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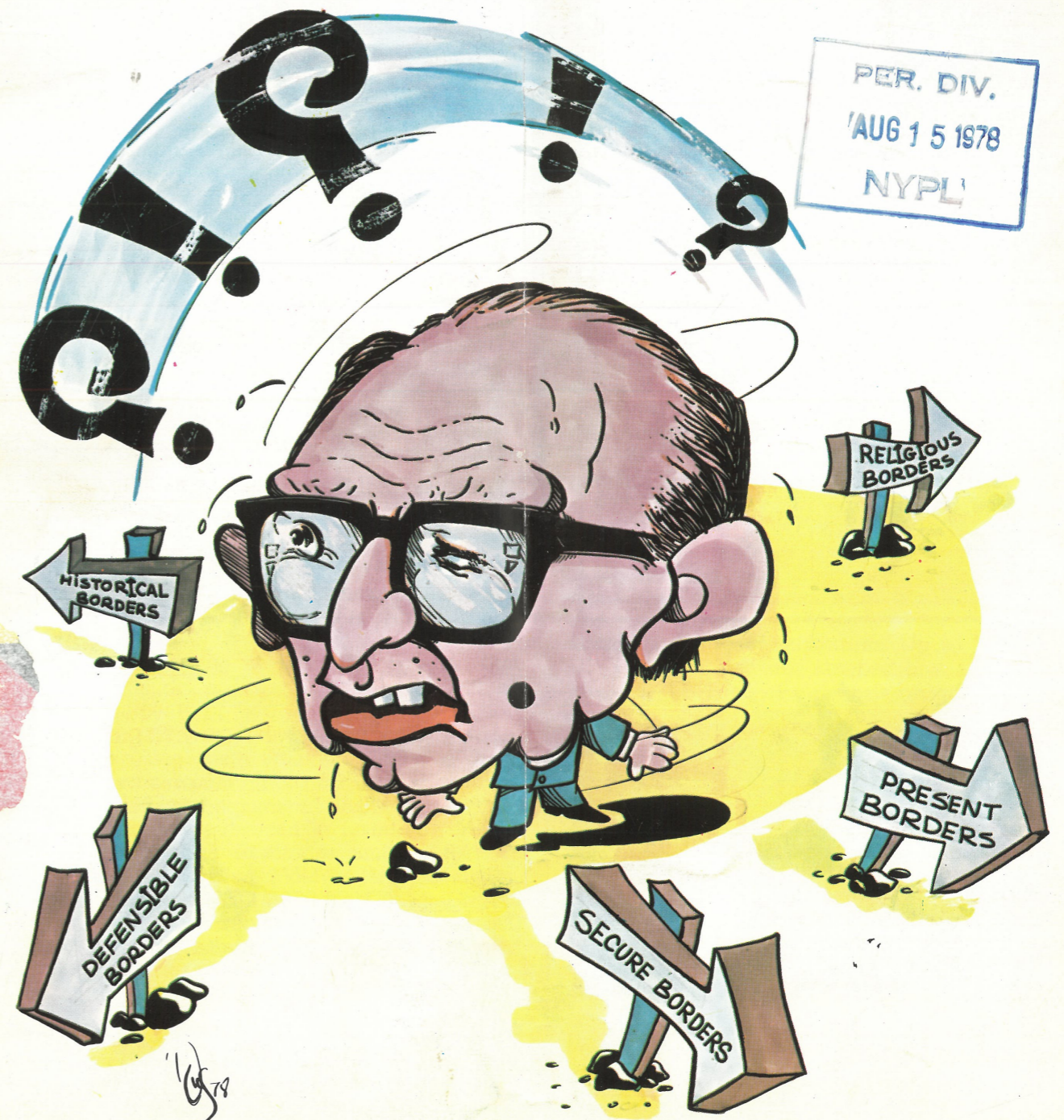
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We thank all our friends all over the world for the letters of support and encouragement which you have sent to us.

We hope to continue on the road to victory.

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## EDITORIAL

# SADAT'S FAILURE

All the efforts to revive the Sadat 'initiative' over the last four weeks, have been complete failures. The Begin clique and the Zionist mentality that rules in Israel, are opposing all attempts to pacify the Middle East. Begin's recent declaration have not shown any signs of flexibility. Even Sadat's proposal to continue the Leeds Castle talks in Al-Arish, after it had been returned to Egyptian sovereignty, together with Mount Sinai, was rejected by Begin. "Moses will be angry with us if we deliver Mount Sinai," countered Begin. But Sadat promised not to cut off his 'initiative' and declared his readiness to resume talks only if the Israeli's have some new points to offer. Consequently, he sent the Israeli military delegation, residing in Cairo, back home in an Egyptian aeroplane.

Sadat began a propaganda campaign against Begin citing him as the main obstacle to peace, hoping for his downfall and replacement by Ezer Weizman, the man he 'trusts'. On the other hand, Sadat met with Opposition leader, Shimon Peres in Vienna, in the hope of splitting Israeli ranks. But when the Israeli Cabinet met, all the ministers affirmed their confidence in Begin's government.

It is becoming obvious, day by day, that the Israelis do not want peace, and that all their arguments of 'secure' or 'defensible' borders are just for international consumption. Israel is using these arguments only as a delaying tactic to buy time for its expansionist ambitions. Using arguments like 'Moses will be angry', Israel has decided in favour of biblical borders from the Euphrates to the Nile. We shouldn't forget that Moses was from Egypt, and Father Abraham was from Iraq. On the practical level, Israel has established over 100 new settlements and cities in the occupied Arab territories of the Sinai, Golan, West Bank, and Gaza.

Sadat's policy of dialogue with the Israelis did not stop them from setting forth their expansionist policy, on the contrary, Sadat has

even encouraged them to become more and more arrogant and intransigent. Since his 'initiative' began in November 1977, Sadat has been the main loser. He has harmed the Palestinian cause and split Arab ranks. He also cut relations with the Soviet Union, the main arms supplier to the Egyptian armed forces. Sadat did his best to become a close friend of the United States and the West, but his rapprochement with the West did not help him, and neither was he able to retain his old friends in the east, the Soviets. In the Arab world, Sadat is becoming more and more isolated, and even a 'social democratic' party for Egypt will not halt the Egyptian malaise and bankruptcy.

The Carter administration, on the other hand, is still encouraging Sadat not to cut off his initiative. They are also very busily involved in a human rights campaign all over the world, but with the exception of the Palestinian people. The Carter administration was so interested in the two Soviet dissidents, only because they are Jews, while the fate of four million Palestinians is unimportant. The Palestinian people, who have been suffering for more than thirty years from Israeli atrocities and occupation are irrelevant for President Carter and his administration. Up to now the US President has not stopped any arms supplies to the Israelis, but he immediately stopped the sale of some equipment to a Soviet news agency. Maybe the Soviet Union needs a lobby in Washington too.

Current US policy in the Middle East and elsewhere will only increase the gravity of the political situation in the Middle East, and in the world at large. It is a policy which leads to new wars, destruction, and bloodshed.

Knowing the nature of the Zionist mentality and ambitions in the region, the PLO has predicted the failure of Sadat's 'initiative' and advised him to stop betting on the goodwill of Begin and his clique, or on the empty promises of Israel's best ally and supporter, the United States.

# PALESTINE NOTES

## PLO CENTRAL COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE

In the presence of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and members of the PLO Executive Committee, the PLO Central Council held a meeting in Damascus on July 18, headed by Khaled Al-Fahoum, Chairman of the Palestinian National Congress. In a communique released on July 19, following its meeting, which centered on developments of the Palestinian question on the local, Arab and international level, the Council agreed on the following:—

### A. On the Palestinian level:—

1. The PLO Central Council stressed the importance of solving all obstacles that stand against national unity amongst all Palestinian Resistance factions, and to build this unity on sound democratic bases and according to a political program emanating from the resolutions of the Palestinian National Congress. It was therefore agreed that national unity projects are to be discussed in a meeting to be held within two weeks and attended by the PLO Executive Committee, faction leaders, and PLO Central Council members, aimed at reaching a unified plan for national unity to be presented at the PLO political Council extraordinary meeting to be held between 18-20th of August. The Council, moreover, stressed the importance of democratic dialogue to solve inter-Palestinian factional problems, and ending propaganda campaigns and all other provocations especially those related to external provocations which are intended to harm the Palestinian Revolution.

2. The PLO Central Council saluted and called for more consolidation with the Palestinian people inside occupied Palestine, who are courageously confronting

the Zionist enemy and its expansionist policy and the U.S.-Zionist liquidation projects. The Council moreover demanded that all Arab and friendly countries support the Palestinian People inside occupied Palestine financially and morally.

3. The Palestinian Council recommended the convening of the Palestinian National Congress after the Ramadan feast, the date and place of which is to be decided at the next meeting of the Council.

### B. On the Arab level:—

The PCC discussed the dangerous situation as represented in the US-Zionist plots and in Sadat's continuous concessions, the latest one being the project determining the future of the occupied Palestinian land, which called for returning parts of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip to Jordan and Egypt. This project which is identical to the US project carried by Vance, ignores the Palestinian people's rights and struggle led by the PLO, and constitutes a blatant violation of the Algiers and Rabat Summits and UN General Assembly resolutions.

