on his first trip to Latin America.

Both Paraguay and Uruguay recieved their colleague warmly. "We are men of akind", said Vorster, referring to Jose Maria Bordaberry, a civilian puppet of the military. This visit served to establish numerous commercial and technical exchange deals.

For its part, the Bolivian military dictatorship headed by General Hugo Banzer, has been busy pointing out that it is prepared to recieve some 150,000 Rhodesian colonists, who are ready to flee their settlements before the inexorable advance of the Zimbabwe Patriotic Front Forces.

These are but a few examples put forward to point out the fact that the fascist military dictatorships of South America, which are totally isolated, hard pressed by internal opposition and facing their eminent downfall, have closed ranks to defy world public opinion and deny the inalienable rights of people they subjugate.

CONCLUSION:

Intensified triangular cooperation between the fascists, racists and Zionists is a common strategy of the beleaguered regimes. Their military adventure is to demonstrate that they can stand alone in defiance of world opinion and blackmail the peoples of Africa, the Middle East and Latin America.

Last but not least, the triangular pact fits in with imperialist strategic conception. This is especially so since the materialization of intense cooperation between the peoples of Africa, Asia and Latin America, against imperialism and its off-shoots Zionism, racism and fascism. American imperialism, handcuffed by its cynical banner of liberty and deterred by the experiences it encountered in Vietnam and Angola, has resorted to tactical manipulations of alliances where it is not directly involved.

The peoples of the three regions, aware of the common nature of their struggle, are closing ranks in exposing and confronting the enemy. Be it the Patriotic Front of Zimbabwe, the Palestinian Liberation Struggle, or Latin American opposition forces such as the Montoneros of Argentina or the Popular U.N.I.D. A.D. of Chile, all confront the same enemy which under the umbrella of US imperialism has denied them basic legitimate human rights.



SOLIDARITY NEWS

WORLD CONDEMNATION OF ISRAELI ATTACKS

The savage Israeli air, naval and artillery attacks on civilian targets in South Lebanon on November 8th and 9th, 1977, were the object of nearly universal world-wide condemnation.

The official UN spokesman, on November 10, read a statement expressing the concern of the world body and its Secretary General, Dr. Kurt Waldheim, over the Israeli aggression against civilian targets in South Lebanon.

In a report issued on November 10, the UN observers in South Lebanon confirmed that the Israeli aggression against South Lebanon resulted in extremely high civilian casualties. The report revealed that 12 Israeli Phantoms raided five residential areas to the South of Tyre, while Israeli artillery shelled the region. It declared these actions to be violations of the Israeli-Lebanese cease-fire agreement.

In Rome, the Vatican newspaper, the *Osservatore Romano*, strongly condemned the Israeli aggression against the civilian population of South Lebanon, noting that the victims were mainly old people, women and children.

Meanwhile, the World Peace Council in Helsinki, issued a communique condemning the attack and declaring it a part of the imperialist-Zionist conspiracy aiming at dealing a blow to the Palestinian people's just struggle, and at disrupting efforts to achieve

ve a just peace in the Middle East.

In Pakistan, the Foreign Ministry released a communique condemning the barbaric attack, and calling for severe UN measures to prevent the recurrence of such Israeli aggressions.

In Washington, the National Committee for Arab Americans, held the U.S. administration responsible for the Israeli attacks, thanks to its encouragement of such actions through the supply to Israel of vast quantities of weapons.

The Soviet news agency Tass also condemned the Israeli attack, declaring it as further proof that Begin and Dayan, are unwilling to accept the establishment of a just peace in the region. Tass confirmed furthermore, that there are certain forces in Washington which encourage Israel to continue its aggression against the Arabs.

Chairman Arafat on November 14, received a cable from the Cypriot Committee of Solidarity with the Arab peoples, condemning the vicious Israeli aggression against South Lebanon. It said: "This Nazi style assault which killed over 100 civilians and flattened whole villages has aroused the world's condemnation. The committee also affirmed its support for the Palestinian Revolution.

