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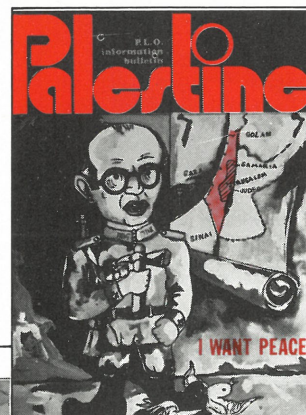
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EDITORIAL

QUOVADIS SADAT !

President Sadat, believed that 99 per cent of the cards of the Middle East lie in American hands and thus he put all of his eggs in the U.S. basket. By this move, Sadat believed one of two things, either he would influence U.S. policy in the Middle East in favor of the Arabs and hence neutralize the U.S., or he would promote a split between Israel and the U.S. Sadat's logic went even further and supposed that he could sell himself as the guardian of U.S. interests in the Middle East and Africa. In order to prove his "good intentions", Sadat opened Egypt to even further Western investments and believed that the dollar flow would alleviate the malaise of the Egyptian people and economy. Further more, he completely froze his relations with the Soviet Union and dramatically expelled Soviet advisors which, consequently, led to the halt of Soviet military supplies and assistance to Egypt. Those supplies and aid could have eventually strengthened Sadat's position in any political deal with Israel. Sadat even extended himself to the point that he sent troops to Zaire to brace President Mobutu in the maintenance of his eroding power in the wake of the fight in the southern Shaba region.

After having 'qualified' himself as the strongman of the U.S. and Western interests, Sadat believed that he had outmanoeuvred the Israelis and thus potentially liberated his occupied territories by applying political pressure vis a vis his new friends and sponsors. The climax of all of Sadat's political ventures was his sudden visit to Israel, which outweighed all expectations. Defying all Arab feelings and sentiments, Sadat went to Israel believing that the Israelis would reward him graciously for doing so by in turn withdrawing from the occupied Arab territories. He also expected that the United States would exert enough pressure on the Israelis, as he was 'promised', in order to legitimize his unendorsed moves.

Now, two months after his visit to Jerusalem, Sadat's adventure has led him to a dead end. There have been statements that there will

be a reconvening and resumption of talks between the Israeli and Egyptian political and military committees, but no serious results have been, nor will be born by these negotiations. By their behavior, the Israelis have once again flaunted their arrogance and intransigence to the entire world. They have unmasked their expansionist ambitions at the expense of the Palestinians, the Syrians, and the Egyptians.

The U.S., the country which Sadat has been hoping for to deliver him an "honorable" peace, has demonstrated their incapability and weakness in facing Israel's unwillingness to yield. The Zionist lobby in America, is the barrier that prevents any U.S. President and his government there to act independently in a Middle East policy.

Begin and his Zionist clique, even underlined Sadat's naivete by publicly stating that he is making illusions if he thinks that "we will return to the pre-1967 borders". The Israelis want to continue to control the West Bank, Gaza Strip, the Golan Heights, the settlements in the Sinai, and they speak of peace. Begin said, that the Israelis do not even need Egyptian recognition (which Sadat so graciously gave to them), and "the settlements built with the sweat of our men cannot be removed in order to satisfy Sadat".

Zionist ideology does not promote peace but the perpetuation of its contrary, and Sadat must realize that. Sadat is mistaken if he tries to minimize the contradiction between Israel as an aggressive expansionist state, and the Arabs whose lands are occupied, as only a psychological barrier. The Palestinian people, who have been suffering under Zionist occupation and oppression for some 30 years, have no psychological complexes vis a vis their Zionist oppressors and lynchmen. They understand realities, and the only way out of their tragedy and misfortune is to fight and resist the foreign occupation of their homeland by any and all means.

ON THE 13TH ANNIVERSARY OF PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION

To comrade Yasser Arafat
President of the Central Committee
of the Palestinian Liberation Movement FATAH
Chief Commander of the Forces of
the Palestinian Revolution
Chairman of the Executive Committee of the P.L.O.

In a new anniversary of the launching of the armed struggle of the Palestinian People, The Montoneros Peronist Movement hails FATAH in its heroic struggle of resistance against imperialism, zionism and reactionary forces and reaffirms the tight revolutionary solidarity between the Argentine and Palestinian people.

In a moment in which a new imperialist and zionist conspiracy is developing against the Palestine Revolution, our Movement reiterates its solidarity and its certainty in the victory of the Arab masses, and its spearhead, the Palestinian People.

We understand that the best contribution to the cause of the international anti-imperialist struggle is to intensify the fight of the Argentine people. It is clearer than ever that zionism in the Middle East, racism in Africa, and fascism in Latin America are not more than the different faces of the imperialist enemy. In each front our common struggle shall continue until final victory.

**MONTONEROS PERONIST
MOVEMENT**

ARAFAT RECEIVES CONGRATULATIONS CABLE FROM IPO

Yasser Arafat on January 14, received a cable of congratulations from the International Progress Organization in Vienna, on the occasion of the 13th anniversary of the launching of the Palestinian Revolution. The cable reasserted the Organization's solidarity with the just struggle of the Palestinian people for the foundation of an independent, sovereign and democratic state, under the leadership of the PLO.

UN COMMITTEE OF 23 REAFFIRMS TO ARAFAT SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIAN RIGHTS

In a cable to Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the PLO Executive Committee and General Commander of the forces of the Palestinian Revolution, on the occasion of the 13th anniversary of the Palestinian Revolution, the Chairman of the UN Committee on the Exercise by the Palestinian people of their Inalienable Rights, reiterated his solidarity with the just cause of the Palestinian people. He also reaffirmed the Committee's determination to exert all efforts to promote the implementation of the recommendations concerning the Palestinian people's exercise of their inalienable rights, including the rights to return, to self-determination, and to national independence and sovereignty.

CABLES TO ARAFAT ON REVOLUTION'S ANNIVERSARY

4 January

The Prime Minister of Democratic Cambodia cabled Arafat, congratulating him on the 13th anniversary of the Palestinian Revolution. He expressed his confidence that through self-reliance, revolutionary action and with the support of the third world peoples, the Palestinians will certainly obtain their sacred national rights.

In another cable sent on the same occasion, the Hungarian Committee of Solidarity with the Palestinian People called for the guaranteeing of the legitimate national rights of the Palestinian people.

G.U.P.S. IN TUNISIA CABLES ARAFAT

In other cables, the General Union of Palestinian Students in Tunisia, and the General Director of the 'Dar al-Fata al-Arabi' publishing and distribution company, expressed their support for Arafat and the Palestinian Revolution on the Revolution's anniversary.

ARAFAT RECEIVES CABLES ON REVOLUTION ANNIVERSARY

3 January

In cables to Yasser Arafat, the General Union of Palestinian Women, the General Union of Palestinian Teachers, and the General Union of Palestinian students — Tyre branches — have renewed their support for the PLO leadership and the Revolution on the occasion of the 13th anniversary of the Palestinian Revolution.

In other cables on the same occasion, the popular committee in the North Lebanon camp of Nahr al-Bared as well as officers and soldiers of the PLA conveyed their congratulations to Arafat.

From Morocco, Arafat received a cable of support and congratulations from Muhammad Abu Sitta, the Secretary-General of the Istiqlal Party.

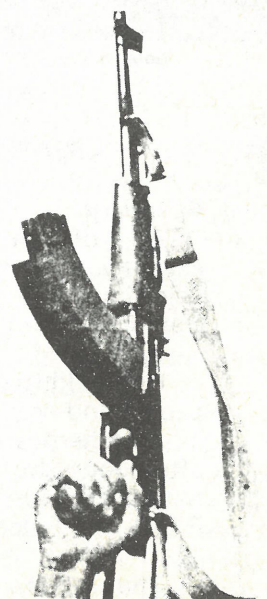
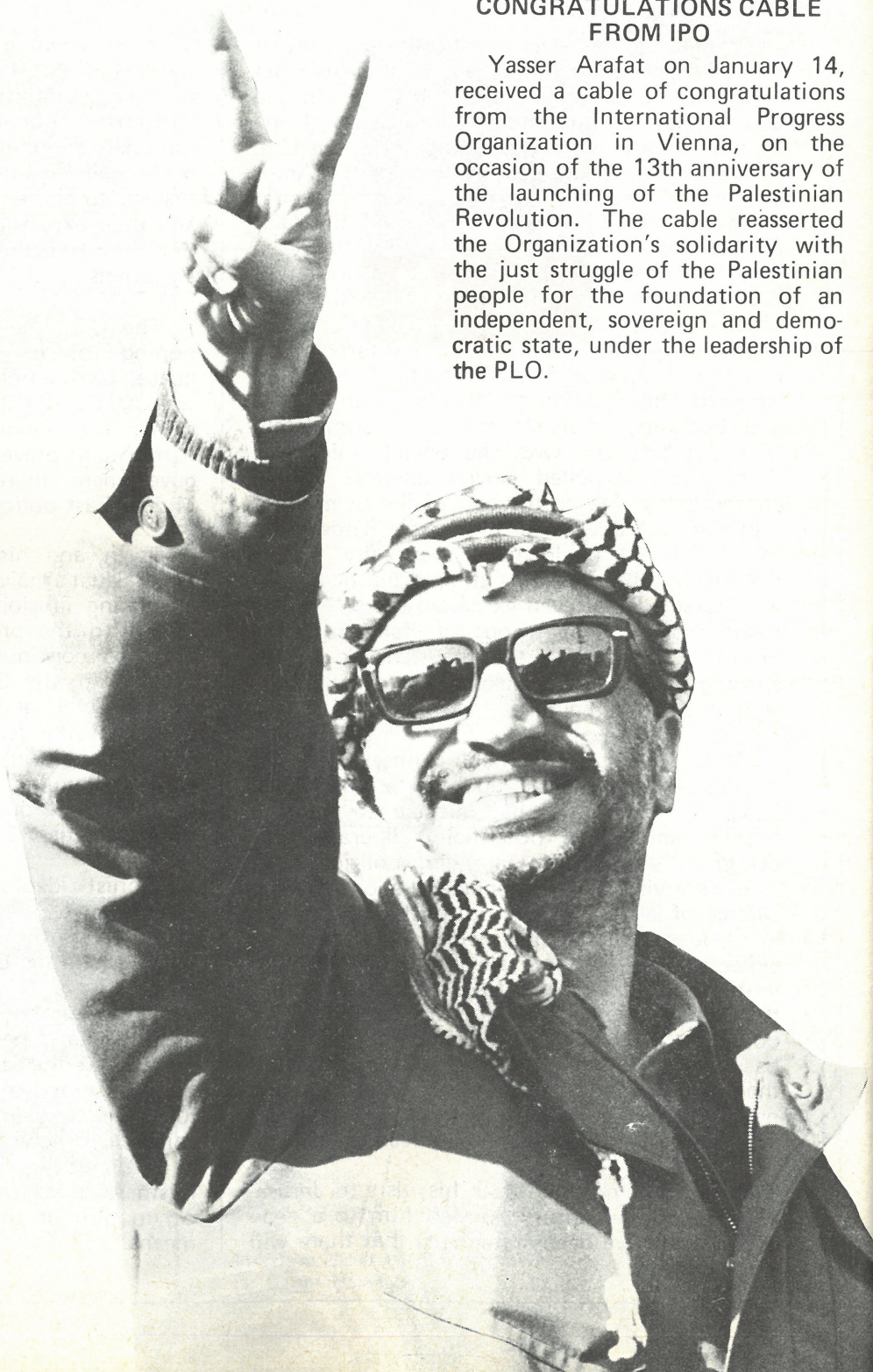
From Baghdad, the International Federation of Arab Workers' Unions sent a cable to Arafat expressing their total support for the Palestinian Revolution.