The PCC stresses that neither Sadat nor anybody else has the right to negotiate or speak on behalf of the Palestinian people and to relinquish any part of Palestine. As Sadat is carrying through with his dangerous policy by directly negotiating with the Zionist enemy and its allies in Germany, Austria and London, focus has again been put on the need to revive Arab solidarity to make up for these capitulationist moves.

In this respect, the PCC calls for reinforcing the Confrontation

Front to check the US-Zionist conspiracy in the Arab region, and cautions any Arab party against involvement in this conspiracy.

2. The PCC adopts the PLO Executive Committee's memorandum addressed to the Iraqi government, denounces the hostile stand of certain Iraqi apparati, and condemns the outrageous assassination of Ali Nasser Yassin and Said Hamami.

### C. On the Lebanese Level:—

What is being executed by the isolationist forces in Lebanon in cooperation with the Zionist enemy, is part of the U.S.-Israeli-reactionary plot in the region, aimed at liquidating the Palestinian cause and revolution, and placing the whole Arab region under imperialist domination. To confront these activities and conspiracies, the Council called on all Muslim and Christian forces and masses in Lebanon and the Arab region to unify with Syria, the Palestinian Revolution, and the Lebanese national forces. The Council moreover stressed the importance of closing ranks between the world liberation forces and the friendly Socialist countries to confront Imperialism and Zionism.

## ARAFAT CONFERS WITH WALDHEIM

Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the PLO Executive Committee and General Commander of the forces of the Palestinian Revolution, on July 17, met in Damascus with UN Secretary General Dr. Kurt Waldheim with whom he discussed the situation in South Lebanon, the developments of the Palestinian cause, Israeli piracy in international waters, and UNRWA's reduction of services granted to Palestinian refugees. The meeting was attended by Muhammed Zuhdi al-Nashashibi, Secretary of



the PLO Executive Committee; Abdel Muhsin Abu Maizar, PLO Official Spokesman, and Khaled al-Hassan, member of the Fateh Central Committee.

Arafat then reviewed the current situation in South Lebanon, pointing to the Zionist enemy's failure to accomplish complete withdrawal, and its handing over of parts of South Lebanon to its puppets Saad Haddad and Sami Al-Shidiaq, consequently maintaining its indirect occupation of the South.

Chairman Arafat also raised the subject of the Zionist piracies on the Mediterranean, explaining how ships are intercepted and searched. In this respect, Dr. Waldheim promised to study the issue in view of its clear violation of international law.

Chairman Arafat then explained to UN Secretary-General Waldheim the negative aspects that entail the transfer of the UNRWA HQ to Vienna such as its direct removal from the Palestinian refugees it is expected to help. Arafat then discussed with Dr. Waldheim the decrease of UNRWA's services in occupied Palestine. U.N. Secretary-General Waldheim declared that

there is no political aim in transferring UNRWA to Vienna, and added that he will discuss this issue with the UNRWA Director.

Waldheim who explained the financial difficulties facing UNRWA promised to do his best to keep the level of its services stable.

Regarding peace prospects in the region Waldheim said that world and regional peace will always be threatened as long as the Middle East conflict... of which the Palestine question is the core... remains unsolved.

He expressed his belief that a settlement cannot be achieved in the Middle East without realizing the Palestinian people's rights.

Waldheim stressed the non-viability of separate and unilateral solutions, affirming the necessity of working out a comprehensive solution which would involve all the parties to the conflict, including the PLO.

The Palestinian side in turn clarified the PLO's principled position in regard to UN resolution 242, billing it as "an incompatible platform for any settlement."

## ARAFAT INAUGURATES POLITICAL EDUCATION SESSION

On July 12, Chairman Arafat inaugurated a ceremony of the Dalal Al-Mughrabi session for political education at the military academy. On the occasion, Arafat delivered a speech in which he reviewed the current political situation on the Palestinian, Arab, and international levels and stressed that the Palestinian Revolution understands well the dimension of the plots woven against it especially on the local level, and added that the plot in the region was not a local decision but rather it is tied to the Middle East conflict. Arafat then added that the Palestinian Revolution together with all Arab, national, and honest forces will abort any partition plot in Lebanon. "For the U.S. and Israel have decided to establish small states that will overtly deal with Israel" he said.

Arafat then spoke of the Lebanese National Movement's unity with the Palestinian Revolution against Zionism, which has proved most effective in the war in South Lebanon.

Referring to the role of the UNIFIL in South Lebanon Arafat said: "As we repeatedly rejected the Korean scenario in South Lebanon, French Foreign Minister Louis De Guiringaud was prompt to declare that the French forces are under Waldheim's command."

Citing Abdel Nasser during a meeting with him years ago, Arafat said that one of the objectives of the US-Zionist plot is to exclude Egypt from the Arab national war against Israel, noting that the plot has remained the same.

He finally pledged to remain faithful to the flag the Vietnamese Revolution handed over to the Palestinian Revolution in 1973.

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## ARAFAT'S ENVOY MEETS DEMOCRATIC YEMEN'S PRESIDENT

Hani al-Hassan, Chairman Arafat's political advisor and envoy to Aden met, on July 13, with Ali Nasser Muhammad, Head of the Presidential Council of Democratic Yemen in Aden. Al-Hassan who was accompanied by Sakhr, member of the Fateh Revolutionary Council, discussed with the Yemeni President a number of issues of importance to both sides. The latter highly valued the Palestinian Revolution's stand in support of Democratic Yemen and asserted that his country will not answer provocations in the area in order to concentrate Arab efforts against the imperialist-Zionist enemy.

The talks were also attended by Muhammad Saleh Muti, member of the Presidential Council and Foreign Minister; Mahmoud Abdallah Esheish, Minister of Communications; and Abbas Zaki, the PLO representative in Aden.

Hani al-Hassan and Sakhr are currently exerting mediation efforts to relieve the critical situation between the Arab Republic of Yemen and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen.

## ARAFAT MEETS LEBANESE PRIME MINISTER

Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the PLO Executive Committee and General Commander of the forces of the Palestinian Revolution met, on July 16, in the evening, with the Lebanese Prime Minister Salim al-Hoss in the presence of Abu Jihad, member of the Fateh Central Committee and of the General Command of the Assifa Forces, Abu al-Walid, Director of Operations and Basel Aql, the PLO permanent representative at the United Nations.

In a statement following the

two-hour discussions, Basel Aql said: "Arafat conveyed the PLO's point of view regarding the points raised by President Elias Sarkis in his speech of July 15th". He added "It is out of concern for Lebanon's present conditions and out of the belief that only dialogue can clarify and restore things back to their order, that Arafat chose to express the PLO's opinion personally and directly to the Lebanese Premier".

## ARAFAT ATTENDS PRCS PHARMACISTS GRADUATION

In the presence of Chairman Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian Red Crescent Society, on July 18, sponsored a graduation ceremony of assistant pharmacists. On the occasion, Arafat gave a speech in which he praised the PRCS role "which worked hand in hand with the Palestinian Revolution." He then described the Palestinian Revolution as a fortress which withstood the war of extermination waged against it by Israel. The U.S. which stood by idly witnessing the war, he added, now insolently stands as the defender of human rights.

"Hodding Carter is raising hell for the sake of two Soviet dissidents while earlier in March neither he nor Carter were willing to pay any attention to US-made cluster bombs being dropped on Lebanese and Palestinian civilians." He said that the most destructive weapons were experimented with on the civilians and the result was the martyrdom of 1800 people, adding: "Carter must understand that our blood was not and will never be shed in vain, whatever lethal means he uses."

Arafat concluded by referring to the torture that the Palestinian detainees are being subjected to and stressed the fact that thousands and thousands of Palestinians were interrogated, quoting an Israeli investigator who admitted that he had interrogated 230 thousand during nine years. Des-

pite of all this, Arafat added, one day a Palestinian cub will raise the Palestinian flag over Jerusalem.

## ARAFAT MEETS HAFEZ ASSAD

Chairman Arafat, on July 19, met with the Syrian President, Hafez Assad. During the 2-hour meeting, discussions centered on means of consolidating Palestinian-Syrian relations in view of the current dangerous, U.S.-Israeli and their agents conspiracies in the region. Moreover the situation in Lebanon, its repercussions on the Arab level, and the role of the Steadfastness and Confrontation Front were discussed as well as the Palestinian situation on the Palestinian, local, Arab, and international levels. The meeting was very fruitful.

## ARAFAT MEETS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Chairman Arafat, on July 20, in Damascus, met the Korean Vice-President, Park Sung Tchok, and his accompanying delegation. The meeting was also attended by Fateh Central Committee member Abu Jihad, the PLO Executive Committee Official Spokesman Abdel Muhsin Abu Maizar, and the PLO representative to Korea, Marwan Abdallah. During the meeting discussions centered on bilateral relations. Comrade Tchok reaffirmed his country's support to the Palestinian people and their revolution.