PARIS CONFERENCE IN SOLIDARITY WITH PALESTINIAN DETAINEES

Paris

A press conference was held in Paris on November 7, pleading the cause of Palestinian detainees inside Israeli jails. Those who spoke at the conference, which was presided over by a member of the Paris municipal council, exposed the appalling conditions of prisoners. One of the speakers, Lea Tsemel, a Jewish progressive lawyer, testified that Palestinian detainees are subject to torture during the period of interrogation, which some-

times extends to two months, and during which lawyers are not allowed to visit them.

Six unions sponsored this campaign of solidarity with Palestinian detainees, including the Franco-Arab Solidarity Association and the French-Palestine Medical Union.

UN COMMITTEE CONFIRMS ILL-TREATMENT OF PALESTINIAN DETAINEES

New York,

A special report prepared by a UN sub-committee, has asserted that Palestinian detainees in Israel endure appalling conditions, while the main features of daily life in the occupied territories include tension, strikes, demonstrations and various incidents, along with acts of violence directly caused by the occupation.

The report which was presented on November 8, by an adhoc committee comprising representatives of Sri Lanka, Senegal and Yugoslavia, had been assigned to investigate into the Israeli ill-practices against Palestinian detainees. The probes included evidence of the use of torture on Palestinian prisoners.

The tri-parties committee indicated that Israel has not stopped its policy of annexation of Arab lands, at the same time denying the right of return to hundreds of thousands of displaced Palestinians. The committee finally called upon the international community to protect the human and basic rights of the Palestinians under occupation.

United Nations (Reuter)-

Israel was accused on November 8, of violating the 1949 Geneva Convention of torturing detainees, overcrowding prisons, using unnecessary force against demonstrators and abusing interrogation procedures. The charges were made in a report to the General Assembly by a three-member panel it set up to look into Israeli practices in occupied Arab territories.

UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONDEMNS ISRAEL

New York,

The UN General Assembly by a vote of 131 to 1 condemned Israel on October 28, 1977 for its establishment of illegal settlements on the occupied territories. The resolution which described the Israeli settlements as constituting "a serious obstruction" to Middle East peace efforts, and which called on Israel to stop attempts at altering the legal, geographical or demographic

status of the occupied territories, was opposed only by Israel with seven abstentions including the USA.

Following is the text of the resolution:

"The General Assembly resolves the following:-

First:- The measures adopted by Israel in the occupied territories have no legal validity and constitute a serious obstruction to efforts aimed at achieving a just and permanent peace in the Middle East.

Second:- Deplores Israel's insistence on carrying out these measures, particularly the establishment of settlements in the occupied Arab territories.

Third:- Calls on Israel to strictly respect her engagements in accordance with international law and the provisions of the 1949 Geneva convention relevant to the protection of civilians in time of war.

Fourth:- Calls on Israel, in its capacity as an occupying power, to immediately stop any acts which might change the legal, geographical or demographic status of the territories, including the city of Jerusalem.

Fifth:- Insists that all signatories of the Geneva convention relevant to the protection of civilians in time of war should respect the provisions of this convention and to apply them in all the Arab territories occupied by Israel, including Jerusalem.

Sixth:- Asks the UN Secretary-General to urgently contact the Israeli government to ensure an immediate implementation of this resolution and to report back to the General Assembly and the Security Council on the results of his contacts not later than December 31st 1977.

Meanwhile, Belgium's Ambassador to the UN, in a speech he delivered on behalf of the nine countries of the EEC, described the Israeli measures in the occupied Arab territories as "contradicting the UN Charter and principles as well as its commitments as a signatory of the Geneva convention". He added that the one-sided Israeli attempts to alter the geographical and demographic status of the occupied territories are considered illegal.

The first Israeli reaction to the resolution came from Prime Minister Menachem Begin, who declared that Israel does not consider itself committed to any UN resolution condemning the establishment of settlements in the occupied Arab territories. Begin added, that the General Assembly resolutions are only recommendations which would not in the least effect Israel's position regarding this issue.