ARAFAT RECEIVES LETTER FROM SOVIET LEADERS, AND CABLE FROM PAPAL ENVOY IN BEIRUT

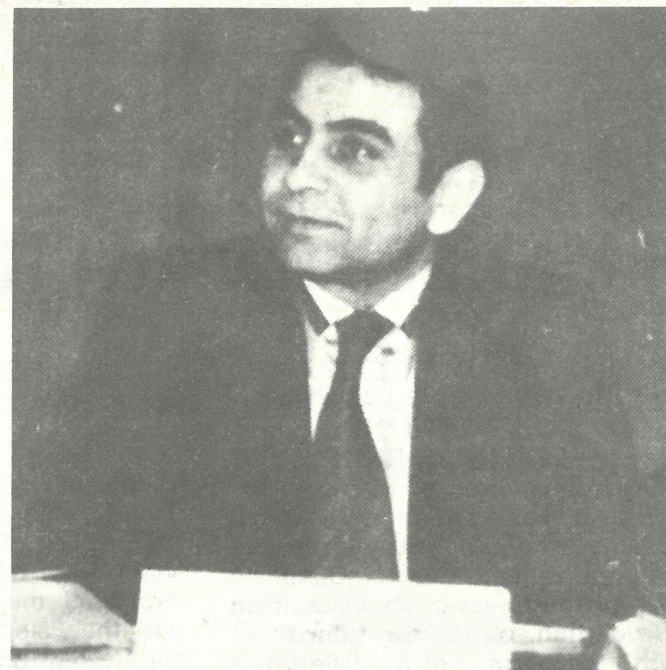
4 January

Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the PLO Executive Committee and General Commander of the forces of the Palestinian Revolution, received an important letter from the Soviet leadership, which was handed to him by the Soviet Ambassador in Beirut, Aleksander Soldatov.

Arafat also received a cable of thanks from the Papal envoy in Beirut, Msgr. Alfredo Bruniera, in answer to a cable he had earlier sent to the Pope about Greek Catholic Archbishop Hilarion Capucci. In his cable, Bruniera transmitted the Pope's thanks to Arafat for his noble sentiments, and expressed his sincere wishes that peace will be achieved for all the Middle East peoples.



ON THE MARTYRDOM OF SAID HAMAMI



Said Hamami, martyred PLO representative in London.

Central Committee of Fateh today lost a leading militant and son of the Revolution, and an accomplished diplomat who devoted his time and gave his life to service to the cause of the Palestinian people and their armed revolution.

The militant and patriot Said Hamami died the death of a martyr, while steadfastly and bravely doing his patriotic duty in defence of the right of our people to regain their homeland and their rights.

The Palestinian Revolution, which is horrified by this ugly criminal act aimed against one of its people's leading militants will not stand idly by in the shadow of this crime, no matter who the perpetrators are. The bullets which took the life of the militant Said Hamami will not find their recompense except with the lives of the hired killers, enemies of the Palestinian people and their revolution, and agents of Zionism and imperialism.

The Palestinian revolution, while condemning in the strongest terms this odious and reprehensible crime, stresses that the hands which fired the bullets which killed Said Hamami will not escape punishment. The Palestinian Revolution will pursue the killers and those behind them, whoever they are, for the blood of revolutionaries and militants must not be shed in vain.

The Palestinian Revolution, which is following up its own investigation via the appropriate committees to discover the identity of the hired killers, hold the British Government responsible until the identity of the murderers and those who stand behind them have been revealed.

The martyr Said Adel Hamami was born in Jaffa in 1943. His family became refugees as a result of the Zionist occupation of Palestine in 1948. They settled in Jordan where Hamami received his secondary education before going on to university in Damascus.

He joined Fateh in 1967 as a fighter in the Assifa forces, fought in Jordan river valley and the Golan, and participated in military operations inside Palestine and against the port of Eilat. After September 1970, Hamami became representative of the revolution in Lebanon, building close relations with the Lebanese Nationalist parties and forces.

In 1972, he was appointed to represent the Revolution in London, with his office in the Arab League there. In London, Hamami succeeded in establishing extensive contacts with representatives of all levels of British society, and helped to erase the distorted image of our people and revolution amongst broad sectors of British public opinion.

While mourning the death of Said Hamami, fighter, cadre and diplomat, the Palestinian Revolution asserts that his killers will not escape punishment.



Palestinian leadership walking behind the martyr's casket.

ARAFAT AT HAMAMI FUNERAL PROCESSION: PALESTINIAN DECISION REMAINS OUR OWN

9 January

The Palestinian and Lebanese masses on January 8 mourned PLO representative in London, Said Hamami, with an impressive funeral procession in Beirut. The funeral march was headed by Yasser Arafat, along with other Palestinian leaders including Abu Lutf, Abu Jihad, Abu Iyyad, Abul Hol, Zuheir Muhsen and Yasser Abed Rabbo. In a speech he delivered before the crowds, Arafat bitterly attacked the perpetrators of the crime, who he said, directed by Zionist-imperialist-American agents, tried to assassinate the independent Palestinian will by murdering Hamami. Addressing those "dwarfs" who killed Hamami, Arafat vowed that the Palestinian decision will remain a revolutionary and firm one: "Let this be clearly understood", he said, "by Begin, Carter and all those who will be meeting in Aswan or in any other place."

The funeral procession then

continued to Beirut International Airport, escorted by units of the Palestinian Armed Struggle Command, with Arafat and other Palestinian leaders driving behind the body, which was transported by a vehicle of the Palestinian Red Crescent. At around 3:00 PM a special plane carried the body to Amman for burial there.

HAMAMI FUNERAL IN AMMAN

9 January

Large numbers of Palestinians and Jordanians on the evening of January 8, attended the funeral procession in Amman of the martyr Said Hammami, who was assassinated in London on January the fourth. The plane which carried the martyr's body, his wife Khalida al-Shihabi, and the PLO delegation, arrived in Amman on January 8, and was received at the airport by the mayor of Amman, the director of the PLO office in Amman, a number of Arab and foreign diplomats and representatives of professional syndicates. The body was

then transported in an ambulance to Jabal al-Hussein al-Gharbi Mosque and afterwards was buried in the martyr's cemetery.

FURTHER CONDOLENCES ON HAMAMI KILLING

9 January

Cables of condolences addressed to Yasser Arafat on the martyrdom of Said Hamami, the PLO representative in London, included messages from the International Workers Association of the Fourth International - Greece branch; CAABU members; the National Union of Students in the United Kingdom; the General Union of Palestinian Students in the United Kingdom and Ireland, and the Ambassador of the UAE in London, Muhammad Mahdi al-Tajer.

Among other messages of condolences received were a cable from the head of the New England Regional office of the American Friends Service Committee in the USA, who said "we have all lost a



Hamami's body arriving in Beirut.

OFFICIAL PALESTINIAN COMMUNIQUE ON ASSASSINATION OF HAMAMI

4 January

An official spokesman for the P.L.O. executive committee and the leadership of the Palestinian Revolution made the following statement:

Hired killers, enemies of the Palestinian people and agents of Zionism and imperialism in a treacherous and cowardly fashion this afternoon shot the Palestinian patriot and militant, Said Hamami, representative of the P.L.O. and Fateh in London.

The P.L.O. Executive Committee and the



courageous friend and a fighter for self-determination".

An official message from Rauf Denktash, Head of the Turkish community in Cyprus to the PLO representative there said that "the assassination of Hamami has deeply grieved me and the Turkish community of Cyprus."

Arafat also received a cable of condolences from the administrative bodies of Palestinian popular committees in Kuwait.

Arafat also received a cable of condolences from Uganda President Idi Amin Dada.

STUDENTS IN CHINA SEND CONDOLENCES TO ARAFAT

Arab and African Students Unions in Canton and Shanghai sent cables of condolences to

Yasser Arafat on the death of PLO representative Said Hamami. The cables, which expressed support for Palestinian struggle, were signed by the students of Tanzania, Guinea, Benin, Zaire, Congo, Ethiopia, Mauritania, Somalia, South Yemen, Sudan and Palestine.

ARAFAT RECEIVES CABLE OF CONDOLENCES FROM AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARIY ORGANIZATION

10 January

Yasser Arafat received a cable of condolences on the assassination of the militant Sa'id Hamami from the Permanent Secretariat of the Afro-Asian Solidarity Organization in Cairo. The Secretariat, which reaffirmed its belief that Israel and its agents are behind the assassination, condemned this crime and conveyed condolences to Arafat, to the Palestinian people and to the martyr's family.

ARAFAT RECEIVES CONDOLENCES ON DEATH OF HAMAMI

Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the PLO Executive Committee and General Commander of the forces of the Palestinian Revolution, has

received more cables on January 12, condoling him on the martyrdom of the militant Said Hamami, who was assassinated in London on January 4th.

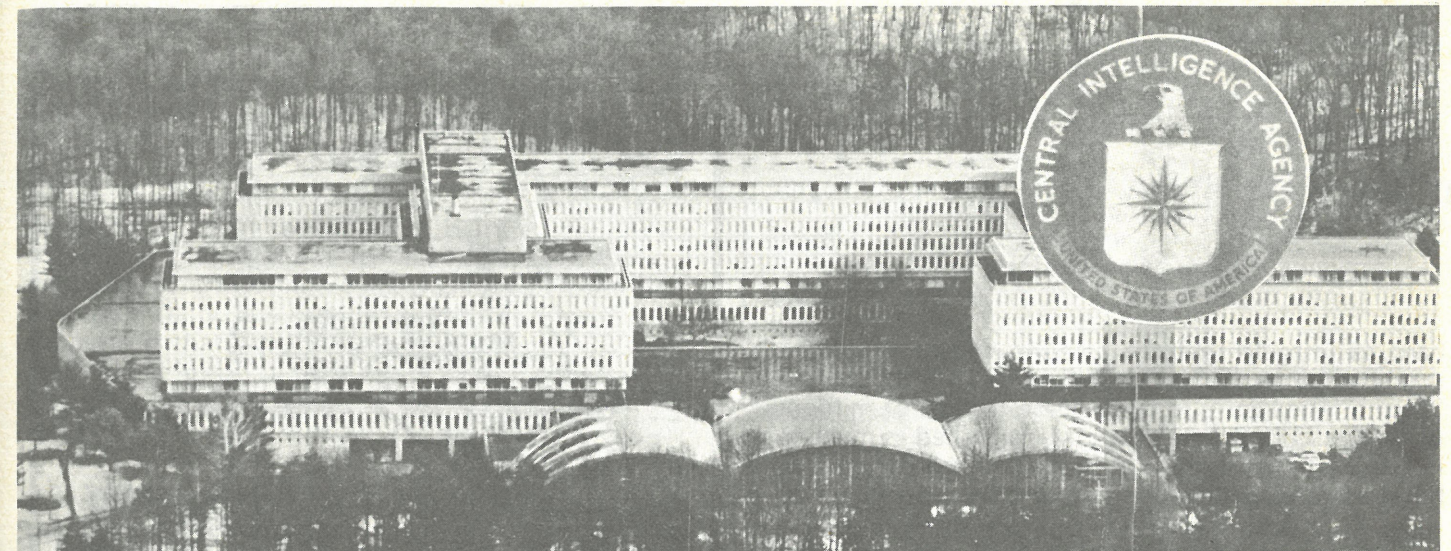
The cables came from the Central Committee of the Cypriot 'EKEL' Party; from the American Jewish Alternatives to Zionism (Elmer Berger & Norton Mezvinsky); from Arab students in China, Arab students in the Chinese city of Shenan; from the Palestinian and Arab communities in China and from foreign communities in China.

The Arab students in China said that this crime which was perpetrated 'by the forces hostile to our Revolution and people is proof of the continued violation of our rights and freedom by Zionism and its agents in the area.' The Arab and foreign communities in China both said that Hamami was killed by treasonous hands linked to agents of imperialism and Zionism, and announced their full support for the PLO.

The last cable came from the Syrian Communist Party, which stressed that this crime is linked to the implementation of the imperialist-Zionist-Sadat plot in the region which is aimed against the Arab Liberation Movement and against the Palestinian Resistance and people in particular.