## ABU IYAD ARRIVES IN KUWAIT

Fateh Central Committee member Abu Iyad, on July 20, arrived in Kuwait after a week-long visit to Yugoslavia, where he conducted negotiations with Yugoslav Officials. Abu Iyad also met the head of Croatia, with whom he exchanged views regarding the latest developments in the Middle East. The Yugoslav Government and people expressed their firm support to the Palestinian people and their Revolution.



# FATEH ADDRESSES MEMORANDUM TO THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT

In a memorandum addressed to the Iraqi government on July 17, in answer to an interview given by a prominent Iraqi government and party official to *Al-Nahar* Arab and international weekly which was published on July 15th, Fateh said the article contained erroneous and unfounded information deliberately propagated by the Iraqi regime to mislead public opinion, slander and strike at Fateh and the PLO.

Fateh noted that it had endured a lot from the Iraqi regime ever since the 1970 massacres in Jordan and until the present days, in the hope that one day the Iraqi regime would come to its senses, made it withstand the latter's hostile policy against the Palestinian Revolution. It added that the Revolution's silence over Iraq's practices came to an end, when Said Hamami and Ali Naser Yasin were cowardly assassinated and a smear campaign of which the *Nahar* interview is a good example was launched through Iraq's radio, its information media and its embassies all over the world. Stressing that the time has come

to disclose some facts, Fateh had warned that if the Iraqi conspiracy did not stop, it was ready to reveal all the truth. The memorandum then answered the Iraqi officials' allegations that the Iraqi's offered the PLO economic, military, and financial aid exceeding hundreds of millions of dollars, in addition to 4,700 tons of provisions and 15 million dollars granted after the battles of the South, lately. It said:

"All Iraqi aid since the launching of Fateh does not reach 1 percent of the figures mentioned in the interview. To the contrary, the donations of the Iraqi people, as of 1968, reflected their national feelings towards the Palestinian Revolution, but when the regime in power took over, all Fateh offices were immediately closed with the exception of the Baghdad office: 40% of the people's donations to the Armed Struggle Command office were confiscated, later 60% were seized, and finally all popular donations were ceased. The Iraqi government confiscated large stocks of ammunitions and weapons granted by China, enough

to arm 15,000 fighters and estimated at 50 million dollars worth.

"It seized 30 million dollars worth of provisions, personal and medical equipment, and military clothes also granted by China and enough for 30,000 fighters. It moreover expropriated arms factories set up by Fateh funds but whose productions was supposed to be divided between Iraq and Fateh. These factories are;

- "A factory for small submarines
- "A factory for naval mines
- "A factory for RPG and machine guns for which Fateh allocated 8 million dollars.
- "A factory of technical military equipments.

"Upon their confiscation, Iraq refused to give Fateh half of the production as stipulated in the agreement. Moreover, Palestinian and Arab technicians and scientists working in these factories were harshly treated and terrorized before they were allowed to leave the country. The regime also expropriated a poultry farm set up by Fateh for the benefit of families of martyrs. All arms depots belonging to Fateh and put under the custody of Iraqi forces in al-Mafraq in Jordan in 1970, were seized. Through its airlines, its diplomatic mail and bags, and its embassies, Iraq passes on weapons to the clique of Abu Nidal and to its intelligence services, and employs agents to murder Palestinian revolutionaries and to strike at Fateh and the PLO's relationship with Arab and foreign peoples.

"Money is generously paid to needy Palestinian students all over the world who are then forced to join either Abu Nidal or the Iraqi intelligence services. Students

recruited in this manner and pitted against the PLO and Arab states were responsible for the murder of Sayf Ben Ghubash in Abu Dhabi, for the Semiramis Hotel operation in Damascus, for the Jordan Hotel operation, for the kidnapping of the Saudi embassy employees in Paris, for the Larnaka operation and recently for the slaughtering of Said Hamami and Ali Nasser Yasin.

"As for Iraq's hostile role during the September 1970 massacres in Jordan we will reveal the whole content in time. However we will point out the fact that when the Baath bases in Iraq attacked their regime for not joining hands with the Palestinian Revolution, the latter, defending itself, told them that colonialist circles have offered them the difficult choice of either supporting the Palestinian Revolution and being liquidated or opposing the Revolution and remaining safe. The regime claimed that it opted for the second choice because after survival it will have the opportunity to launch a new Palestinian Revolution. But these arguments failed to convince the militant Baath bases.

"As to Arafat's visit to Iraq to which the party official has referred, we would like to clarify that the first one which took place before the Confrontation conference in Tripoli and the second which was made before the Confrontation conference in Algiers aimed at convincing the Iraqi regime to join the Steadfastness Front before which Iraq stood as witness although it could have given it a considerable boost in the face of US-Zionist-imperialist conspiracies."

The memorandum finally expressed its sincere wishes that the Iraqi regime returns one day to its correct militant position and responds to the national aspirations of its people and cadres.



Second, third, and fourth from the right: Musa Jerious, Zeid Wehbi, and Kare Sandergren.

## PALESTINIAN WORKERS: STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The Palestine Trade Union Federation plays a significant, and important role in strengthening the relations of struggle between the Palestinian Revolution and workers all over the world, as a means of consolidating the cause of the Palestinian people, aimed at liberating their land and establishing their independent state, under the leadership of the PLO. Needless to say, the Federation has played an effective role in the international trade union movement in winning support and solidarity for the just struggle of the Palestinians, and to clarify the facts, distorted by the Zionist entity and its 'workers federation', the Histadrut.

Regarding recent activities on the international level, Zeid Wehbi, member of the Executive Commit-

tee of the Palestine Trade Union Federation and Secretary of the Lebanese branch, and Musa Jerious, High Council member and International Relations Secretary of the branch, on June 18, visited Norway, at the invitation of the Norwegian Palestine Front. Upon their arrival, the Palestinian delegation met the Palestine Front and discussed the political situation in Norway, the Norwegian trade union movement, and the program for their visit.

In accordance with the decided program, the Palestinian delegation, on June 19, met with Kare Sandergren, International Relations Secretary of the Norwegian Trade Union Federation. The Chairman of the NTUF was forced to cancel his attendance at the meeting

when "other sudden circumstances" arose. Though Sandergren stressed the close relations between the NTUF and the Histadrut, he was ready to listen to the Palestinian point of view. The Palestinian delegation discussed the struggle of the Palestinian working class since 1925, and revealed the reality of the Zionist Histadrut as a 'trade union' in name only, and that it is really a monopoly, racist association serving the Israeli military establishment and the CIA, (See 'Palestine', Vol. 4, No. 11). Though Sandergren stressed that receiving the delegation does not

Arne Jenson the Secretary, who discussed the role of the Joint Trade Union Federation. The PTUF delegation discussed the struggle of the Palestinian working class, before and after 1948, and its role in the revolution, and its attitude towards the Histadrut. The current situation of the Palestinian cause, particularly the Lebanese situation, was discussed in detail. The Norwegian side expressed their pleasure at receiving the information and promised its circulation at the base levels of the Federation. At the conclusion of the meeting they expressed



Palestinian delegation with Ivar Odegard, chairman of the Joint Trade Unions of Oslo, and Arne Jensen.

mean a recognition by the NTUF of the PLO, the mere fact that this trade union federation, of long standing pro-Zionist sympathies, was prepared to listen to the Palestinian viewpoint and express "the hope for a peaceful settlement in the area with the participation of the concerned parties and the right to self-determination of the Palestinian people", is considered a success for the Palestinian Trade Union Federation and the PLO in penetrating this Zionist dominated organization.

The Palestinian delegation also met with the Joint Trade Unions of Oslo, represented by Tvar Odegard, their Chairman, and also an MP for the Labour Party, and

their conviction that there would be no peace in the Middle East unless there was a "just solution to the Palestinian problem".

Later in the day, a meeting was held with the ruling Labour Party. The party was represented by its General Secretary, Ivar Leveraas, and Bjorn Tore Gotal, from the International Relations Office. It is worth mentioning that this was the Party's first ever meeting with the PTUF.

The General Secretary discussed the Party's relations with 'Israel' and said that they are not a party to the Middle East conflict, but believed in "the right to exist for both the Palestinian and Israel people." The Palestinian delegation made it clear as to how the

Zionist entity was established on Palestinian Land, and discussed the inequality of that entity, as well as Zionist expansionist aims in the region. The delegation also discussed the solution proposed by the Palestinian Revolution, based on the establishment of a democratic state over the whole of Palestine, and the PLO's stand on the political and military levels.

In response, the Labour Party's General Secretary declared that Norway is not satisfied with the current Israeli practices which are against the interests of peace, and that "the Palestinian problem must be solved; we prefer the (Middle East) problem to be solved amongst the concerned parties without any external intervention. We are glad that this meeting has taken place and were interested to hear the information and facts you have put to us."

On June 20, a meeting was held with the National Union of Chemical Workers, which was represented by Arthur Svenson, its Vice-Chairman, Birger Blomkvist, Wilhem Thoresen, Karl P. Olsen, and two other members of the governing board.

The meeting was very successful and the NUCW promised to work within the NTUF so as to build relations with the Palestinian Trade Union Federation. They confessed their readiness to visit the PTUF so as to be further enlightened about the living conditions of Palestinian workers and fighters. They promised their full support for Palestinian workers.