Meanwhile, Chaim Herzog, Israel's Ambassador to the UN said, following the vote, that this resolution holds nothing new for Israel and that the UN has been trapped by its denunciation into what he called an Arab "ambush".



Reed meets the then President Allende of Chile.

DEAN REED

DEAN REED, a famous American singer and actor, is now paying a visit to the Palestinian Revolution to express his solidarity with the just struggle of the Palestinian people. Dean is very active in supporting peace and liberation movements throughout the world.

Dean Reed was born the 22 of Sept. 1938, in Colorado. He lived the life of a cowboy during the teen years of his life, and then after studying at the University of Colorado, he took his guitar and headed for Hollywood. There he recorded for Capitol Records from 1959-61 and studied acting with Paton Price at Warner Brothers Studios. His third record for Capitol became the biggest hit record in South America, and in 1961 he went on a personal appearance tour of many of the South American countries where he was met with a 58 man police guard to save him from his fans. From 1962-1965 he gave concerts in South America, where he was the most popular singer on the hit parades during this time. In 1966

he went to the Soviet Union to give his first concert tour and he was met with the following success:

"Dean Reed, a young American singer, was cheered and applauded for 25 minutes yesterday afternoon in Moscow's Variety Theater after a spirited performance in which the audience joined to sing and clap to rock-n-roll music. When the tickets went on sale here last week for the Moscow shows, 2,000 persons were waiting in the line at the box office."

1966 NEW YORK TIMES

In 1967, he went to Italy to live and to work and from 1967-70, he starred in eight Italian films. In 1971, he went to Chile as a guest of President Allende. Before he arrived, Pablo Neruda had the following to say about Dean:

"Our desires are for a world of peace and happiness; Dean Reed accomplishes those desires and for that reason we love him."



Dean Reed: The American Singer.

LA NACION (September 3, 1970) PABLO NERUDA

Between 1972, and 1977, he has starred in four films which were made in the socialist countries. He was the author and star of the most popular film of 1975, "Blood Brothers". Currently, he has just finished his last film "el Cantor" which is dedicated to his personal friend Victor Jara of Chile.

Dean is the author, director and main actor of the film.

Dean Reed has been awarded the highest peace prizes from the Hungarian, Bulgarian, Czechoslovak, and German governments.

"Even with the protection of twenty Russian policemen, American pop singer Dean Reed was mobbed after the opening performance on his third Russian tour. His records, four LPs so far, sell by the millions according to the state monopoly, Melodiya. The fame of the 33 year old former Colorado dude ranch cowboy is second to no American in the Soviet Union."

NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE March 1972.

"From the Berlin Wall to Siberia, Dean Reed of Colorado is communism's tops in pops. Reed is considered, apart from President Ford and Henry Kissinger, the American best known to Russian and Eastern Europeans."

PEOPLE MAGAZINE 1976

THE PALESTINIAN UNION FOR BODY BUILDING AND WEIGHT LIFTING



The Palestinian Union for Body Building and Weight Lifting, participated in several Arab and International championships and conferences.

The Palestinian Union was established in 1936, under the name of the Weight Lifting Committee in the General Athletic Palestinian Union. The Union was reorganized under the name of the Palestinian Union for Body Building and Weight Lifting in 1959, in the Gaza Strip.

The first elected committee was formed under the supervision of the PLO in 1969, and the elected President was Fawzi Al-Khudary, who is also the present president of the General Athletic Union.

The Union has branches in several Arab countries and also clubs in all of the Palestinian camps. The Union is following the General policy of the PLO, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian Arab people.

The Union has already participated in the following Arab and International Championships:

- 1) All of the Arab championships which have been sponsored by the Arab League.
- 2) The Orient, Arab, and Mediterranean championships of Body Building from 1971-1977.
- 3) The Asian and World Championship of Body Building in 1972
- 4) Cambodian International Championship for Weight Lifting in 1965.

5) The World Championship for Body Building in London, 1973.

6) Asian Championship for Body Building in 1974, Manila, Philippines.