Military honor guard escorting the body of Said Hamami before departing to Amman, the martyr's final resting place.



CIA Headquarters in Langley, Virginia.

THE C I A AND THE MASS MEDIA

By Dr. Abdel-Qader Yassine

Is the foreign news you read real — or is it manufactured in Langley, Virginia, at CIA headquarters? That question now persists as new evidence surfaces showing the deep ties that exist between the CIA and the U.S. news media.

The New York Times, for example, which blows as much hot air as possible into stories of Palestinian "terrorism", did not see fit to print the blockbuster report that the CIA was involved in foreign assassinations. They knew about it, said William Colby, former CIA chief. "When President Ford attended an off-the-record discussion with the editorial board members of *The New York Times*", Colby wrote, "he told them he was concerned that the Congressional intelligence investigations might unearth past CIA involvement in assassination plotting... They didn't print his remark." (*American Reporter*, November 1977). In fact, the *New York Times* did not print the story until after it was exposed by others.

Or take the dramatic expulsion from the Soviet Union of *Associated Press* reporter George Krinsky. He was found illegally passing coupons (currency in special department stores) to so called "Soviet dissidents". The *New York Times*, which is very friendly to such unjournalistic practices, reported

that Soviet citizens were passed money in brown paper bags for helping U.S. journalists dig up anti-Soviet mud.

The CIA has denied the charge by Soviet writers that Krinsky is an agent — as is their Knee-jerk reaction to all such accusations — but reluctant admissions by the CIA during the past two years show that penetration of the world's press has been an important objective. Its success rate in the capitalist media is extremely high.

One CIA memo that came to light during the Senate investigation says:

"Sao Paulo, Buenos Aires, Lima, Montevideo, Bogota, Mexico City report continued replay of Chile theme materials. Items also carried in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Newsweek*, *Time*, propaganda activities continue to generate good coverage of Chile developments along our theme guidance." (*The Village Voice*, April 26, 1975).

According to the same Senate committee, the CIA spent \$2.5 million on propaganda activities in Chile to overthrow the Allende government. Since this sum only represented the money spent inside Chile and only to overthrow the Allende government it is not

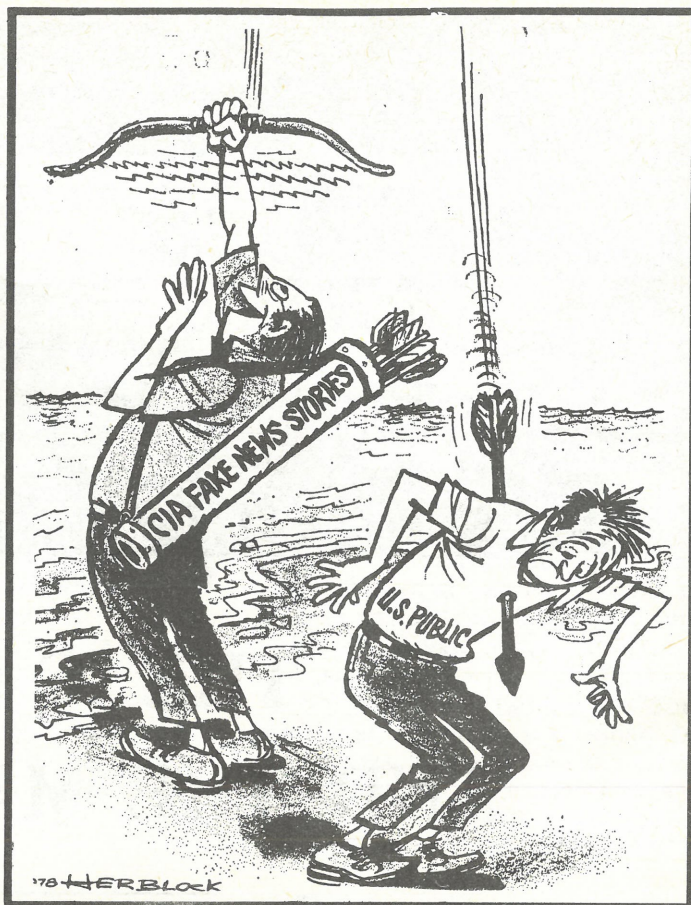
THE CIA AND THE MASS MEDIA

hard to imagine that the amount spent annually to guarantee the publication of articles following CIA "theme guidance". It must come to tens of millions of dollars. The Senate committees implied as much in its estimate that this infiltration involved "several hundred foreign individuals around the world".

Over the past years the number of U.S. journalists revealed to be working for the CIA has steadily grown. The Senate committee report, for example, says that 35 reporters who are on the payroll of the U.S. media were also on the CIA payroll as recently as two years ago. That figure, however, is misleading. First of all it only includes those receiving cash payment. There are indications, however, that many reporters are "paid" in other ways. Friendly relations between reporters and government agencies are routinely encouraged by news agencies. Newsmen will plant CIA-oriented material in their papers in exchange for additional information. This "favour for favour" relationship is widespread and is often signalled by the phrase "informed sources report". These "informed sources" are government officials who do not want to be identified.

Commenting on this method of operations the Senate committee said: "Covert relationships resemble the link of contact that journalists have with any other department of the U.S. government in the routine performance of their journalistic duties. No money changes hands. The relationships are usually limited to occasional lunches, interviews or telephone conversations during which information would be exchanged or verified. The difference, of course, is that the relationships are covert". The CIA admitted that this category adds another 25 to the list.

Another point to consider in determining the CIA's link with the media is that penetration is usually greatest where influence is widest. The Senate committee has found that 16 news outlets have been penetrated by the CIA. From the names that have come to light, it is clear that some of these agencies included Associated Press (AP), United Press International (UPI), CBS, NBC, Reuters, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *U.S. News & World Report*, *Washington Post*, and other prominent newspapers. Thus, "once a story is planted it is possible to spread it to thousands of other news outlets." (Philip Agee, *Inside the Company: CIA Diary*, Bantam Books, New York 1974). The three major networks alone have 1,460 radio and TV affiliates. News services also have a huge number of outlets.



The CIA's penetration of television was recently brought to public attention with the case of TV journalist Sam Jaffe. He was approached by a CIA agent and told that if he cooperated with them they would guarantee him a job with CBS. Jaffe has told reporters he refused the offer. Nevertheless, as was predicted by the CIA representative, Jaffe was approached by CBS and offered a job as correspondent in the Soviet Union. Jaffe says he believes that the CIA might have had a hand in getting him the assignment. Why would they have done this if Jaffe refused the deal which has never been explained?

During a television interview in January 1976, Jaffe also revealed that he had been told by another ABC reporter, Bill Gill, that a list existed of 60 reporters who were informants for U.S. intelligence agencies. According to Jaffe, among those on the list were Walter Cronkite of CBS and John Chancellor of NBC. The list also included Bill Sheehan, President of ABC News, and Lou Cioffi of ABC News.

All the newsmen named by Jaffe have since denied the charge. Determination of the truth, however, is difficult, since the names of reporters helping the CIA and the FBI have been classified "SECRET, NATIONAL SECURITY" by the government and are therefore exempt from freedom of information law suits.

Lastly, while the CIA now claims that it no longer

employs journalists working for U.S. outlets, it will not exclude the possibility that it is now employing "stringers". These are reporters who, while writing for U.S. publications, do not get a regular wage, but are paid by the article.

Another tie between the CIA and the U.S. mass media is in the contribution by TV stations to CIA-run propaganda outlets like Radio Free Europe. In 1974, at a meeting of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, the president of Radio Free Europe announced that among other corporations CBS had given \$275,000 and RCA, the owner of NBC, had given \$185,000, since the founding of the station in 1947.

As significant as the Senate investigations have been in uncovering information, none have pointed out the two-way exchange in personnel. Like the military-industrial complex, personnel is moving both ways and is thus forming what might be termed the media-intelligence complex.

Stuart Loory, White House correspondent for the *Los Angeles Times*, writing in the prestigious *Columbia Journalism Review* says: "The open flow of personnel between the news business and the CIA is known to many Washington journalists but is accepted and no particular point is made of it." As examples of what he means Loory offers the following examples:

Tom Braden — International Organizations Director for the CIA during the early 1950's, presently a syndicated columnist.

Bonner Day — Worked for Foreign Broadcast Information Service, a CIA subsidiary, now Pentagon correspondent for *U.S. News & World Report*.

Robert J. Meyers — Former CIA station Chief in South east Asia, now publisher of the *New Republic*.

George Packard — Former CIA man in the Far East, former *Newsweek* staffer in Washington, now executive editor of the *Philadelphia Bulletin*.

Brice van Voorst — Former CIA man in Africa, now *Newsweek* diplomatic correspondent.

Richard Helms — Former United Press International correspondent (before World War II), later became director of the CIA under President Johnson.

Wallace R. Duel — Pre-World War II *Chicago Daily News* foreign correspondent, became a CIA officer in 1953.

Joseph Goodwin — Former Associated Press Washington correspondent, transferred to the CIA as press agent for Richard Helms in 1966.

Angus M. Thuermer — Former Associated Press reporter, now CIA spokesman.

Henry Pleasants — Former Philadelphia newsman who later joined the CIA. While working for the CIA, he traveled to music festivals in Europe and free-lanced articles about them for the *New York Times*.

In at least one case, Loory says, the CIA actually bought into a newspaper — The *Rome Daily American*. With the help of Mrs. Clare Booth Luce, owner of the vast Luce chain of Publications, who was then the U.S. Ambassador to Italy, four American investors took control of the Italian paper. They were Landon Thorne, Alfred Weld, Samuel W. Meek and a fourth partner who was later revealed to be the CIA which, according to Loory, put up \$100,000 in the deal.

In addition to the purchase of the *Daily American*, the CIA also subsidized publications, according to Loory who named *Encounter* and the West German magazine *Der Monat*.

In addition, ultra-conservative columnist and magazine publisher William F. Buckley has also been identified as a one-time CIA operative.

In the field of CIA propaganda, books have a special place. In 1961, the chief of the CIA's Covert Action Staff wrote: "Books are the most important weapon of strategic (long range) propaganda." He said: "They are one of the new forms of propaganda that can change a person's opinions entirely." That this was a serious estimate may be judged by the revelation that the CIA owned and operated the well known and prestigious *Praeger* publishing company.

According to Congress, by 1967 the CIA has secretly published or sponsored about 1470 books. In its publishing operation, one CIA memo reveals, the agency "must make sure the actual manuscript will correspond with our operational and propagandistic intention..."

While the CIA has argued that its publishing activities were aimed only at influencing foreign countries, over one fourth of the books in which the agency had a hand were printed in English. You can draw your own conclusions about that. Commenting on this fact, E. Howard Hunt, the convicted Watergate conspirator and CIA official, told Congress: "I think the way this was rationalized by the project review board... was that the ultimate target was foreign, which was true, but how much of the *Praeger* output actually got abroad for any impact I think is highly arguable." The Senate committee found that the CIA was not only responsible for the publication of books but for their favourable reviews as well.

The CIA has also worked the other side of the street, stopping the publication of books and articles hostile to the U.S. government and big business. Perhaps the most graphic example of this is its participation in the reactionary drive to pass an



William Colby, former CIA director (center), conferring with staff.

official secrets act in the United States During 1974, and 1976, as a protest to kill one of the most oppressive bills ever to be written: the infamous "S-1". The name has since been changed but the substance remains. Among the bill's provisions are regulations that would be used to outlaw strikes and national demonstrations, legalize the death penalty, and extend the use of wiretapping — to name a few. In that omnibus bill are four sections — 1121, 1122, 1123, and 1124 — which would enact an official Government Secret Act.

Contained in these four sections, which were endorsed by Attorney General Griffin Bell only weeks ago, are regulations which would prohibit the publication of government secrets, as well as the release of government secrets to newspapers. The penalties imposed would run from seven years to life in prison. The effect of the bill, had it been passed at the time, would have been to send Daniel Ellsberg to jail for releasing the Pentagon Papers, along with the editors of the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post* for printing them. While these sections of the bill were widely condemned by many civil libertarians, few people at the time realized that this section of the law was written under the urgings of the CIA.