On the same day the PTUF delegation held a press conference, at which the true nature of the Zionist Histadrut was exposed and the political situation of the Palestinian Revolution discussed. Present at the conference were representatives of the Norwegian trade unions, and correspondents from Norwegian television stations, the Norwegian News Agency, and numerous newspapers, including the newspaper of the Palestine Front.

On June 21, the PTUF delegation attended a meeting at the Norwegian Foreign Ministry, where

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they met Thorvald Stoltenberg, the Deputy Foreign Minister and Trolle Anderson, Middle East Affairs Secretary. The meeting was very positive. The Deputy Foreign Minister expressed a full understanding of the Palestinian delegation's point of view and showed interest in the understanding between the PLO and the Norwegian troops in UNIFIL, in South Lebanon. He also agreed that the Sadat visit to the Zionist entity had split Arab ranks.

Also visited was the Hadeland Glassworks factory, where the delegation talked to trade union leaders and workers. The Palestinian delegation toured the factory and had lunch with the workers.

At a meeting organized by the Jevnaker Joint Unions, held in Jevnaker, trade union officials, workers and party officials attended a showing of the (Palestinian) Land Day film. News of the meeting was widely covered in the local press.

On June 22, the PTUF delegation met with representatives of the Social Workers Trade Union, and Division 73 of the National Union of Municipal Workers. The outcome of the meeting was excellent, the Social Workers Trade Union deciding to establish relations with the PTUF and expressing its willingness to visit it on any occasion. This union currently supports liberation movements throughout the world, and has been a strong supporter of the Palestine Front since 1974. They promised to work inside the NTUF for the establishment of relations with the PTUF.

The delegation of Palestinian workers also met with members of the Socialist Left Party's Trade Union Committee and its International Relations Committee,

(among them, Ore Larson, Secretary of the Trade Union Committee and Christopher Furst, Chairman of the International Relations Committee). The Party's members expressed their full support for the PLO and its cause. (Meanwhile, the leader of the Socialist Left Party Berge Furre, was heading a delegation visiting the PLO in Beirut, and having talks with PLO Chairman Arafat and other leaders.

Later on the same day, the Palestinian delegation met with Hans Kleven, Vice-Chairman of the Norwegian Communist Party, and various members of the Party's Trade Union and International Relations Committees. The political situation, and the PLO's concept of a "just and durable solution" were discussed. 'Friheten', official organ of the party covered the details of the meeting. Later in the evening a public meeting was held in Oslo where matters concerning the PTUF and the Palestinian Revolution were discussed. The Land Day film was shown.

On June 23, a meeting was held with the leadership of the National Union of Social Workers, including the President, Bjorn Henneim, and the Vice-President, Sissel Seim. At the meeting, it was agreed to establish relations between the two organizations. The Norwegian union also decided to boycott the coming conference of the International Union of Social Workers to be held in Tel Aviv, "because the fact of merely going to Tel Aviv represents an act against the Palestinians. We support you, and we shall exert pressure on the NTUF to adopt your point of view and establish central relations with the PTUF."

The Palestinian delegation also held a meeting with the National Union of Transport Workers, represented by Odd Bach, Vice Chairman, Kore Anderson, Secretary, and Victor Follvik, Chairman of the Oslo branch. They expressed a willingness to visit the Palestinian Trade Union Federation and Palestinian workers, and pledged to exert pressure on the NTUF.

The Palestinian delegation met with the Palestine solidarity groups in Norway and later held a friendship meeting with General Odd Bull former commander in chief of U.N. troops in Palestine, who expressed his full understanding of the Palestinian cause. The General's wife, it is worth mentioning, has often been a participant in the solidarity work of the Norwegian groups.

#### Finland

Upon an invitation issued by the central organ of the Finnish Trade Union Organization, (SAK), the Palestine Trade Union Federation delegation visited Finland on June 30. However, as it was the very beginning of the traditional summer holiday, the visit was only for two days. SAK's attitude towards the Palestinian delegation was very positive however, and they were sorry that the visit could not have been longer.

During their stay, the PTUF delegation were able to meet the following Finnish trade union personalities: Unto Lubtassari, Secretary of Information and Education in the Paper Industry Workers Union; Raimo Pannila, International Relations Secretary in the Building Workers Trade Union; Eva Hakala, International Relations Secretary of the Women's section of the Wood



*Palestinian delegation with Social Workers Trade Union representatives.*

Workers Trade Union; Christina Nordgren-Ra, editor of the SAK Swedish language newspaper; Lauri Vilponiemi, President of the Chemical Workers Trade Union.

In this context it is worth mentioning the success achieved by the PTUF delegation in its meeting with the SAK Peace Committee. This committee is SAK's special commission to deal with peace and solidarity questions, and to submit proposals to the SAK board and other decision-making bodies about how to manage with various questions.

During SAK's peace conference, last spring, a positive document was issued on the Palestine question. Lauri Vilponiemi,

President of the Chemical Workers Trade Union, made some remarks against the document. Now, it is interesting to note that on this tour, it was Vilponiemi who, along with the PTUF delegates, presided over the joint PTUF-SAK meetings.

During the meeting, the President of the Peace Committee reaffirmed SAK's solidarity with the PLO, and other discussions centred on practical issues. The SAK side expressed their desire to know whether the 30,000 Finnish marks worth of medicine they had sent, had reached the Palestine Red Crescent in Damascus. The Palestinian delegation promised to check up on the matter upon their return, and to inform SAK with regard to its whereabouts.

The Palestinian delegation also met with third President of SAK, Petti Vinanen, (Social Democrat), SAK's Secretary, Simo Elomaa, (Communist), Christina Nordgren-Ra, and Unto Luhtasaar. The delegation gave a general overview of the situation in occupied Palestine and the Middle East in general. The SAK side clarified that their relations with the Histadrut were only formal. Finally the Palestinian delegation extended to SAK, an invitation to visit the Palestinian camps in Lebanon, the invitation being received by SAK with pleasure.

# HUMAN RIGHTS: SOME ARE MORE HUMAN THAN OTHERS

Western media, monitored from all over the world for the past few weeks, has been reverberating with the allegation of the "inhuman persecution of human rights activists in the USSR." Journals and newspapers, from the same origins have, for days on end, had their leading columns devoted to what they have termed to be the "indignation of humanity" at the events taking place in the USSR.

The cases that have triggered off all the furore have been the trials of two citizens of the USSR, Anatoly Sharansky and Alexander Ginsberg, charged with treason and subversion respectively. It is not for us to pass verdicts on the trials whose legitimacy has even been verified by the western media; to cite but one example, Newsweek, July 24, which quotes the Los Angeles Times correspondent, Toth, who was expelled from the USSR after being exposed as a CIA agent, as admitting to exchanging letters with Sharansky, one of which fell into the hands of the KGB. Toth declared: "How stupid I was not to have eaten that god-dam letter." How stupid? We don't know, the west knows better!

If we assumed that these two human beings were political prisoners, over whom the west, spear-headed by the United States, was showing its concern, we could have applauded the moves taken to liberate humanity from inhuman treatment. But we too, know, as several Americans, such as UN Ambassador Andrew Young know and have declared: "We also have hundreds, maybe thousands of people in our jails that I can call political prisoners". We feel it appropriate to leave this issue to the western public in general, and



Carter shares the sorrow of which people?

particular the oppressed indigenous people of America and the west, who know well the situation in their own countries.

What has caught our attention in the whole scandal is the amount of publicity being given to two Soviet citizens who are allegedly being inhumanly treated. The calls from different governments and organizations for their release, and for sanctions against the USSR to be enforced are very striking.

But have those on the receiving end of the media's tirade, and those who have been voicing 'concern' asked themselves how a Palestinian whose home is destroyed by Zionist bulldozers, or an African who is not allowed to walk on the same pavement as a European, or any other inhumanly treated individual would react to the recent uproar over the trials in the USSR?

Us President Carter, fulfilling

his role as leader of the west, has been the most outspoken critic of the trials. He declared: "Our voice will not be stilled as we consider these human rights violations." Has President Carter asked himself how a Palestinian refugee, squatting in his camp in South Lebanon, daily running for cover whenever a US made plane flies overhead, once in a while dropping US cluster bombs to commit genocide, feels and reacts, when Carter declares the above, and says: "I share the sorrow of people all over the world?"

Vance, Dr. Owen, Willie Brandt, Giscard d'Estaing, etc. etc. from among the ranks of western administrations have been unanimous in deploring the so-called violation of the human rights of Sharansky and Ginsberg.

Haven't they heard of the Middle East, and a people, a whole people, the Palestinian people, who have been either thrown out of their homeland or who live under military occupation, being jailed in their thousands, and most even privileged to a trial? Don't they know that they are the ones who have been aiding, with money and weapons, the inhuman machine that has been set up over Palestine?

Is our answer to all these questions that Carter and the west have chosen to ridicule themselves in the eyes of oppressed people all over the world, who at the very least owe the inhuman treatment they are receiving, and their wretched state of existence to the US and the west themselves?