7) The World Championship for Body Building, 1975, London.

8) Nseir International Session for Body Building, 1977, Alexandria, Egypt.

9) Asia Championship for Weight Lifting in 1977, Baghdad, Iraq.

10) The Mediterranean Championship for Body Building in 1977, Alexandria, Egypt.

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- 2) All Arab, Mediterranean, and East conference from 1971-1977.
- 3) The Asian and International Conference in 1972, Baghdad, Iraq.
- 4) The Asian Conference, 1974, Manila, Philippines.
- 5) The International Conference 1974, Verrona, Italy.

The Palestinian Union is a member of the following unions:

- 1) The Arab Union for Weight Lifting.

- 2) The Asian Union for Weight Lifting.

- 3) The International Union for Body Building.

Moreover, there are many Palestinian champions who have won prizes such as, Ibrahim Al-Aydi, the prize winning and champion Palestinian weight-lifter, and also Assad Kiblawi, the prize winning and champion Palestinian body builder.

The Palestinian Union has achieved participation in the following fields:

- 1) The participation in the International and Continental Unions.

- 2) The Union has been able to promote a pro-Palestinian attitude through Arab, International and Continental Championships.

- 3) The Union has good friendly relations with the Unions of the democratic peoples who are supporting our just cause.

- 4) The Union has established many Palestinian clubs throughout the Arab World.

- 5) The training of a new Palestinian generation, who will be able to represent Palestine internationally.

- 6) The Union aims at strengthening the relations between peoples through athletic conference.

The Union sacrificed and offered some of its champions for the sake of the Palestinian Revolution, and the following members are some of the martyrs of the Union:

- 1) Martyr Ahmed Abu Meiha (Tal Al-Zaatar), the International Champion of Palestine in Weight Lifting.

- 2) Martyr Ali Uweid (Sidon), the International Champion of Palestine in Weight Lifting.

- 3) Martyr Ibrahim Khattab (Nabatieh), the Palestinian Champion in Body building and Weight Lifting.

- 4) Martyr Maher Keelani (Occupied Territory), The Champion of Palestine in Body Building.



OCCUPATION DIARY



Karim Khalaf, mayor of Ramallah.

RAMALLAH MAYORS REAFFIRM SUPPORT FOR PLO

Rome, 31/10, Wafa

In a press statement he made recently in Rome, Karim Khalaf, mayor of Ramallah, reasserted the loyalty of the Palestinian people and their mayors in occupied Palestine to the PLO, their sole legitimate representative; and denounced attempts carried out by Israeli and Jordanian agents to create alternate leaderships to the PLO.

When asked about the possibility of delegating mayors to represent the Palestinians at the Geneva conference instead of the PLO, he replied: "Should Yasser Arafat himself ask me to go to Geneva, I would refuse and would tell him you are the representative of the Palestinian people and you should go to Geneva... For the West Bank mayors consider themselves a pillar of support for the PLO and can never be alternate tools used for conspiratorial purposes". In the same context, he added that "agents working on orders of Israel and the Jordanian regime do not represent our people".

In response to a question asked about US policy in the Middle East and the recent statements of the US State Department, Karim Khalaf said, that he personally has no confidence in US policy, and described these statements as "soap bubbles". "One day", he added, "Carter backs a Palestinian homeland, the next day he supports Israel unconditionally; he hints at a recognition of the PLO, then the State Department officially denies it." Khalaf reiterated: "The recovery of our rights does not need support from the USA, which cannot possibly give us any of our national legitimate inalienable rights on our soil".

Questioned about the conditions of Palestinian detainees and the economic and social situation in the occupied territories, he said: "Why should the Israeli authorities bother to examine the prisoners' conditions, since it is part of their policy against them". He added that requests to treat the detainees as prisoners of war have so far been to no avail. He furthermore described the economic and social situation in the West Bank as appalling, especially with the continued devaluation of the Israeli pound, the high cost of living and the increase in taxes, combined with a wage freeze.