Under this law, the government would not even have to prove that anything in "secret" documents might be harmful to the country if released to the public. In fact the government, in the CIA's proposal, would not even be required to produce the document for court examination. As the *Washington Post* put it, "in short, the CIA would like to convict without proof."

Expressing the CIA's attitude on censorship, William Colby, in his *American Report* article said there must now be applied a "new theory of American secrecy — and the application of an old intelligence principle of the 'need to know' ". Under this principle, said Colby, only those who "need to know" should be told about activities of the CIA even if they are illegal.

Who does not need to know? "The public does not 'need to know' our secret intelligence sources," Colby wrote.

Exactly what the CIA has in mind is dramatically indicated in the production of Victor Marchetti's book, *The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence*. It is the first book ever to appear in the U.S. with blank spaces where government censors prohibited the printing of information!

To date the U.S. press has said remarkably little about this historic first. On the contrary, the routine agreements made between the CIA and the big business controlled press to kill stories indicate that the commercial press is more than ready to accommodate to a form of CIA-imposed censorship.

The list of admitted examples of when the press killed stories on request of the CIA has now grown very long. Even more serious than this perhaps, is that the press has killed the story of its own role in forwarding the purposes of the CIA.

NO CAPITULATION

QALANDIA CITIZENS DECLARE REJECTION OF US-ISRAELI SOLUTIONS

3 January

Palestinian citizens in the West Bank town of Qalandia have announced their rejection of the occupation and of all US-Zionist solutions, at the same time reaffirming their loyalty to the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of all the Palestinian people, and their commitment to the Algiers and Rabat resolutions as regards Palestinian representation and the establishment of a Palestinian state.

This declaration was made during a popular meeting held yesterday morning at the professional training center in Qalandia. The meeting was organized by students of the center and was attended by representatives of popular bodies in the Ramallah region.

The participants also called on all peace-loving peoples in the world to express solidarity with the Palestine cause and commitment to the Algiers and Rabat resolutions and to UN resolution 3236.

RAMALLAH DETAINEES CONTINUE STRIKE

3 January

According to reports from occupied Palestine, 60 Palestinian detainees in Tulkarm prison are still on strike for the 9th consecutive day, in protest against their ill-treatment by the prison administration. The reports said that the detainee Adib 'Assaf has been in solitary confinement since the strike began on October 27th. Meanwhile, the occupation forces on December 13th arrested Hashem

Abu Keshk, Fayez Abu Keshk, Sami Kilani, and Iman al-Simadi, for 'security' reasons.

In related news, a Zionist military court in Lydd recently sentenced Abdallah Ahmad 'Arafa to four years in prison on charges of affiliation to the Palestinian Revolution and resisting the occupation.

Another military tribunal in Gaza sentenced Atallah Abu Sa'id to seven months, on charges of affiliation to Fateh.

the Palestinian people to return and to establish their independent state under the leadership of the PLO, their sole legitimate representative.

Meanwhile, it was reported that the Israeli military authorities have put Ibtisam al-Kawasmi and another student from the Teachers Institute in al-Tireh under house arrest.

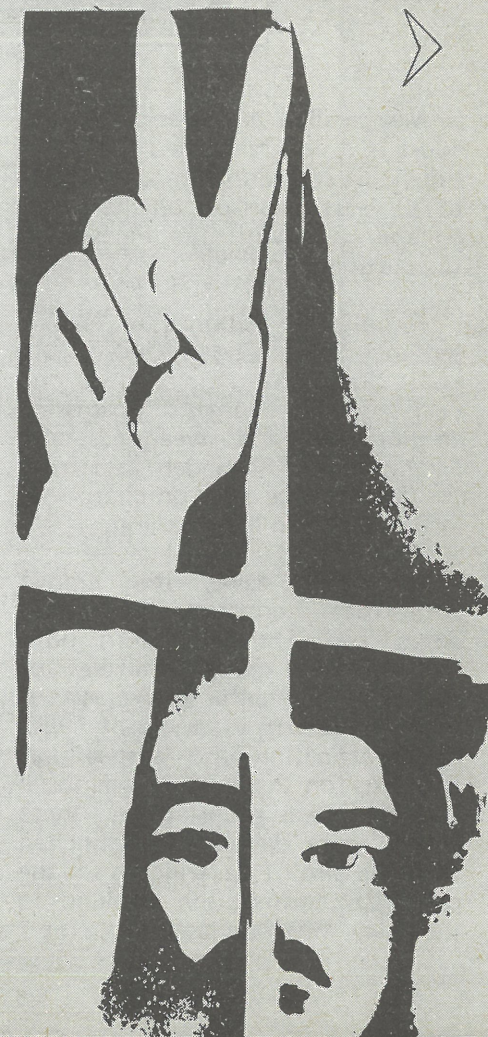
In other news from occupied Palestine Dr. Munzir al-Sharif, who was recently arrested in Ramallah, is still under detention although no specific charges have been brought against him so far.

STUDENTS SIT-IN IN RAMALLAH AGAINST OCCUPATION

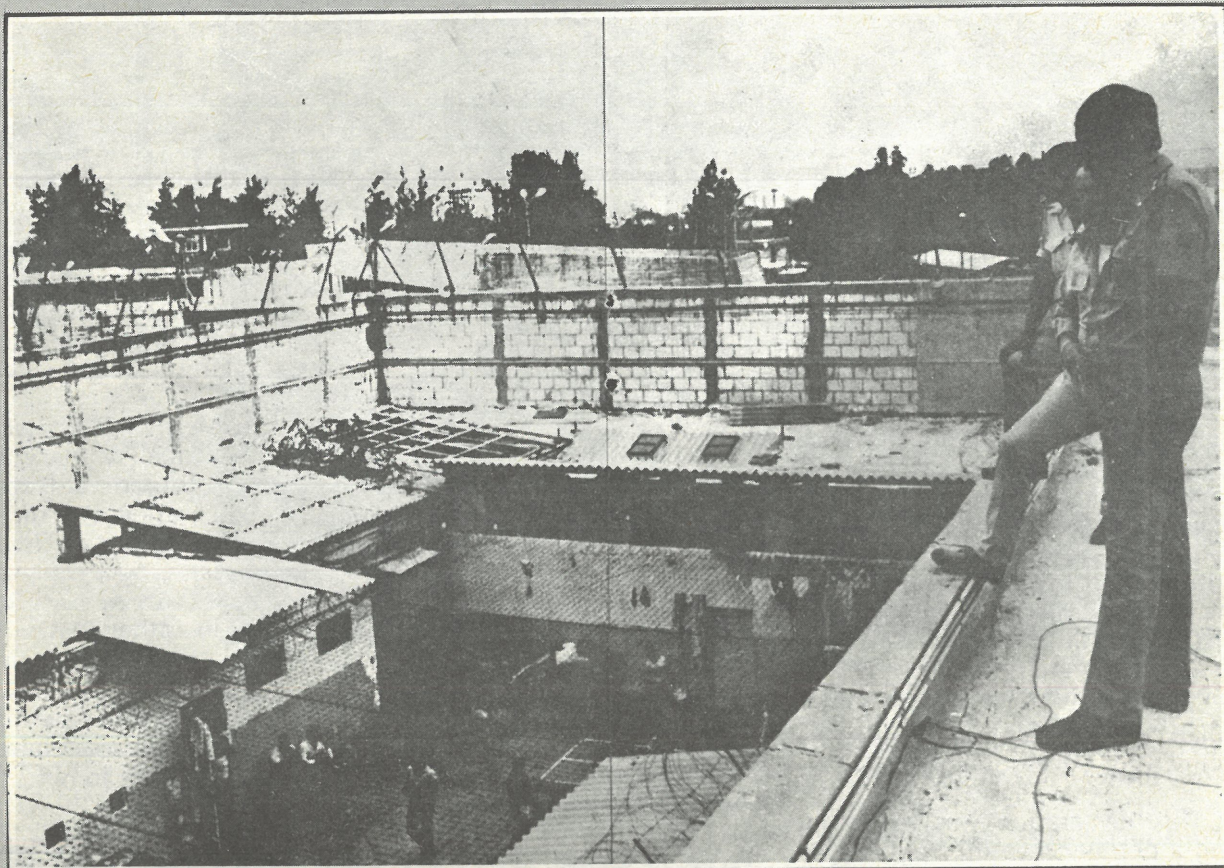
4 January

The students of Beir Zeit College, Bethlehem University, the technical training center in Qalandia, the UNRWA teachers training center in Ramallah, and the al-Tyreh female teachers training center in Ramallah all staged a sit-in last Saturday in the Ramallah municipality as a protest against the repressive practices of the Zionist authorities against Arab students in occupied Palestine. According to reports from occupied Palestine, the students issued a communique, protesting against the repression and arrest of students from Bethlehem University and the female teachers training college in Ramallah.

The communique also called for the unity of all nationalist forces in order to confront the Begin-Carter-Sadat capitulationist settlement, at the same time stressing the right of



OCCUPATION DIARY



Concentration camps will not intimidate our masses under Israeli occupation.

Meanwhile, an Israeli military court in Lydd sentenced the Palestinian citizen Muhammad al-Sharif to 30 years in prison, on charges of collaborating with the Palestinian Revolution.

A military tribunal in Nablus sentenced the citizen George Mikhail Shahr from Bir Zeit to one year in jail, on charges of possessing ammunition and weapons, and Khalil Butros Shehadeh also from Bir Zeit to one year on charges of affiliation to an illegal union.

In other news, the Zionist authorities arrested Mahmoud Aoud and Abdallah Badir, both members of the committee for commemorating the anniversary of the Kfar Qasem massacre of 1956, for investigation into 'suspect inscriptions' on the martyrs' memorial statue'. It was reported that these arrests were deliberately launched with the aim of covering up for the projected confiscation of land in the village of Kfar Qasem.

ZIONIST SENTENCES

7 January

A Zionist military tribunal in Hebron sentenced Ali Badawi al-Qudeihat to 6 years in jail and Suleiman Muhammad Shrouf to one year, on charges of affiliation to the Revolution and resisting the occupation.

Another tribunal in Ramallah, sentenced Ahmad Mustafa Melhem to seven months starting the day of his arrest, on charges of affiliation to the Revolution and resistance to the occupation.

In Lydd, Ahmad Sadeq al-Khatib from Jerusalem was sentenced to 2 1/2 years, 15 months of which were suspended, on similar charges.

ENEMY ARRESTS AL-FAJR CORRESPONDENT IN RAMALLAH

The Israeli military authorities January 12 arrested Kamel Jbeil, the Ramallah correspondent of the Jerusalem Arabic - language paper Al-Fajr without giving any reasons.

The arrest of Kamel Jbeil is part of a campaign by the Zionist authorities to silence the Palestinian nationalist opposition to the capitulationist settlement which is being implemented by the Egyptian regime and Israel.

In related news, a military tribunal in Jenin sentenced Wajih Saleh Ahmad Sunbuli to 30 months in jail, of which only one year is effective.

The same court also decided to extend by six months the detention period of Ali Awad Jamal who was arrested in May 1976.

- RAMALLAH & BIREH PROTEST CLOSING OF TEACHERS INSTITUTE - CLASHES WITH POLICE IN NABLUS

9 January

Students and citizens in the regions of Ramallah and al-Bireh demanded the re-opening of the Teachers Training College in Ramallah which was closed down by the Zionist authorities in the wake of student protests against the dismissal of six students from the college.

In a meeting held in al-Bireh yesterday and attended by the mayor of Ramallah, Palestinian citizens denounced repressive Israeli measures against the students and addressed a message to the Israeli military governor, protesting against the closure of the college.