Even that Irgun terrorist, the present Prime Minister of the state of Israel, Menachem Begin, has vowed to "mount a world wide campaign for the release of Mr. Sharansky, who is a Jewish activist, and urged the US and other western countries to move from words to action, to force the USSR to respect human rights." The least we can say is that we are puzzled, maybe the defence of 'human rights' has nothing to do with genuine human rights, or is it that some are more human than others?

## MILITARY

## OPERATIONS

### 3 COMMANDO OPERATIONS IN OCCUPIED PALESTINE

Between 8-10 July Palestinian Commandos operating inside occupied Palestine set off explosive charges in Haifa, occupied since 1948, and the surrounding woods. Meanwhile, one of our commandos threw a hand grenade at a Zionist police car on patrol in Beit Shan settlement, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. A Palestinian military spokesman issued the following communiques:—

#### No. 68/78:—

On the evening of 8/7, our special commando unit (B) operating inside occupied Palestine, placed timed explosive charges inside a building occupied by the Zionist frontier guards on Hahoush street in the Hadar Hakarmel section of Haifa.

At 8:15 PM, the charges exploded in a massive blast that reverberated throughout the area, wounding an undetermined number of frontier guards inside, completely destroying one of the apartments, and shattering the glass of the building.

Immediately following the operation, large numbers of policemen and frontier guards encircled and combed the area in search of more explosive charges.

On 9/7, Radio Israel admitted the operation and estimated the weight of the charges to have been about 100 grams of TNT.

#### No. 77/78:—

Acting on orders, one of our commando units operating inside occupied Palestine on 9/7 placed timed incendiary bombs inside the



As a result, the enemy has suffered great material and human losses. The former are estimated at millions. Our commandos nevertheless returned safely to base.

#### NO. 78/78:—

At 10:15 PM on 10/7, one of our revolutionaries operating inside occupied Palestine threw a hand grenade at a Zionist police car which was on patrol duty in the Eliaho quarter of the Beit Shan settlement. He scored a direct hit thus wounding all the enemy policemen inside, who were immediately transferred to Rambam hospital in Haifa, and destroying the car. Our revolutionary nevertheless returned safely to base in spite of all checkpoints set up by the Zionist authorities. Radio Israel admitted that police and troops have arrested some people for questioning.

### COMMANDO OPERATION IN BETHLEHEM

The Palestinian military spokesman, on July 18, issued the following communique: No. 79/78:—

At dawn on 18/7, one of our commando units operating inside occupied Palestine placed timed explosive charges inside the Bethlehem immigration office.

At 8:05 AM, as enemy intelligence units were working inside the office, the charges exploded wounding a large number of the enemy and severely damaging the whole building.

Immediately after the operation, Zionist police and frontier guards encircled and combed the area for more explosives. Mean-

Hakarmel woods in the mountainous area surrounding and overlooking occupied Haifa. The enemy army occupies vast areas of this forest and has set up Naval and air radars as well as a massive wireless networks.

Around 6:00 PM on the same day, the charges exploded causing a fire that spread all over the woods.

The flames encircled the military zones inside the woods such that the enemy could only save a small number of soldiers, and none of the installations by helicopters. Other rescue vehicles and fire engines could not reach the zones because of the intensity of the fire. The fire was only controlled at 9:00 AM on July 10, after 16 hours.

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while, many Palestinian citizens were arrested on charges of being involved in the operation and checkpoints were increased around Zionist utilities in the city for fear of more operations. Our commandos nevertheless returned safely to base.

### TWO COMMANDO OPERATIONS IN OCCUPIED PALESTINE

Palestinian commandos operating inside occupied Palestine set off timed explosive charges inside the Ashdod city commercial center and near the secondary bus station in Natanya, inflicting heavy human and material losses in both operations. The Palestinian military spokesman issued the following communiques:—

**No. 80/78:—**

At noon on 18/7, our special commando unit 'A' operating inside occupied Palestine averted all security measures taken by the Zionist enemy at city entrances and placed timed explosive charges inside the commercial center in Ashdod, situated on the shore.

At 1:15 PM on the same day, the charges exploded in a massive blast, that reverberated throughout the surrounding area, killing or wounding a number of the enemy, severely damaging the building and its contents, and shattering the glass of surrounding buildings.

Immediately following the operation, ambulances and fire-engines were rushed to the scene of the explosion, while policemen and civil guards evacuated the surrounding buildings and blocked the area. Our commandos nevertheless returned safely to base.

**No. 81/78:—**

Acting on orders, one of our

commando units operating inside occupied Palestine at noon on 18/7 placed timed explosive charges near the secondary bus station which is located in the center of Natanya.

At 2:15 PM on the same day, and as a large number of Zionist settlers were in the vicinity of the station, the charges exploded wounding an undetermined number of the enemy who were seen being vacated by ambulances, and shattering the glass of nearby stores. After the operation, policemen and frontier guards encircled and combed the area but our revolutionaries returned safely to base.

### COMMANDO OPERATION IN ASQALAN

Palestinian Commandos, on July 20, set off timed incendiary charges inside the office of the Zionist commanding officer in Asqalan, severely damaging the office. The Palestinian military Spokesman issued the following communique: **No. 82/78:—**

In the evening of 20/7, our special commando unit (B) operating inside occupied Palestine placed timed incendiary charges inside the office of the Zionist commander in Asqalan, in spite of the massive security measures taken. At 10:15 PM on the same day the charges exploded, starting a fire in the offices of the first floor which also spread to the second floor of the building thus destroying most of their contents. A number of Zionist guards were also wounded. The Zionist fire engines were not able to control the fire for several hours.

Immediately following the operation, around thirty Palestinian citizens were arrested at Zionist check-points. Our commandos, nevertheless, returned safely to base.

## OCCUPATION DIARY

### WEST BANK MAYORS PLAN JOINT ACTION AGAINST DISMISSAL OF BEIT JALA MAYOR

West Bank mayors, on July 10, voiced their objection to the second warning of the West Bank military governor, forbidding them to hold joint meetings to discuss the dismissal of the mayor of Beit Jala, Beshara Daoud and of three members of his municipal council. The mayors said that the Israeli authorities were paving the way for dissolving all nationalist municipal councils who constitute obstacles in the way of implementing the self-administration project. Sit-ins and other protest measures might be taken by the mayors to counter Israeli arbitrary practices.

### QAFAR-QANA AND AL-MASHAD SHORT OF WATER

Radio Israel has recently reported that the villages of Qafar-Qana and Al-Mashad, near Nazareth, are suffering from lack of water thus threatening the life of 8,000 Palestinian citizens.

It is worth mentioning that the only source of water is a stream which is drying because the Zionist company, Mikraut, is bottling the water for marketing elsewhere.

### MILITARY ORDERS INHIBITING CONSTRUCTION IN AL-BIREH AREA

The Zionist military governor of Ramallah has recently forbidden any construction in the land bordering Nablus-Al-Bireh road, which extends from the Al-Taibe-Ramallah crossroad till the Jalazon School. The total area is estimated at about 500 dunums, part of which lies within the Bireh pre-

cinct. Consequently, the Central Planning Department was stopped from giving building licences for construction in that area.

The Zionist military governor has moreover warned the owners of these lands from constructing any new buildings on them.

### CENSORSHIP ON JERUSALEM ARAB NEWSPAPERS

The Jerusalem Newspaper *Al-Fajr*, on July 18, appeared without its editorial which was censored. The editorial had attacked Sadat's peace plan which omitted any reference of the PLO.

Parts of *al-Shaab* editorial, on the same day, were also cut off by censorship.

### JORDANIAN AUTHORITIES REFUSING TO GRANT EXPORT PERMITS TO WEST BANK FARMERS

West Bank farmers, on July 20, accused the Jordanian authorities of forcing them to leave their farms and land by refusing to grant them export permits. They said that their products might be destroyed, and told *Al-Fajr* newspaper in Nablus that the Jordanian authorities issued special permits to Jordanian merchants to import products from Iran, Turkey and Iraq, which resulted in the fall of prices.

### JERICHO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEMBER ON TRIAL

The first trial session of the Jericho Municipality Member, Yusuf Ali Marar took place on July 20, during which Marar, who is on trial on charges of interfering in the work of a Zionist police-



man, and attacking another and obstructing peace, refuted these charges and affirmed that it was the Zionist policeman who attacked and arrested him. The Jewish progressive lawyer Felicia Langer is defending Marar.

### AL-BIREH PROTESTS CONFISCATION MEASURES HINDERING ITS GROWTH

The military governor of Ramallah and al-Bireh issued an order, on July 17, forbidding construction on 3,500 dunums of al-Birehland, which constituted the northern suburb of the town. A year ago, the military governor had banned all construction on the eastern suburb which includes 3,000 dunums. Thus with the new order, al-Bireh will be totally sealed off from all sides since most of its southern borders were earlier annexed to Jerusalem and since Ramallah borders the town from the West. Two months ago, an order isolated around 300 dunums from the northwest suburb.

Reactions to these measures went unheeded. Lawyer Jamil al-Turaifi, al-Bireh's Deputy Mayor, who signed a protest memo addressed to the military governor

and the Minister of War, accused the authorities of confiscating land for settlement purposes and said that the municipality was in bad need of more area especially that it counts 22,000 inhabitants living on an area of 3,500 dunums while in 1962 10,000 inhabitants the area was much larger than it is now.