FATIMA BARNAWI RELEASED AND DEPORTED

Amman, 11/11, Wafa

The Israeli occupation authorities on November 10, released from jail and deported to Jordan the Palestinian militant Fatima Barnawi. Fatima Barnawi, age 37, was arrested in August 1967, on charges of affiliation with Fateh,

and placing explosives in a Jerusalem cinema. She was sentenced to 25 years imprisonment. She was deported on November 10, in view of her deteriorating health condition and as a result of numerous petitions sent to the occupation authorities by the International Red Cross demanding the release of a number of Palestinian detainees who are seriously ill, including Fatima Barnawi.

In related news, the health of the militant Shaykh Muhammad Abu Tayr, who is serving a 37 year sentence in al-Lydd prison, is reported to be deteriorating rapidly as a result of inhuman treatment inside the jail.

MAJDEL KRUM STANDS UP AND RESISTS

At the time when terrorist Begin voiced his recent "peace" initiative, and at the time when the Zionist armed forces engaged in barbaric genocide against the population of the peaceful southern village of Izziyeh, the war mongers of Tel Aviv were in the process of perpetrating another of their crimes against the Palestinian people in occupied Palestine. In line with the general policies of liquidating and obliterating the Arab character of Palestine, Zionist bulldozers moved in to demolish an Arab house in the Galilee village of Majdel Krum. Under the pretext of stopping unauthorized construction and the preservation of "law and order", Zionist half-tracks loaded with police and frontier special forces, known for their brutality, came to protect the bulldozers at work. Angry villagers flocked to the area in an attempt to stop the demolition. Zionist troops opened direct fire into the crowd

according to Zionist sources themselves, resulting in the killing of a 21 year old man, and the wounding of 15 others of whom many have been critically injured. Other Arab villages in the vicinity expressed their solidarity with Majdel Krum, by staging a strike that paralyzed daily life in western Galilee. The Zionist repressive police machinery was again mobilized in order to contain the uprising. As a result a fierce confrontation ensued resulting in the storming of Palestinian houses by Zionist police. Much property damage was reported. Arabs were detained by police and some were beaten. Yet, Zionist oppression could not bring the uprising to a halt, and the popular action continues to attract attention locally and internationally.

The struggle of the Arab village of Majdel Krum, is part of the whole struggle of the Palestinians of Galilee, who are fighting heroically under extremely unfavorable conditions, including official Arab silence. After the plight of the villages of Iqrit and Kufr Burom, the village of Majdel Krum continues to resist in the course of the protracted war against Zionism, and struggle for the establishment of a free democratic Palestine.

FIRST ACADEMIC YEAR AT NABLUS UNIVERSITY

Nablus, West Bank

The first academic year at Nablus University, begins on November 4. Dr. Sayed Abdel Haq, the Dean of the University, said that courses will begin on November 4, in the schools of Arts and Science and Education, which include around 400 Palestinian students. It is to be noted that the Jordanian government has refused to recognize this university.

2 PALESTINIANS SENTENCED TO 25, 30 YEARS

Jerusalem, 31/10, Wafa

A military court in Lydd recently sentenced the Palestinian citizen Muhanna Assal to 25 years in prison, and Sarhan al-Salaymeh from Jerusalem, to 30 years, on charges of involvement in a car explosion in Jerusalem last year. The same court had earlier issued prison sentences against Ahmed al-Batsh, Daoud Abu Ghazaleh, Yusef al-Herbawi and Musa Zhaikeh, on similar charges.

ZIONIST SENTENCES

Jerusalem, 5/11, Wafa

An Israeli military tribunal in Nablus, sentenced 19-year old Khodr Arabi Freitekh to 10 years in prison, three of them suspended; and Naim al-A'raj to 7 years, including a 3 1/2 years suspended sentence. They were charged with affiliation to the Palestinian Revolution.

On similar charges, another military tribunal in Tulkarm sentenced Husni Othman Qadan to 21 months in prison, and Abdel Majid Ahmad Khodr to 1 1/2 years.