In other news, clashes broke out Saturday 7th January between demonstrators and security forces in Nablus, during which an Israeli tourist was wounded. Palestinian demonstrators hurled stones and empty bottles at policemen and security men, who opened fire at the crowds in an attempt to disperse them. Many arrests were reported following the clashes.

An Israeli vehicle driving through the Tal al-Zaatar camp in Nablus was also stoned by angry Palestinians and a number of soldiers were injured.



SWISS HUMAN RIGHTS SOCIETY CONFIRMS TORTURE OF PALESTINIAN PRISONERS

4 January

A report prepared by the Swiss Society for Human Rights accused the Israeli authorities of torturing Palestinian prisoners in the Asqalan, Sarafand and Hebron jails. The report said that a large number of detainees have become mentally ill as a result of torture and that prisoners are not allowed to contact their parents or lawyers. The Society described the overcrowding of prisons as 'shocking', noting that in the Ramallah prison, which hardly absorbs 40 people, 200 detainees are massed. The report concluded that the Israeli occupation flagrantly violates basic human rights in the occupied territories.

WORLD PEACE COUNCIL: MORE SUPPORT TO WORLD LIBERATION MOVEMENTS

Between May 18th and 21st, the World Peace Council will hold an international conference in Basle, Switzerland, to discuss the struggle of peoples against Zionism and racism in the occupied Arab territories and in South Africa. This was announced in a communique issued on 22 January after a two-day meeting in Basle of representatives of Peace Councils, various liberation movements, and of the UN center to combat racism. They discussed the influence of racist exploitation, and Israeli arbitrary practices in the occupied Arab territories.

INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC JURISTS CONDEMN ISRAEL'S ANNEXATION POLICY

A communiqué issued following a conference of the International Democratic Jurists Union in Algiers, condemned imperialist attempts to obstruct a real peace settlement in the Middle East by blocking the way before all negotiations with the PLO. The participants condemned Israel's illegal annexation policy and affirmed that no peace can be reached in the Middle East without a recognition of the Palestinian people's legitimate national rights.

UN COMMITTEE OF 23 UNDERLINES NECESSITY OF GUARANTEEING PALESTINIAN RIGHTS

New York, 23 January

The UN Committee on the Exercise by the Palestinian People of their Inalienable Rights yesterday called for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from all the occupied Arab territories at the earliest possible time, and the guarantee of the Palestinian people's rights to self-determination, to national independence, sovereignty and return.

**BEGIN ANSWERS EGYPT'S
OBJECTIONS: "WE SHALL
NOT DISMANTLE OR BURN
SINAI SETTLEMENTS"**

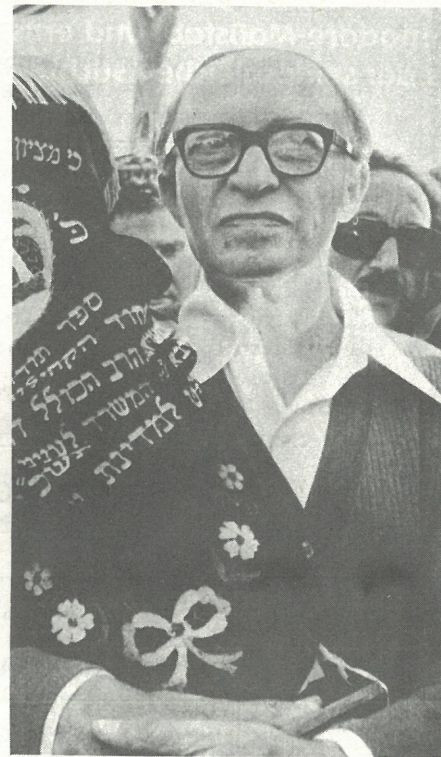
10 January

On 9 January, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin reiterated his disapproval of any international or Egyptian objection raised against the reinforcement of settlements in Sinai or in the West Bank.

Begin who had just obtained the Herut Party's vote in favour of the consolidation of settlements in Sinai announced that Israel intends neither to dismantle its settlements nor to set them on fire. In reply to Egypt's objections to settlements in Sinai, he ironically retorted: "With all amicability and respect, I suggest that Israel and Egypt should leave to Nero the job of setting cities afire. He went on: 'Israelis do not burn settlements, they build them up and Egypt should leave to Nero the job of setting cities afire'. He went on: 'Israelis do not burn settlements, they build them up and preserve them'. He told Sadat that his objections cannot benefit the signing of a peace treaty, adding he had informed Sadat that the Israeli army's presence in Sinai is legal, and that according to international law, territorial changes following a defensive war, are legal. He noted that he had agreed with Sadat to maintain the colonies in eastern Sinai, on the hills overlooking Rafah and along the Suez canal, with the protection of an Israeli force.

He described this solution as a moderate and appropriate; one which is backed by the USA and Great Britain. He said that Israel will insist on having this proposal endorsed by the joint political committee which will meet in Cairo.

In related news, heavy equipment and bulldozers leased by the Jewish National Fund were dispatched to the settlement of Yamit in northern Sinai, to level 20 sites



Begin: Israel of the Bible

which will form the nuclei for larger settlements. The 20 colonies were earlier sanctioned by the Israeli government and will be set up along the coastal area of the hills overlooking Rafah.

**RAKAH CONDEMNS
BEGIN PEACE PLAN**

The Rakah Central Committee vehemently denounced Begin's peace plan for its denigration of the Palestinian people's legitimate rights, including their right to self-determination and to establish their national independent state.

In a communique issued on January 12, Rakah called for the resumption of the Geneva Peace Conference with the participation of all concerned parties, including the PLO. Pointing to the Israeli Government's continued settlement moves in the occupied territories, Rakah said that such acts are evident provocations against the Arab people and constitutes new defiance of world public opinion

and peace-loving people in Israel. It added that Begin's peace talks only aim to cover up for his belligerent and expansionist policy.

**3 NEW SETTLEMENTS BEGIN IN
RAMALLAH' NABLUS &
TULKAREM**

Dozens of Israeli settlers escorted by troops and transporting pre-fabricated houses arrived in the colony of Shilo which was recently set up near the village of Turmus 'Ayya in the Ramallah area. The colony was also provided with electricity lines and water pipes. The Palestinian villagers residing on the site of the colony were expelled by force before the arrival of the settlers.

Meanwhile, many citizens from Ramallah were arrested after the road to the colony was blocked by citizens who set up barricades of stone and broken glass.

In related news, bulldozers have begun to demolish the houses of the village of Faryout, near Nablus, and the village of Hares, near Tulkarm, in preparation for the construction of new settlements.

The Israeli Government and the Ministerial Committee for settlement have decided to double the 1978 settlement budget to IL 430 million, as opposed to IL260 million last year.

**ISRAEL PLANS TO MOVE
5,000 GOVERNMENTAL
EMPLOYEES
TO JERUSALEM**

The Israeli newspaper, *Haaretz*, recently revealed that 5,000 Israeli Government employees and their families will soon be moved to Jerusalem as part of the Likud Government's plan to transfer all government departments to the Holy City. The paper added that

the Ministerial Committee for Jerusalem Affairs was studying a project prepared by a committee attached to the Ministry of Finance, according to which offices for 3,700 government employees will be set up in Jerusalem before the end of next summer.

Haaretz also reported a statement by the Israeli Minister of Agriculture in which he said that all his ministry's departments will be moved to Jerusalem, except for the Department of Agricultural Guidance which is to remain in Tel Aviv. The paper also mentioned that the offices of the Ministries of Defence, Housing, Transportation, Labour, Education and Health will be established in Qiryat Ben Gurion in the Jerusalem area, and that 100,000 sq. meters of land will be allocated for this purpose.

**SETTLEMENT ACTIVITIES
IN W.B., GOLAN & SINAI**

A new Israeli settlement is being established near the village of Arraba on the Nablus-Jenin road, while bulldozers in the same area, which has been sanctioned by the Israeli Cabinet recently.

According to the Israeli newspaper, *Maariv*, pre-fabricated houses are being transported to the Golan Heights where a new settlements that have been constructed in the occupied Syrian heights so far.

Meanwhile, Hulut, a two-year old military settlement on the hills overlooking Rafah in Northern Sinai has been turned into a permanent city. Another nearby colony will be enlarged by 8 kms and provided with 5,000 residential units in accordance with a plan set forth by Meir Pat, President of the Planning Committee in the Israeli Ministry of Interior.

In related news, Tewfiq al-Toubi, an Arab knesset member of the Rakah Party, denounced the new settlement moves in North Sinai and other occupied territories. He said this settlement campaign has unmasked the Begin Government which, while propagating talk of peace, is in fact undermining all hopes of any real peace. He further condemned the Israeli proposal for 'self-rule' in the West Bank and Gaza.

**FRESH STEPS TOWARDS
ANNEXATION OF WEST BANK
& GAZA**

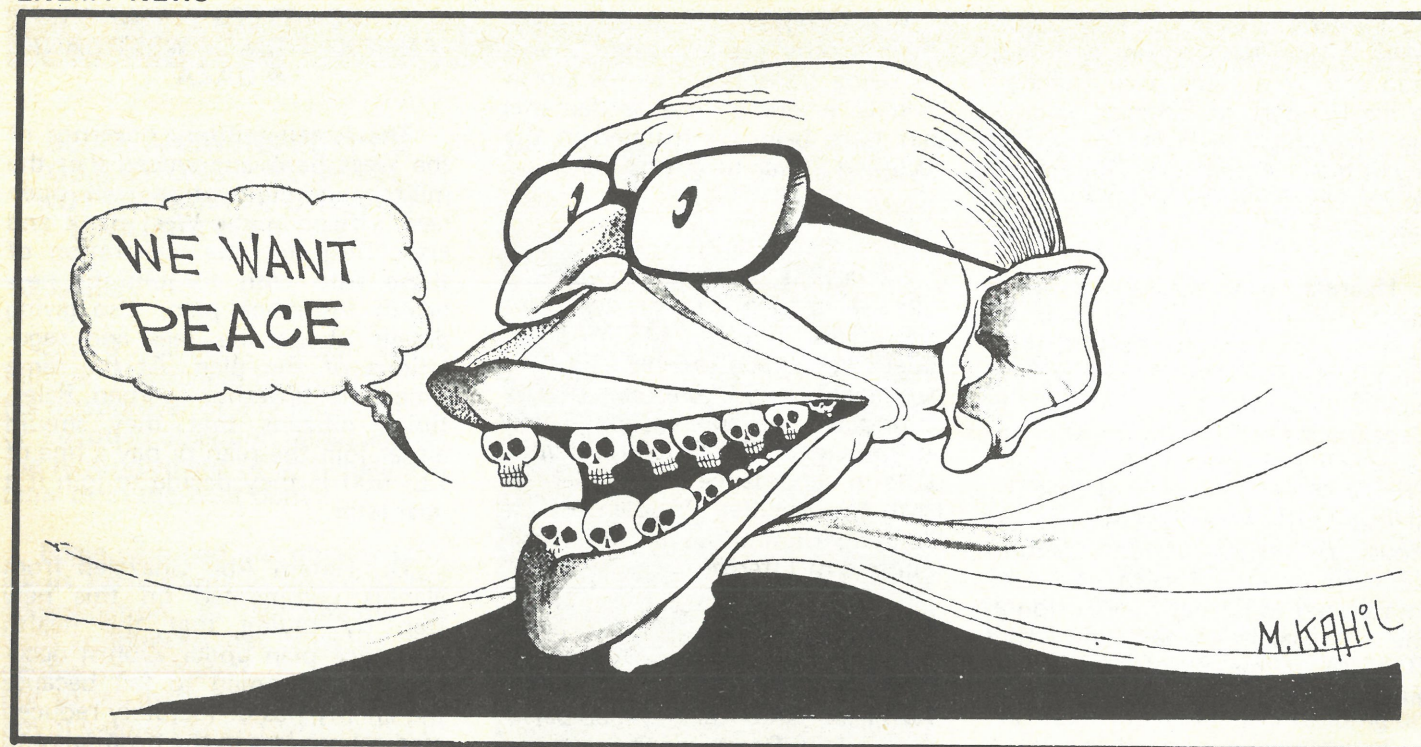
The Israeli military governor of the West Bank announced that the military administration will open new offices in the West Bank and Gaza Strip for the registration of those who wish to join the new health insurance plan, also giving details about the fees and regulations of the plan. At the same time, the governor warned Palestinian citizens that they should either join the plan or pay a fine of I.L. 500 if they decide to join it a year later.