It is to be noted that the area affected by the order is inhabited and many citizens are now forced to stop all construction they have begun.

In related news, Daoud Mikhael, a Palestinian doctor, complained to a lawyer that his land in the Sheikh Jarrah area in Jerusalem has been sold in secret to Israeli contractors. He said the plot of land was registered in the name of other persons for the price of one million Israeli lira and that he later found out that a hotel is to be set up on the site.

In other news, the Zionist authorities have confiscated 5,000 dunums of land in the villages of Barqa and Deir Sharaf near Nablus. Lately, the authorities had confiscated the cemetery of the martyr *Ezzidine al-Qassam* and the garden around it.

## Sadat peace initiative collides with another deadend in Britain



## THE LEEDS CASTLE MEETING: TALKS AND MORE TALKS TO FURTHER CAPITULATION

Earlier this year, the Zionist Foreign Minister, Dayan, visiting Rome, declared to journalists, "Sadat has entered a blocked road, for now he cannot but move forward." This view also happens to be the view of the US administration which continues to declare that it will not exercise any political or economic pressure on Israel to force it to make even a token concession so as to save Sadat's face. Instead, the US administration, to buy time, and to extract more and more concessions from Sadat, has been organizing a series of meetings.

The latest in this series of meetings was the so-called London meeting, between the US Secretary of State, Cyrus Vance, Israeli Foreign Minister, Dayan, and

Egyptian Foreign Minister, Kamel. The purpose of the meeting, as explained by its sponsor, the United States, was to be to explore the ideas behind the so-called Egyptian and Israeli 'peace plans', and to continue the negotiations on an overall capitulationist settlement.

Sadat has made repeated statements that he would not resume direct talks with Israel unless 'new elements' were introduced by the Israelis. But there have been no new Israeli proposals, indeed to the contrary, Israel has become more intransigent than ever. Nevertheless the Egyptians accepted a resumption of the direct talks in Britain and this represented another one-sided concession by Sadat. The only alternative would

have been for Sadat to declare what has already become very apparent, that his unilateral initiative has failed, as it was doomed to do from its beginning. But as expected, the US couldn't accept such an admission by Egypt, and therefore organized the London talks, to which, naturally, Sadat responded.

Israel, for its part has been making it clear that it will not concede one inch of land in the West Bank and Gaza, and instead it expects much more from Sadat. The Israelis made no secret of their position when they agreed to hold the London talks. They agreed to accept the American invitation, only to prevent the US government, and world public opinion from blaming them for the

failure of the talks. Thus the talks at Leeds castle were a mere propaganda exercise for the Zionist administration to enhance its intransigence and meet Sadat's propaganda campaign to win over American public opinion tit for tat.

Analysing the importance and coverage given to the Leeds talks by American leaders, it becomes evident that the US and Israel are keen on keeping up the momentum of the so-called Sadat 'initiative'.

Israel plans to instigate troubles in Lebanon to deal a blow to the Palestinian Revolution and crush the Arab Steadfastness and Confrontation states. The evidence is that right-wing forces have been on the move in Lebanon once again, attacking the Arab Deterrent Forces, and Israel has been issuing hypocritical statements about its intervening under the pretext of saving Lebanon's Christians.

Begin, based on his firm belief that Sadat cannot go back on his

'initiative' feels that by keeping up the momentum, he can extract more and more concessions from Sadat. This line of thought within the Zionist administration has been reinforced by the fact that the broadness of Sadat's capitulation is daily growing. Evidence of this is Sadat's proposal to bring the Gaza under Egyptian administration, and the West Bank under Jordanian control. Sadat has even gone to the extent of declaring Israel's need for 'secure borders', which in its regional context has meant more Israeli expansion and occupation.

The US administration, for its part believes that a situation of 'no war no peace' in the Middle East is in its best interests. America, maintaining Sadat's capitulationist moves, intends to divide the Arab world and continue its over all economic exploitation of the region. Understandably, the US administration has declared the Leeds meeting to be "an achievement" in itself, avoiding any men-

tion of its outcome, since it didn't expect any.

The meeting was said to have focused on the status of the 1967 Arab and Palestinian occupied territories, and the future of the Palestinian people. It is not necessary to point out here that it is not up to Sadat, or the Zionist administration to decide on behalf of the Palestinian people and their leadership, the PLO. Nevertheless, one can gather important lessons from the meeting.

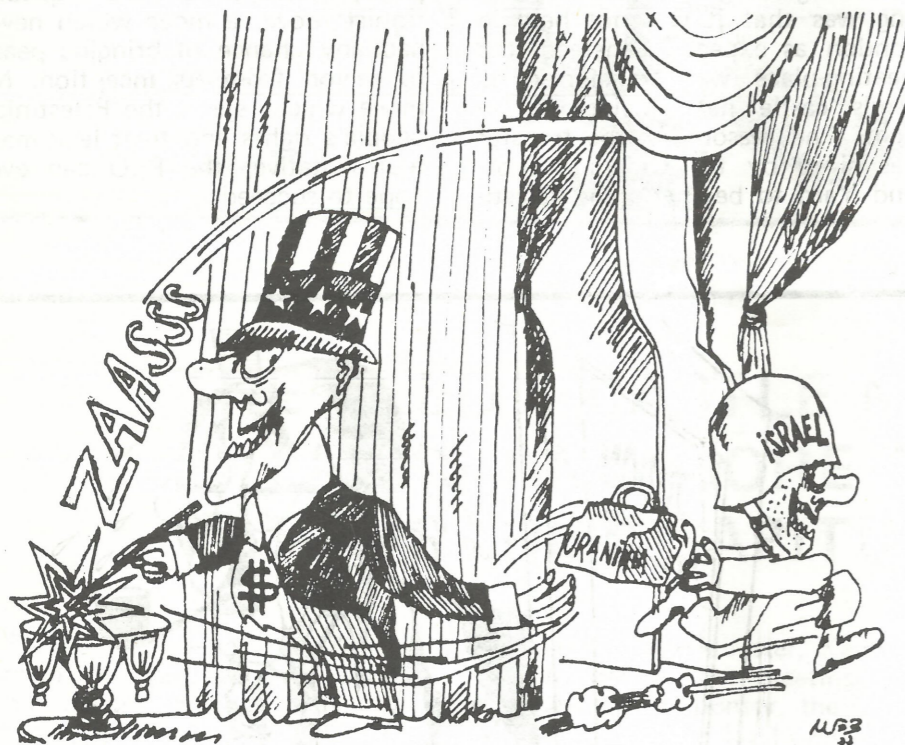
The most outstanding lesson that can be derived from developments regarding the London meeting was that it was not held in London as expected. Instead, the meeting-place was transferred to Leeds castle near Maidstone, in Kent. The reason for the transfer was given by the CIA and Scotland Yard to be that some Palesti-

nians might carry out commando raids in London. The logical question is to ask why Palestinians would want to do such a thing? The answer is obvious; the US, Britain, Sadat, and even Israel, know that the Palestinian people, whose case is the core of the Middle East conflict, will not tolerate the plots and intrigues directed against their human and national rights. At the end of the talks it became clear that even if Sadat was ready to accept "minor border changes on the West Bank" and keeps on promising to give up what he doesn't own, the Zionists will continue their thumbs down policy towards Sadat's capitulationist move, a move which never had any chance of bringing peace to region from its inception. No move which rejects the Palestinian people's rights and their legitimate representative, the PLO can ever hope to succeed.



Nothing left to gamble with! !

# ZIONIST NUCLEAR PIRACY



## The Israeli Nuclear Potential

Zionist nuclear ambitions were never a secret to the people of the world, for it was as early as the establishment of the Zionist entity in 1948, that the Zionist government sought to develop a nuclear industry. According to the recent disclosures made about the CIA in 1976, Israel possesses more than fifteen nuclear weapons ready for deployment.

Israel's first President, Chaim Weizmann, advanced the idea of establishing a nuclear reactor. Conse-

quently, in 1953, an agreement was signed between France and Israel concerning nuclear cooperation between the two countries. The agreement allowed Israeli experts to study French nuclear projects, and to assess the nuclear tests taking place in the French North African colonies.

The United States contributed to the construction of the first Israeli nuclear reactor, destined for research work, in Nahal Sorek. Meanwhile, the French imperialists put forward their plans for the construction of an atomic center in the Negev town of Dimona,

which Zionist Prime Minister, Ben Gurion, tried to cover up by saying it was a textile factory. The center began to function as early as 1964. It could function independent of US control, due to the fact that it is operated with uranium extracted from phosphate deposits in the Negev itself, therefore assuring its independence from any outside uranium sources.

The Dimona center is placed under extraordinary protective measures; planes flying in the vicinity of the center risk being shot down, in the same way as the Israelis shot down a Libyan airliner in 1973.

Uranium enrichment and the production of nuclear potential involves an extremely costly and complicated process. Israel, unlike the big powers, does not have the equipment for separating plutonium and enriching uranium and thus turned towards its close friend, South Africa.