SHORT STORY

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The calendar hanging on the wall fell down, a strong cold gust of wind came in through the open window, the handful of air whirled all around the room with its bare cement walls, the pages of an old daily newspaper, which had been placed carelessly on a small wooden table in the room, rustled as the air infiltrated between them. The pages billowed out, uttering a sound like a rattle in the throat, as if it were a diseased human lung, and then was extinguished again. In one corner of the ceiling, the fine geometrical lines traced by a spider were torn apart soundlessly. The calendar, which had been tied with a piece of string to hang on the bare wall, swung around like a hanged bird and fell down.

Mahmoud Al Ayidi was roaming with his eyes around the emptiness of the room, his head on the pillow and his thick black shoes sticking out from the end of the bedcover, his long body between his head and feet looking as if it were lifeless, restrained by numbness and tranquillity, lying at the dividing-point between wakefulness and unconsciousness. He tried to get up. His head moved, and his feet moved inside his thick black shoes, but his long body remained lying down under the bedcover, in a complete state of numbness and tranquillity, like an electric wire that had been cut down. He tried a second and a

IT POURS WITH RAIN"

third time in vain. A little shiver of fear shook him, another cold gust of wind came in through the open window. His body shook with a slight trembling, he felt his body shaking, and felt joy. A wave of joy swept over him, as if he had found his lost self, and with one leap he jumped from his bed and was upright, standing on his feet. He began patting his body with both hands, on his chest, his stomach, his hips and his thighs, taking deep breaths of the cold air of the room, storing up air in his lungs for a few moments and then letting it out at one go. He closed the open window, picked up the calendar from the floor of the room, and stared at it.

"What's the date today?"

With a kind of harsh surprise, Mahmoud Al Ayidi discovered that he did not know the date that day, and his memory awoke. He was standing near the window, his face almost touching its glass, near the window of his room on the edge of the town of Deraa. The sky seemed clear, a blue sky in which groups of black clouds raced each other, as if they were mythological horses hastening to their country, or as if they were mountains split away from something and heading off to merge with something else, propelled by the wings of the strong winds, and the smell of winter swirled up in the world.

"What's the date today?"

He gazed again at the calendar which he had picked up from the floor of the room. The numbers and days printed on its pages could not enable him to specify on what day it was. Perhaps this calendar had been hanging there for months without anyone tearing off its pages. He himself had come to this room, and imprisoned himself inside it, several days ago. A letter had reached him from his old mother: "My son, I feel my days are near an end. I want to see you before I die."

His mother was in the homeland.

And all the roads were closed.

Mahmoud Al Ayidi had decided to come to this room in Deraa, where the smugglers were who moved across the borders, smuggling cigarettes, merchandise and secrets. He had told himself, "I'll return even if I have to sneak across," but he had discovered that the smugglers were not very different from the authorities: they smuggle cigarettes, drugs, merchandise and secrets, but none of them would agree to smuggle him, the Palestinian.

He threw the calendar away. He said to himself: "This calendar is a forgery, its days, months and years date back to (Jesus') birth or (the

by Yahia Rabah

Prophet Muhammad's) migration. Why don't they print calendars dated according to Palestinian history, from the first minute of the first day of the first month of the first year, when Palestinian history began, and the world was split into two halves?"

His feverish breaths had thickened on the cold pane of the window, leaving an opaqueness on the glass. The world outside the glass had come to look like a painting in which reality and fantasy were mingled. The groups of racing clouds had calmed down and merged with each other, dropping down so that it seemed to him from behind the window pane that he could touch them with his fingers. Big drops of rain, then the rain poured down in torrents, a massive collapse of water, a huge typhoon levelling the surface of the earth. The hills, the streets, the checkpoints and the border posts disappeared, and he was running with all his strength.

"Mother... Mother... I'm coming to you... All the barriers have fallen... And all the hands which barred the roads have been paralysed."

When he awoke again, his body was drenched with water and his feet were immersed in mud, and those around him were looking at him with a mixture of pity and gloating.

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