Dr. Hatem Abu Ghazaleh from Nablus commented on this new step by saying that the health insurance plan under Zionist occupation is doomed to fail because the enemy has deliberately reduced medical services in the hospitals and clinics of the occupied territories, in accordance with the plan to annex the occupied territories and force doctors and nurses to leave the country.

It is to be recalled that the first phase in the annexation process was the formal appellation of the West Bank 'Judea and Samaria'.



*Israeli occupiers
at a Sinai
settlement.*



ZIONIST SETTLEMENT PLANS INCREASING

3 January

Zionist newspapers in occupied Palestine reported on 3rd, January that the headquarters of the Unified Kibbutz and the Secretary-General of the Kibbutz Federation had decided to consolidate the settlements already established in the West Bank, the Golan Heights, Rafah and Southern Sinai, and to immediately begin sending new settlers there. The newspapers added that the Unified Kibbutz leadership has also decided to support the 'Ma'rakh' group's stand, which calls for negotiations between 'Israel' and the Egyptian regime in order to agree on future borders based on the establishment of a chain of Zionist settlements.

They also asked for similar agreements regarding Jordan and the Golan Heights.

On the other hand, Zionist newspapers mentioned that the Zionist religious party has asked for the establishment of new settlements and for the increase of settlements belonging to Zionist religious movements.

THREE NEW SETTLEMENTS IN WEST BANK

It has been decided that three Zionist settlements will be established over the next few weeks in the West Bank, and that a group of settlers who had temporarily settled in an army camp near Qalqilya will shortly move to a near-by site, Kerni Shamroun, where ten houses have already been constructed to form the nucleus of a new settlement.

Meanwhile, a spokesman of the fanatic Gush Imonim group threatened to launch a surprise settlement campaign all over the West Bank. He asserted that Zionist settlers in the West Bank are determined to fight should they be requested to evacuate their sites.

MORE SETTLERS AND MORE SETTLEMENTS IN SINAI

9 January

According to an overall settlement plan revealed recently by the World Zionist Organization, 250 Israeli families will be settled in the nine colonies set up in Northern

Sinai, while 260 other families will be implanted in four settlements which are presently under construction in the occupied territories. Each settlement is ultimately planned to house around 60 or 70 families.

Meanwhile, the occupation authorities are enlarging the settlement of Yamit, south of Rafah, for the establishment of new factories on land recently confiscated from its Arab owners.

Meanwhile, the Israeli government adopted a resolution regarding Sinai settlements, which stressed that these settlements will be consolidated and not destroyed or abandoned as suggested by President Sadat. Speaking before the Herut Party later, Menachem Begin said that the Sinai settlements will be placed under the sole protection of an Israeli defence force, in the context of a peace agreement and will constitute Israel's security belt along the international frontiers.

THE AMERICAN RAMALLAH FEDERATION

The President of the Federation, Mr. Mukhles Saah, himself an immigrant to the United States from Ramallah, is currently visiting Lebanon on the occasion of the 13th Anniversary of the Palestinian Revolution. Mr. Saah also sits on the Executive Committee of the National Association of Arab Americans which represents some 3 million Americans of Arab origin in the United States. While in Beirut, Mr. Saah was kind enough to give us a briefing about the organization and its activities in the U.S.

The American Ramallah Federation is an organization of eighteen clubs, whose twenty thousand members are mainly Palestinians originally from Israeli occupied Ramallah. The clubs are located all over the United States, the major ones being situated in Detroit, Washington, D.C., Jacksonville, San

Francisco, San Jose, San Diego, Philadelphia and Chicago.

The purpose of the Federation is to bring together the emigrants of Ramallah, mainly those who fled after the 1948 forceful occupation of Palestine, and help them to maintain their Palestinian heritage and customs in the U.S. The clubs also actively participate in informing and enlightening the American public about the Palestinian cause.

One of the achievements of the Federation has been the establishment of a scholarship fund awarding 20-25 scholarships annually to Palestinians. The scholarships are awarded to universities in the Middle East, U.S. and Europe.

The Federation, in its chartered role of helping the Palestinian people, has established a 60 bed

hospital in Ramallah which is constantly increasing its capacity. It has also built a public library in Ramallah and supplied it with a good collection of books. Other constructive activities in Ramallah include a broad spectrum of social functions including the support of the scouts.

The Federation, in its latest annual convention, entertained over two thousand people. During the convention, Senator George McGovern (a 1972 Presidential candidate) addressed the gathering, which included the PLO representative in New York, Mr. Zuhdi Tarazi, Arab ambassadors, and several other dignitaries.

In addition to its annual conventions, the Federation within the framework of informing the American public, publishes "Hathihi Ramallah" ("This is Ramallah"), containing several articles on the Palestinian cause.

The Federation has recently set up a political action committee with communication facilities presenting its views all over the U.S. including the White House, Department of State, and Capital Hill.

The Federation, which is spearheading the Palestinian cause in the U.S. is in constant contact with the American President, the Secretary of State, Congressmen and Senators promoting the Palestinian cause, in its latest meeting with President Carter, it stated clearly that (1) there can be no lasting peace in the



Scenes from Demonstrations in Washington, D.C., December 1, 1977.



THE AMERICAN RAMALLAH FEDERATION



Members of the American-Ramallah federation visiting Beirut voicing their views during the 13th Anniversary of the Palestinian Revolution.

Middle East without a comprehensive peace settlement including all parties. (2) The core component of any comprehensive peace settlement is Israeli, withdrawal from all occupied territories and the establishment of a Palestinian state based on the principle of self-determination for the Palestinian people. (3) The PLO being recognized world-wide as the representative of the Palestinian people, must be included in any peace negotiations in the Middle East. (4) While the talk of peace goes on, the trampling of human rights of Palestinians continues.

The Federation called upon President Carter to: "Exercise world leadership in alleviating the suffering of the Palestinian people and in bringing a just peace to the Middle East."

We are doing our utmost to bring together Arab Americans and organizations, and hope to achieve this objective in February of this year. Nevertheless, this does not mean that our contacts and cooperation is limited solely to Arab American. The Federation holds discussions with American groups irrespective of their stand, since its purpose is to educate the American public to the justice of the Palestinian cause.

Some difficulties that face the Federation in carrying out its mission are that of an Arab lobby surging a little bit late. Yet the organization is trying to increase its effectiveness in the field of public relations and communication with public opinion forming mass media and leaders. Zionist influence is

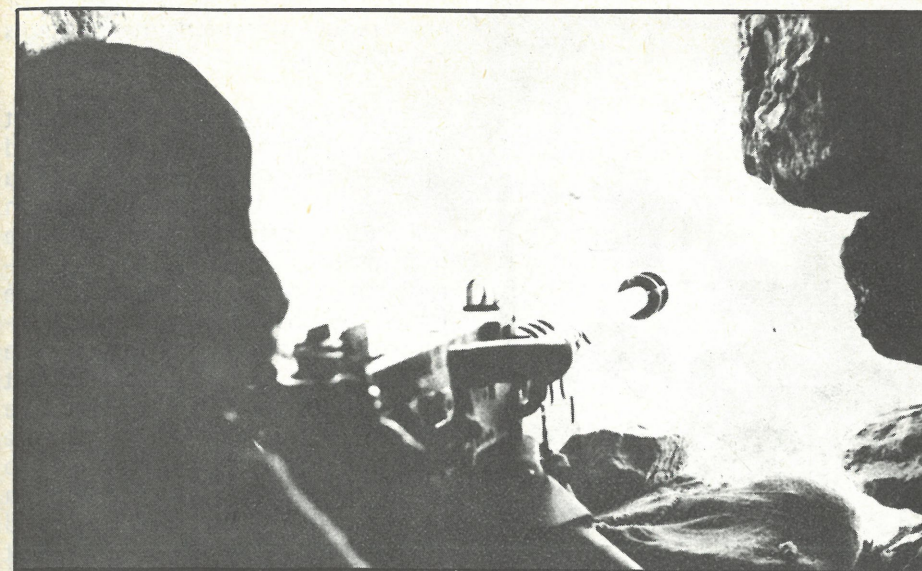
overwhelming in the U.S. and covers all aspects of American life be it government or private. The Federation is cheered with the fact that Arab organizations are getting a better hearing and is out to confront Zionist influence.

The American Ramallah Federation is aware that President Carter is sincere in his efforts to solve the Middle East question, if not for any other reason than for the sake of achieving a major foreign policy breakthrough. However, his efforts are being hampered by the Israeli lobby which has whittled away Carter's original program for a settlement of the Palestinian problem. The pressures exerted by the Israeli lobby on him are very obvious. Nevertheless, we will keep on because we have justice on our side.

Witnessing what is being done in Lebanon makes one proud to be a Palestinian. The PLO is different from what is projected in the American media. One observes that while working for peace, the PLO is also working for the well being of its people. The PLO has established an equivalent to a govern in exile. It has created structures which tend to the needs of the Palestinian people in camps which have been neglected over the past thirty years.

The schooling system for the education of the youth, the Red Crescent Society, the organized workshops undertaken by "SAMED", are shining examples of what the PLO is doing for the Palestinian people in their present state of displacement and misery.

A commitment to the Palestinian cause and to the PLO is sensed on the part of every Palestinian. The leadership of the PLO is pragmatic in showing courage and compassion for the people, and is committed to the creation of an independent Palestinian state. This tough but moderate stand should be aggressively presented through public relations programs to the American public. The American Ramallah Federation is doing its part.



Israeli oppressors shall always face our guns until victory

MILITARY OPERATIONS

THREE COMMANDO OPERATIONS IN BIR SABE' AND JERUSALEM

3rd January

Palestinian commandos on December 28, set off explosive charges in a bus operating on the Sabe'/Tel Aviv line, destroying the bus, and wounding three Israelis. In another operation in Jerusalem on December 29, commandos set fire to a bottled gas depot, which was completely destroyed and many workers killed or injured. The third explosion killed an explosives expert in Jerusalem. The Palestinian military Spokesman issued the following communiques:—

No. 1/78:—

One of our units operating inside occupied Palestine on December 28th placed timed explosive charges inside a bus while it was parked at the Bir Sabe' station.

Shortly before the time set for the explosion, an Israeli security guard discovered the charges. The station and the bus were immediately evacuated and explosives experts were called to defuse the device. But the charges exploded before the arrival of the experts, completely destroying the bus and

injuring three Israelis. Our commandos returned safely to base.

No. 2/78:—

On December 29th, a group of commandos planted timed incendiary charges in a bottled gas depot situated in the industrial zone of Jerusalem. At noon, the charges went off, setting the depot on fire, and killing or injuring an undetermined number of workers. Due to the large quantity of gas bottles in the depot, several explosions took place simultaneously, and fire rapidly spread to near-by depots. The blaze caused considerable casualties, and damage estimated at millions of Israeli pounds. Our commandos returned safely to base.

No. 3/78:—

A group of commandos at dawn on January 4th, planted timed explosive charges at the entrance to the Workers Bank, which is a branch of the Central Bank, situated in al-Zahira quarter in Jerusalem.

AT 8:00AM on 5th January, an Israeli security guard discovered the bomb and informed the police, who thereupon sealed off the area and

called an explosives expert. The charges, however, exploded in the hands of expert, killing him on the spot and injuring a number of people nearby. Our commandos returned safely to base.