## Israeli-South Africa Nuclear Deal

Through its direct links with the racist state of South Africa, Israel managed to exploit great quantities of uranium which had been enriched in a brand new nuclear reactor in Valindaba, near Pretoria. The racist South Africans were ready to operate a nuclear black-market, menacing independent black Africa and the Arab world.

The Israelis also profited by exploiting minerals in Namibia, as well as training specialists and gaining the available new technology. The militaristic nature of the relationship between the two states brings one to recall that both racist states have refused to sign the nuclear non-proliferation treaty.

## Illegal Provisioning

World public opinion's feeling of insecurity, triggered by the Zionist-South African relationship intensified in the wake of the mysterious disappearance of a quantity of enriched uranium that ended up in Israel.

It is worthwhile remembering the 200 tons of highly enriched uranium which 'vanished' from the Apollo nuclear factory in Pennsylvania in 1965. Eventually, at a later date, the US government confirmed that the load fell into the hands of an unknown foreign country for the purpose of promoting its nuclear production. The administration blamed the affair on a 'mistake' by the enterprise itself.

Meanwhile, accurate information had come to the fore which refuted the administration's allegation. The information proved beyond a doubt, that the President of the Apollo Corporation, Mr. Solomon Shapiro had direct contacts with Israel, and that he posed as the broker between Tel

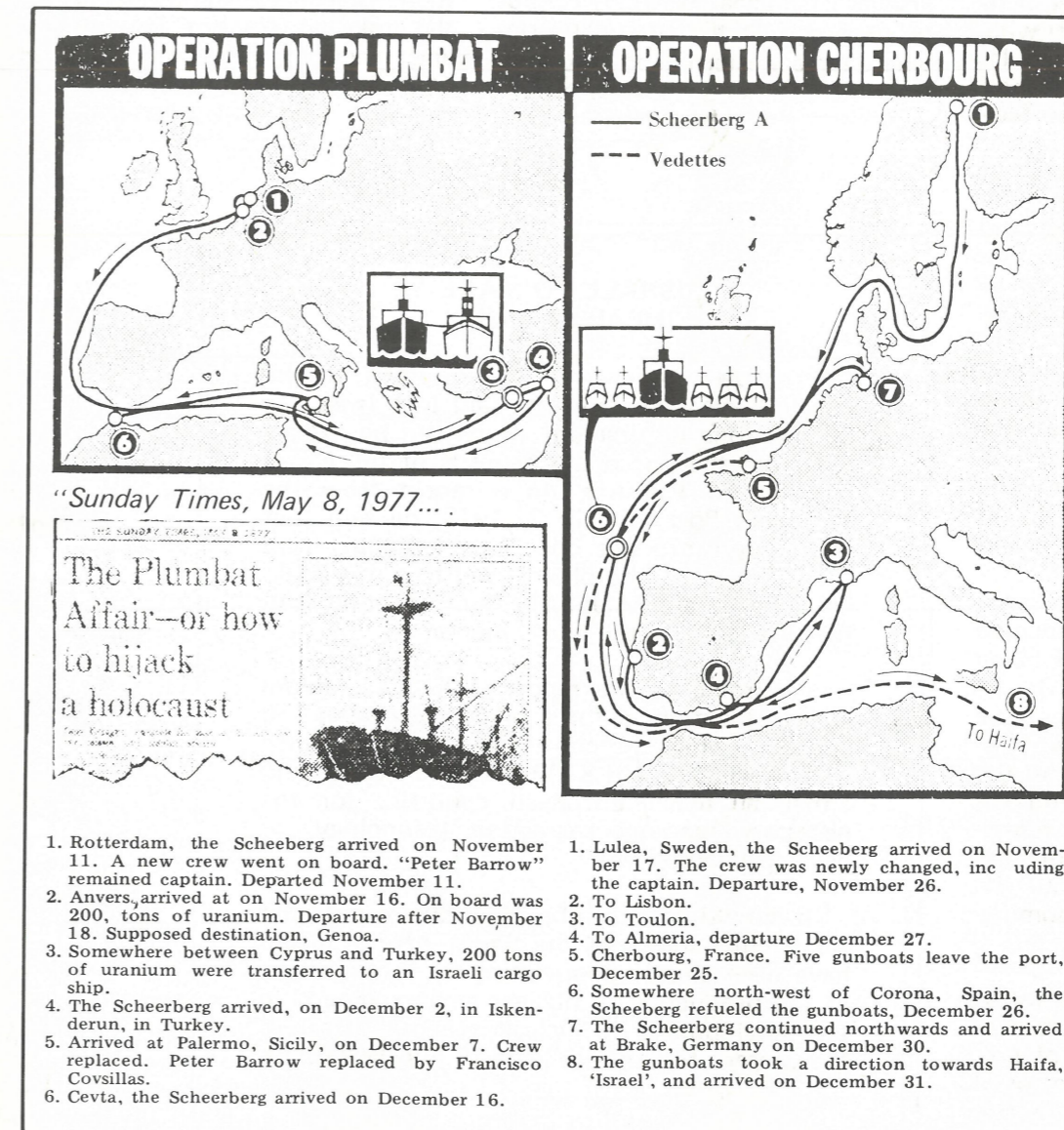
Aviv and the US nuclear technical industries. He was in charge of arranging the purchasing of Israel's nuclear technology, as well as furnishing Israel with specialist nuclear technicians.

The documents provided enough information to prosecute Shapiro, but upon 'Presidential instructions' all evidence was declared 'secret' and the affair was forgotten. This is further evidence of the US government's involvement in handing over the enriched uranium to Israel. Israel's nuclear industries, have for many years, been totally dependent on the illegal traffic in uranium. Israel aims at procuring, by all means, enough nuclear material to be able to intimidate the Arab world. All this takes place with the support of the imperialist

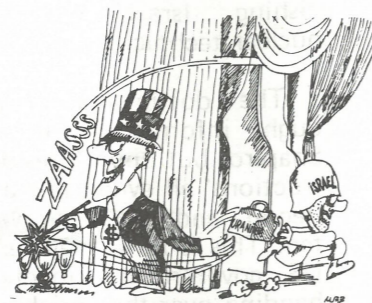
powers. For the last few years, Israel has constituted a real secret nuclear arsenal for the European imperialist forces, namely France, Great Britain, and the German Federal Republic.

In 1967, Israel's intelligence service, Mossad, set up a special commando unit which carried out the hijacking of a 25 ton cargo of nuclear material from France; (the Mossad unit was equally ready to operate in Great Britain and the German Federal Republic), (Le Monde, 26/10/77). Israel's nuclear policy functions in line with the spectacular hijacking of five patrol gunboats from Cherbourg, in France, in total defiance of the French government's embargo on arm's exports to the Middle East.

Another act of Zionist piracy



# ZIONIST NUCLEAR PIRACY



took place in 1968, and it clearly showed that Israel will never hesitate to resort to anything, in order to achieve its objectives. The transport of 200 tons of uranium on board the cargo vessel, Scheerberg A, to Italy was shrouded with secrecy. Like the already cited Israeli thefts, the affair was hushed up only to reappear on the surface with the capture of an Israeli agent, Dan Airbal, in Norway, in 1973. He confessed to being the mastermind behind hijacking the nuclear cargo to Israel, along the same lines followed in the theft of the missile boats from Cherbourg.

These facts which point to the nuclear terror that is now being wielded by the Israelis, are a clear demonstration of the Zionist menace to the world, especially when Israel tries to be independent in the realm of arms production and development. In this regard, Zionist Foreign Minister Dayan, declared: "The future should include the possibility for Israel, of being totally independent of external control over its nuclear arms," (Le Monde, 29/2/'76). This is why Israel concluded an alliance with the countries who provide it with the ability to pursue its nuclear researches, thus providing it with the necessary means to continue its plans for expansion and domination.

Israel's acts of piracy furnished it with ample power so as to continue to pursue its policy of intimidation, outside of the control of the superpowers. Israel possesses this force so as to be able, even,

to dictate terms to its western allies.

Due to the existing world balance of nuclear terror, Israel's arsenal of nuclear weapons cannot be used against the Arab countries where large western economic interests lie. In spite of the black-

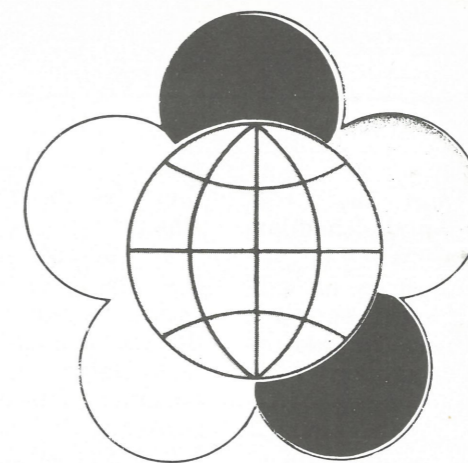
mailing power of the Zionist nuclear potential, it is a paper tiger unable to force the capitulation of the Arab liberation movements, which are determined to achieve their objectives of throwing off the yoke of Zionism, imperialism, and reaction, on whose ruins an emancipated society will rise.