TWO COMMANDO ATTACKS IN OCCUPIED PALESTINE

9 January:—

On 9th January, a Palestinian revolutionary threw a hand-grenade inside the Central bus station in Jerusalem, while charges exploded in a plastics factory in Qiryat Gat settlement. The Palestinian Military Spokesman issued the following communiques:—

No. 4/78:—

At 6:15AM on January 8th one of our revolutionaries threw a hand-grenade at an enemy concentration inside the Central bus station in Jerusalem, killing two persons and injuring several others.

The occupation authorities closed the station, set up several check-points, particularly at the entrances of the city, and arrested dozens of Palestinian citizens who were near the station. Our commando nevertheless returned safely to base.

No. 5/78:—

Our revolutionaries from combat units operating inside occupied Palestine placed timed incendiary charges inside the Kol Gat Plastics factory inside the Qiryat Gat settlement, east of Majdal. At 9:05PM on January 8, the charges exploded inside the machinery and depot section, starting a fire which spread to most of the factory's sections. Meanwhile, fire engines from Majdal and Ashdod were rushed to the help control the fire, which continued to blaze until 9AM January 9th. As a result, the factory and its depots as well as the administration offices and show rooms were burned down. The enemy's losses were estimated at about 30 million IL. Our revolutionaries returned safely to base.



ARAFAT RECEIVES YUGOSLAVIAN DELEGATION

Yasser Arafat received an official Yugoslav delegation headed by the Vice-President of the Socialist Alliance of the Yugoslav Working

People, Mr. Presto Joseph. The Yugoslav Ambassador in Beirut was also present at the talks which centered on bilateral Yugoslav-Palestinian relations. The delegation expressed their country's solidarity with the Palestinian Revolution.

ABU LUTF: SHAH OF IRAN'S STATEMENTS VIOLATION OF ISLAMIC SUMMIT RESOLUTIONS ON PALESTINE



Abu Lutf, Head of the P.L.O. Political Department

"The latest moves of the Shah of Iran, which accompanied a series of statements similar in timing, content and themes by Begin, Carter,

Brzezinski and Dayan, are a clear indication that there exists a joint plan which aims at harming the Palestinian cause, and returning to the disastrous policy of pacts and alliances which prevailed in the area in the fifties, and retaining the Zionist entity as a spearhead to protect the interests of imperialism and its agents in the region.

"The establishment of an independent Palestinian state on Palestinian soil will be contrary to what the Shah of Iran has said, because the establishment of this state on the basis of a just peace in the region will consolidate world peace; otherwise, no peace will be achieved, and dangers will continue to threaten the interests of the region and of world peace.

"The simplest principle of political action is to stick to the

commitments which any state makes at any official meeting or conference in which this state is participating.

"Iran was one of the participant states in the Islamic Summit and Ministerial Conferences, as well as a member of the grouping which forms an official bloc on the international level. The fifth paragraph of the official communiqué issued by the latest Islamic conference in Lahore confirmed the commitment of the participant states to support the PLO, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, in its struggle to restore the rights of the Palestinian people to return to their homeland and establish their independent state on their national soil. This was followed by several resolutions issued by conferences of Islamic Foreign Ministers, confirming the content of the communiqué, and reaffirming commitment to it. This was clear in resolution No. 4/85, which clearly specifies recognition of, solidarity with, and complete support for the PLO in its capacity as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

"The recent declarations of the Shah of Iran are a dangerous violation of the above-mentioned resolutions, as well as an open challenge to the feelings of the Islamic World, and an obvious negation of the simplest principles of Islamic solidarity and recognized traditions of summit meetings.

"The PLO, while surprised at the Iranian violation of Islamic resolutions, affirms that this violation will not weaken Islamic solidarity, nor will it weaken the determination to struggle for the restoration of the usurped lands".

YUGOSLAV-PALESTINIAN MEETING

An official Yugoslav delegation on January 13 met with Abu Lutf, Head of the PLO Political Department, to discuss a wide range of issues of interest to both sides. Also present at the three-hour talks were a number of PLO Officials, including Majed Abu Sharar, Head of the Unified Information.



Supporters of the Palestinian cause in the U.S.

1977: MORE ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF PLO IN THE UNITED STATES

The year 1977, witnessed a number of activities and mass celebrations in support of the Palestinian Revolution in the United States. The Palestinian Arab community increased its activities and reached the American public through well organized events and celebrations. The ideas and ideals of the PLO were presented everywhere; including universities and colleges, newspapers and television programs, and at different seminars and conventions.

The message was clear: full support for the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, support for the rights of the Palestinians to self-determination, national indepen-

dence and return to Palestine. This message was taken to President Carter and members of Congress through telegrams, meetings and letters. It was repeated at every event and celebration in the different cities in the United States.

MAY 1977 - PALESTINE WEEK CELEBRATIONS

In more than sixty cities in the U.S., different Arab and American organizations held "Palestine Week" activities. The flag of Palestine was raised at universities and in major American cities. In Chicago, the Arab-American Congress for Palestine and the Arab-American University Graduates, held a two day convention in support of the

Palestinian Revolution, and among the main speakers were Ambassador Mansour Kikhia of Libya and Dr. Fouad Moughrabi, President of the AAUG. In San Francisco and Los Angeles, the Palestine Arab Fund held a number of activities and entertained a number of speakers such as Dr. Ibrahim Abu-Lughod, Dr. Fayez Sayegh and Dr. Hatem Hussaini, all who spoke in support of the PLO. In Washington, D.C., New York city, and Boston, the Palestine Red Crescent Society and Free Palestine Committee, held celebrations at which films were shown about the Palestinian Revolution. The Organization of Arab Students also held major activities at more than 100 universities to express support for the PLO and the Palestinian Revolution.

PALESTINIAN ART TOURS THE U.S.

For the first time, a Palestinian art exhibition consisting of more than thirty paintings from the occupied West Bank and Gaza, toured the major cities of the U.S. during the months of May and June. Two Palestinian painters, Suleiman Mansour and Isam Badr, travelled with the exhibition and spoke about Palestinian art and culture. The exhibit was well attended and publicized. Among the cities where the exhibit appeared were: Washington, D.C., Boston, New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Dallas. It projected the determination of the Palestinian people to continue the struggle for freedom and human dignity, and expressed the determination of the Palestinians to achieve peace and security.

In addition to the art exhibit from the occupied territories, a number of distinguished leaders toured U.S. cities and spoke on behalf of the Palestinian people. Ibrahim Dakkak and Salim Tamari spoke at the Congressional hearings chaired by Senator James Abourezk in October, and explained in detail Israeli oppression and persecution taking place in occupied Palestine. Moreover, a number of Israeli compatriots, such as Lea Tsemel and Israel Shahak, toured the U.S. and spoke about Israeli torture of



Arab-American solidarity group meeting with Arafat in Beirut.

Palestinians in jails, and condemned Israel's oppressive policies and military occupation. Emile Habib, from the Rakah Party, also spoke about the Palestinian struggle and the determination to achieve national independence and liberation.

CONVENTIONS AND DEMONSTRATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE P.L.O.

A number of annual conventions were held to express full support for the PLO and the Palestinian Revolution. The AAUG annual convention in Detroit, Michigan in October, adopted resolutions expressing full support for the Palestinian armed struggle. Mahmoud Darwish, a well known Palestinian poet, attended the convention and read a message from Chairman Yasser Arafat pledging to continue the struggle until total victory and calling on AAUG members to support the PLO. At the Ramallah Federation's annual convention in Washington, D.C. during July, the PLO representative, Zuhdi Tarazi, also presented special greetings from Chairman Arafat and a special

message was read from Karim Khalaf the mayor of Ramallah, asking the Federation to mobilize and increase its work for the cause of liberation. The Organization of Arab Students also expressed its full support for the Palestinian Revolution at its annual convention in August, 1977, and Fateh representative Abu Ihab, read a message from Chairman Arafat praising their steadfastness and called upon them to unite for further revolutionary struggle against imperialism and Zionism.

AMERICAN SOLIDARITY WITH P.L.O.

The Arab community and American supporters of the PLO, held mass demonstrations in protest to Premier Begin's visit to the U.S. as well as against President Sadat's visit to occupied Jerusalem. Moreover, the newly formed "Human Rights Committee", held a demonstration in front of the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C., denouncing the torture of Palestinian detainees and calling for their release. The committee conducted a

successful campaign in defense of Palestinian political prisoners and sent thousands of letters and telegrams to members of Congress and U.S. officials calling upon them to investigate Israeli violations of human rights in the occupied territories. Other American supporters, such as the People's Press in San Francisco, published a new book entitled, "Our Roots are Deep", about the Palestinian Revolutionary struggle; the Palestine Solidarity Committee in New York, published a special issue of its magazine *Palestine*, detailing the struggle of the PLO in Lebanon

and the steadfastness of Palestinians in the homeland. The American Lawyers Guild, who visited the PLO in October, 1977, also released press statement condemning Israeli occupation and persecution of Palestinians and called on the American Government to recognize the PLO. And among the most outspoken American officials on the Arab-Israeli situation in general, Senator James Abourezk condemned Begin's statement concerning annexation of the West Bank and Gaza and called upon the U.S.

government to cut its military and economic aid to Israel as a result of Begin's policies.

IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE P.L.O.

The Arab community in New York City held a number of activities in October and December 1977, which were attended by the PLO delegates to the U.N. At a large banquet honoring Farouk Kaddoumi, the Vietnamese representative spoke about the heroic Palestinian struggle and predicted victory for the PLO. Kaddoumi called on the Palestinian Arab community to increase its work on behalf of the Palestinian Revolution and to seek more support from American progressive organizations. PLO delegates Shafiq al-Hout, Yasser Abed Rabou and Basil Akel, spoke at a number of rallies and participated in television and newspaper interviews explaining fully the PLO's determination to continue the struggle until total victory. Moreover, Reverend Ibrahim Ayad toured the U.S. seeking support from American churches and was successful in gaining such support from a number of Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox leaders.

At Duke University in North Carolina, more than 200 church leaders attended a two day conference on Jerusalem, and fully endorsed presentations by Rabbi Elmer Berger and other scholars who condemned Israeli racism and Zionist occupation of Jerusalem.

Thus the struggle goes on in the United States. Palestinian, Arab and American progressive organizations join together in a massive effort to rally support for the PLO and to expose Israeli propaganda. The American people are beginning to see the facts, and despite their government's support for Israel and the denial of Palestinian national rights, the American people and their progressive movements will increase their solidarity and support for the Palestinian Revolution. The struggle in the U.S. is difficult, and the road is still long, but in the end the PLO will be victorious.

SOLIDARITY NEWS

ARAB-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA
POST OFFICE BOX 6367 —
PORTSMOUTH VIRGINIA 23703
December 23, 1977

The Palestine Liberation Organization
The Executive Committee and its Chairman Mr. Yasser Arafat

Dear Sirs,

From across the seas we extend our hands to you, our Palestinian brothers, exiled as you are from your rightful homes.

We pledge our whole hearted support for your just cause and applaud your continuing struggle; a struggle to regain your rightful state.

We realize that the road has been long, the sacrifices great, and the struggle hard and harsh. Do not weaken, for success is near. The world is just awakening to your moral rights, and we stand ready to help.

God be with you,
E. Sayegh, President

CELEBRATIONS IN AUSTRIA, FEDERAL GERMANY, ITALY, YUGOSLAVIA AND SOUTH YEMEN ON THE 13th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION

3rd January

More than 900 unionists from Austria, Federal Germany, Italy and Yugoslavia celebrated the 13th anniversary of the Palestinian Revolution in a massive rally held in Budapest yesterday, under the auspices of the Federation of Hungarian Unions.

The Democratic Republic of Yemen celebrated the 13th anniversary of the Palestinian Revolution with a popular rally in the fifth Province, which was attended by representatives of various liberation

movements and of Arab and foreign diplomatic missions.

The representative of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman, and the PLO representative in Aden both delivered speeches, stressing the necessity of supporting the PLO to confront the US-Zionist-reactionary conspiracies against the Palestinian people.

DAMASCUS CELEBRATES THE 13th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION

9 January

A mass rally on the occasion of the Revolution's 13th anniversary took place under Yasser Arafat's auspices at the Syrian Workers' Union hall in Damascus on 10th January.

An evening of poetry reading by the Palestinian poet Mahmoud Darwish was organized at the Hamra Theater in Damascus

Meanwhile, a speech rally was organized by the Executive Bureau of the Syrian Women's Union in Damascus on the occasion of the Week of Solidarity with the Struggle of Palestinian Women under occupation.

Stockholm, December 16, 1977

Dear Comrades,

The Union of Palestine groups in Sweden sends its greetings to the Palestine Liberation Organisation on the occasion of the thirteenth anniversary of the Palestinian Armed Struggle. We wish to stress our support for your aims to liberate your homeland and to establish a democratic state in Palestine. We are furthermore convinced that your just struggle will reach success and that the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people will be won.

Finally, we would take this opportunity to express our desire to further build and consolidate Swedish solidarity with the Palestinian cause.

For a Democratic State in Palestine!
Revolution Until Victory!

The Union of Palestine Groups in Sweden

James Downing, Chairman

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S SOLIDARITY WITH PALESTINIAN STRUGGLE

4 January

The International Democratic Federation of Women has affirmed that no peace can be restored to the Middle East without first solving the Palestinian question. In a letter to the General Union of Palestinian Woman, the Federation pointed that the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East is conditioned upon the withdrawal of Israeli troops from the occupied Arab territories and the guaranteeing of the Palestinian people's legitimate national rights, including the right to self-determination and statehood. The Democratic Women's Federation called for a reconvening of the Geneva peace conference with the participation of all concerned parties, including the PLO, on an equal footing with other parties. The Union expressed its objection to unilateral negotiations which, it said, can only further complicate the situation.

ITALY: NO PEACE WITHOUT AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE

In related news, the Italian Foreign Minister, following a meeting with Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, stressed that a solution of the Middle East conflict cannot be reached without first sol-

ving the Palestine problem and establishing an independent Palestinian state.

IZVESTIA COMMENTS ON AMERICAN STAND ON MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT

Commenting on the stand of the United States of America vis-a-vis the Middle East conflict, the Soviet newspaper, *Izvestia*, said on January 11 that the 'American President not only rejected the Palestinian people's right to self-determination and to the establishment of their own state, but he also specified in advance that such a state should be linked to Jordan or to Israel.'

Izvestia asked: 'Is this not flagrant intervention in the destiny of other peoples?' It added that the Palestinian people have a homeland of their own which should be returned to them.

The Soviet newspaper concluded: 'While manifesting a great interest in providing Israel with secure frontiers at the expense of the neighbouring Arab states, American ruling circles have over the past 30 years completely ignored the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and to statehood, a right which was recognized by the United Nations General Assembly resolution of November 29th, 1947.'

TUNISIA

Meanwhile, on the occasion of the 13th anniversary of the launching of the Palestinian Revolution, several meetings, rallies, exhibitions and film shows were organized in several cities and towns of Tunisia.

January 17, 1978

Moshe M. Sussholz
Corresponding Secretary
Alliance of non-Zionist Jews
484 Spadina Ave.
Toronto M5S 2H1, Canada

Dear Mr. Sussholz,

Thank you for your letter of January 4, 1978, and the enclosed check for twelve dollars (\$12) towards your subscription.

We would like to inform you that we found your anti-Zionist Recital entitled "Zion-Brigands", to be of good quality and we will be publishing it in our Palestine Bulletin.

We are looking forward to your visit to the area and in meeting you.

With comradely greetings,
faithfully yours,
[Signature]

A.S. Imran Hussain
27 Awwal Zavia Rd.
Grandpass, Colombo 14
Sri Lanka (Ceylon)

January 17, 1978

Dear Sir,

We have received your letter of December 5, 1977. We were very glad to hear that you read and appreciate our "Palestine" Bulletin and happy to inform you that we will be sending the magazine to your new address.

We would also like to inform you that the yearly subscription rate for Ceylon is sixteen U.S. dollars (16). We request that you send your subscription check to our account (No. 51080-5706-1-A) at the Arab Bank, Ras Beirut Branch, Beirut, Lebanon.

Thanking you for your interest

Faithfully yours,
[Signature]

LETTERS TO OUR READERS

Canada 1977
(Recital)

ZION BRIGANDS

Listen Zion Brigands!
And you — "Silent Jehovahs" of Zion!
Yes — we are Jews.
Afro-Asian — is our Semitic blend,
not from Zion-hordes do we descend.
For with Rome you've shared in loot
and with blood our dignity disgraced.

For with our Semite brethren
we have shared centuries in peace,
whose land you have invaded,
whose cultivation toil you've destroyed,
whose human shelter, you've demolished
and our brethren, exiled to starvation.

We remember, our six million flames
whose ashes you have traded for gold
and desecrated sacredness with shame
with your bartered Zion-Yankee sword.

We remember, — nineteen forty eight
Your Zion-massacres — Deir Yassines
Your bloody hands, still witness bear,
for not forgiven are your crimes.

We remember the Qibya and Kafr Qassem
when on open fields, in mid-day light
Zion guns, stilled our brethren hearts
and then — spoke of 'Zion might'.

We still hear cries of a brethren child,
torn from a mother's trembling hands —
pierced with spears, 'Zion' inscribed
And thrust to the abyss of death...

Listen Zion Brigands!
And you — "Silent Jehovahs" of Zion!
Yes — we are Jews.
Afro-Asian — is our Semitic blend,
not from Zion-hordes do we descend.

Come to the Ramleh prison walls,
enter the Gaza torturing chambers,
hear Zion's demand of ransom price,
feel the wounds of mutilated lives.

Come to our brethren's Jordan valleys,
hear the echoes of a thousand exiles,
look at the human anguished tears,
feel the hunger of a thousand orphans...

Come to our brethren's olive groves,
face their silent looks of anger
hear their deafening sounds of rage,
from morning star, till midnight depth.

Come to our brethren's vineyard path,
look at his Hut — you have ruined —
and taste his grapes of wrath,
with tastes of your own blood.

Listen Zion Brigands!
And you — "Silent Jehovahs" of Zion!
You must now lay down your Zion-spears!
Wash your bloody hands! —
Cape in mourning black! —
Come to our brethren's eternal torch,
at his grave, you must bow in shame...
His olive branch, you dare not touch —
And for ever you shall mourn his name.

Now — Beware, Zion hordes!
For with our human brethren
We shall reach our freedom roads,
from the realm of Zion-beasts —
Toward a Palestine brethren in peace.

Moshe M. Sussholz

Member of
ALLIANCE of non-Zionist JEWS



POEMS

Born in Colorado in 1938, Dean Reed, who recently visited the Palestinian Revolution (see "Palestine Bulletin" Vol. 3 No. 17) is a famous professional and accomplished singer and actor who has many recordings to his credit. Beginning his career in 1959 in the U.S., his first hit recording was on Capital Records and his training in acting was from Paton Price at Warner Brother Studios in Hollywood; Dean received hit revues wherever he went throughout the world.

Dean who is very active in supporting peace and liberation movements all over the world has recently submitted to "Palestine", a song which he has commemorated to the fighters of the Palestinian Revolution. He sings for Jerusalem, the city of peace. This song will be soon be recorded on discs and cassettes.



Dean Reed amongst Palestinian commandos in South Lebanon.

"OH JERUSALEM"

My land I've not seen for years
my land is not wet with tears
and the soil in peace I tilled
till my wife and child were killed
with broken heart I did go...

Someday I'll dance in my land
someday I'll work like a man
but just now I'll have to fight
for our land and what is right
till the day of our return.

CHORUS

Oh Jerusalem, salam to Palestine
Oh Jerusalem, we shall all lay down our arms
peace to all in Palestine

I think of you mother dear
I know that you have no fear
and the time has come for me
and our people to be free

fighting for -- our Palestine.

Someday we all shall return
that hope in our hearts always burns
let us live in peace again
and with love as we did then
in our homeland Palestine.

CHORUS

Oh Jerusalem, salam to Palestine
Oh Jerusalem we shall all lay down our arms
peace to all in Palestine.

Oh Jerusalem, salam to Palestine
Oh Jerusalem, we shall all lay down our arms
peace for all in Palestine.

Dean Reed

21 Nov. 1977
Leipzig

"Palestine" is happy to publish this poem written and submitted to us by our friend S. Bassar C. Haladeen, who resides in Nugegoda, Sri Lanka.

PALESTINE NEVER DIED, NEVER WILL!

By S. Bassar Halaldeen

Palestine the country with a chequered history
Palestine the stepping stone for successive civilization
Palestine the bridge that stretches across three continents
Palestine thou never died, never will!

The Imperialists cut you up in 1948
The Zionists dismembered you in four wars
Your sons and daughters became refugees
Palestine thou never died, never will!

The land hungry Zionists tried to swallow you
The Zionist controlled press attempted to forget you
They all said that Palestine does not exist
But Palestine thou never died, never will!

You launched your glorious revolution in 1965
The forgotten Palestine resurfaced with all its glory
Public opinion recognised your existence and rights
Palestine thou never died, never will!

Palestine the voice of the PLO is thy voice
Your children fight the Zionists because they occupy your land
Despite the hawks and the hidden hand of the imperialists
Palestine thou never died, never will!

Palestine, truth and justice will one day triumph
You will establish a secular, democratic and progressive state
Replacing the racist and chauvinistic state of Israel
Palestine thou never died and never will!





Thirteen flags of the Revolution representing thirteen years of armed struggle.



Yasser Arafat: Our Revolution shall be victorious!





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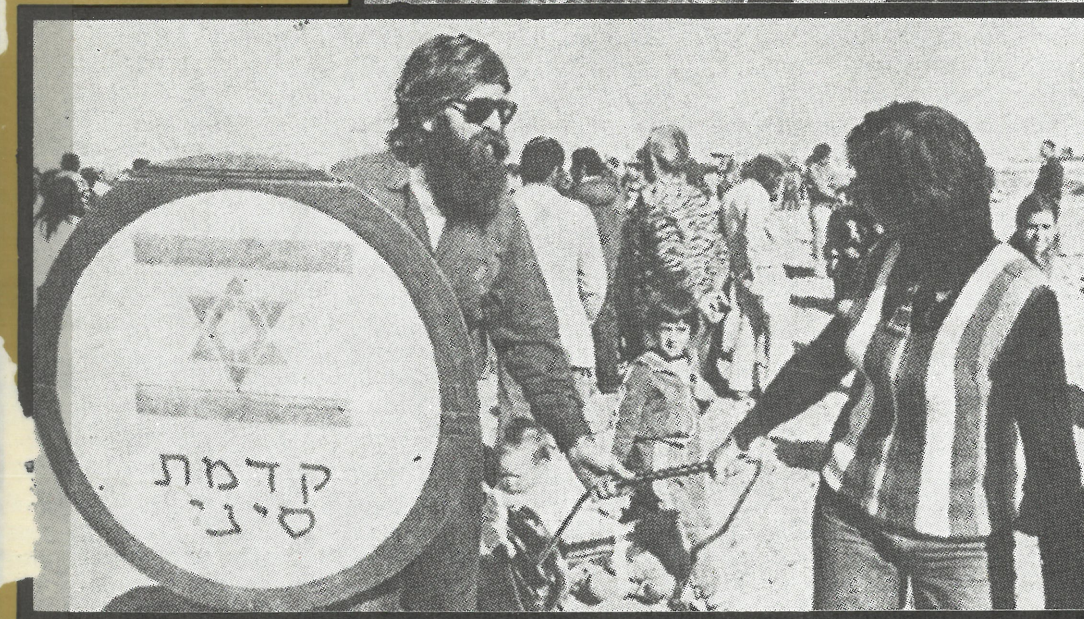
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