## ISRAEL TO MAKE CHEAP URANIUM

Professor Shimon Yiftah, President of the Israeli Nuclear Society, has said that Israel has 60,000 tons of uranium which can be extracted from the phosphate deposits of the Negev in occupied Palestine. In a report from the Jerusalem Post of July 2, 1978, he said that Israel could produce one kg. of uranium from every 5 tons of phosphates, and that this could be done at a substantially cheaper price than that available on the world market.

According to the report, 1 kg. of uranium could be extracted for a price of between \$30 and \$50, while the current world market price is between \$80 and \$100. He said: "We should either approach European countries for the necessary uranium extraction technology, or develop it ourselves."

It should be remembered in this regard, that the Zionist state and the South African racists have been closely cooperating, in recent years, in the production of nuclear technology and in the development of nuclear weapons. Israel, at the present time has at least 15 nuclear bombs.



# ELEVENTH WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL IN CUBA

The Eleventh World Festival of Youth and Students has just started in the Cuban capital of Havana. Democratic youth from all over the world attend the festival. They meet with each other, dance, and sing and talk about various political subjects. The main characteristic of the Festival is the anti-imperialist stand of the world's youth in support of, and solidarity with, all liberation movements throughout the world.

The tenth world festival was held in Berlin, the capital of the German Democratic Republic, in 1973. It was one of the most successful and best organized festival's ever. Well known personalities such as Angela Davis from the United States and Gladis Marin of Chile were invited. As a guest of honour, Yasser Arafat attended that festival and gave a speech on the day of solidarity with the Arab countries, which was transformed into a solidarity day with

Palestine and the Palestinian People.

The Palestinian delegation to the current Festival in Cuba numbers 150 young cadres of the Palestine Liberation Organization. A well trained folkloric group constitutes the core of the Palestinian delegation. The youth of the world will be acquainted with Palestinian culture and will dance to tunes of the Palestinian 'music of resistance'. It is very important to have the youth of the world see the Palestinians as a people with a cultural heritage, in addition to the fighting image. Songs and tunes of resistance will be presented in order to point out the situation of our suffering people living under Zionist occupation.

Chairman Arafat who has left to attend the Festival in Havana, will be guest of honour, and will have talks with his friend, the Cuban leader Fidel Castre. It is

worth mentioning that the PLO has special relations with the socialist countries in general, and with Cuba in particular. In addition to this, Fidel Castro enjoys a special respect and admiration from the Palestinian people, being a symbol to all liberation struggles over the world.

The Eleventh Youth Festival, moreover, is to be considered a strengthening of Cuba's position as a socialist country facing US imperialism. It represents an example to all oppressed people that it is possible to resist a superpower and build a socialist society and state. The Palestinian people have learnt a great lesson from the fighting Vietnamese people in their liberation struggle, but Cuba presents a vivid example to all oppressed peoples, all over the world, of reconstruction and progressive development. It is to the merit of Fidel Castro and the Cuban Communist Party that Cuba has adopted the socialist system as the only answer to the feudal and hierarchical system of the decadent Batista. Since the overthrow of Batista, in January 1959, the Cuban Revolution has progressed steadily along the anti-imperialist path. The alliance between the Cuban Revolution and the Palestinian Revolution is indispensable for the anti-imperialist struggle and for the support of the international liberation movement.

The Palestinian youth delegation went to Cuba with open hearts to meet the friendly Cuban people, and to strengthen ties between Palestine and Cuba. Parallel to the Palestinian youth delegation, a group of Palestinian journalists from the various PLO information bodies, accompanied the official delegation in order to cover this important international festivity. The Palestinian presence in Cuba is an important demonstration for Palestine and the Palestinian cause on the international level. It will increase the international support for Palestine which is indispensable for the Palestinian victory over Zionist fascism, oppression, and expansion.

## TERRORIST APPOINTED TERRORIST

The office of the Zionist Prime Minister, on July 7, declared the appointment of the terrorist Rafael Eitan, who bears the same name as the Israeli Chief of staff, as Menachem Begin's "Special Advisor on Counter-terrorism." Eitan is a member of the Herut Party Administrative bureau, and has previously held important positions in the enemy intelligence. In related news the Zionist newspaper Haaretz in its issue on July 9, reported that Menachem Begin will also appoint Jacob Miridor, a Commander of the Irgun terrorist organization, to a higher post.

## VILNER PROTESTS AGAINST ZIONIST INTERVENTION IN LEBANON

In a press conference on July 17, before leaving to Mongolia, Meir Vilner, the Secretary General of the Israeli CP (Rakah) affirmed that "the Phalangist fascist gangs, the imperialist countries and Israel are keen on dividing Lebanon and establishing a small outpost for imperialism, so as to strike at the PLO, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people." He then added that "the long-range goal of these forces is to strike at the overall national and social liberation movements in the Arab world."

He then protested against the Israeli intervention in Lebanon's

internal affairs and said that "those who are now shedding crocodile tears over what is happening in Lebanon have invaded Lebanon a few months ago and committed the massive liquidation of innocent Palestinian and Lebanese.

Questioned on the meeting of the Egyptian, Israeli, and U.S. Foreign Ministers in London he said:—"The goal of this meeting is to reach a bilateral Egyptian-Israeli agreement with U.S. back up. It is but another futile attempt to blow the possibility of a just settlement for "peace can only be maintained through the Geneva conference with the participation of the PLO and all concerned parties."

## SIX NEW ZIONIST SETTLEMENTS IN OCCUPIED PALESTINE

Radio Israel on July 18 reported that the Israeli Housing Ministry and the Knesset settlement section have decided to establish six new settlements in occupied Palestine: four within the green-line, i.e. the land occupied before 1967 and two settlements in the West Bank. The radio, moreover, added that these are "to be built for political reasons" but did not elaborate on what these reasons were. The radio went on to say that construction work will start with the establishment of three settlements: "Kovanit", "Kissen", and "Cadarim" in Galilee, and "Tsuvar" in Eilat. Other settlements to be set up are: "Eitan" in the Jordan river valley and "Afralia" in the Ramallah region.

## 66.5 MILLION DOLLARS TO FINANCE ZIONIST EMIGRATION TO OCCUPIED PALESTINE

The new financial director of

the Jewish emigration agency, Aqiba Livensky recently disclosed that 19% of the budget approved for the 1977-1978 fiscal year, which amounts to 66.5 million dollars, will be spent on financing new Zionist emigrants coming to occupied Palestine. He moreover expressed his hope that the number of emigrants will reach 25,000 by the end of this year.

## ZIONIST AUTHORITIES DEMOLISH PALESTINIAN HOUSE

Zionist police, on July 20, demolished the house of the Palestinian citizen, Ahmad Sami Saeed, in the Um Al-Qubbi quarter in Nazareth, after vacating the house of women and children by force.

In related news, the Zionist newspaper Davar recently reported that pamphlets written in Arabic and Hebrew, hailing the PLO and condemning the Zionist occupation, were distributed amongst students throughout occupied Palestine. Davar added that the Zionist police are investigating the source of these pamphlets.

## ZIONIST AUTHORITIES EXECUTE SETTLEMENT PROJECT IN SOUTHERN OCCUPIED PALESTINE

Reports reaching Palestine from occupied Palestine, on July 21, affirm that the Zionist occupation authorities have started executing a big settlement project in Southern Palestine. The project, whose preliminary cost is estimated at I.L.2500 million, extends from the Yamit Zionist settlement in Galilee, to Eilat on the Aqaba Gulf. According to the plan, military establishments will be first

built to be gradually transformed into civilian settlements. The news added that this project is aimed at expelling the Arab inhabitants of the Naqab region, confiscating their land and evacuating the Arabs of Northern Sinai.

## ISRAELI-ISOLATIONIST FORCES SHELL MAYMAS

On July 10, an official military source in the Central Command of the Joint Forces declared the following:

At 7:00 PM on July 8, Israeli-Isolationist forces opened up with heavy artillery fire on the southern village of Maymas in the eastern sector and the surrounding area, injuring a number of civilians.

## ISOLATIONIST-ISRAELI GANGS IN SOUTH LEBANON HARASS AND ARREST VILLAGERS

Isolationist gangs accompanied by a number of Zionist officers, stormed a number of houses in Bint Jbeil, and arrested Lebanese villagers, according to recent reports from South Lebanon. The gangs of Saad Haddad and Sami Shidiaq imposed a curfew as armed groups drove through the town in military vehicles.

Hussein Bazzi and his children and Jamila Hussein Ahmad were arrested and taken to Qlei'a. Their houses and the houses of people absent from the town were blown up.

People coming from the South reported that the harassment of Southerners began three weeks ago after the isolationist gangs had

failed to recruit them. In an ultimatum to the Bint Jbeil inhabitants, Saad Haddad, has set July 25 as the final date for presenting 50 volunteers for his irregular army.

In the village of al-Taybeh, a communique signed by the Israeli-isolationist alliance called upon Moslems and Christians to support "the great friend Israel" to crush the "Syrian-Palestinian eagle" and to evict "all aliens from Lebanon".

Meanwhile, it was reported that Saad Haddad has obliged the Mukhtar of al-Taybeh Muhammad Sharef to head for the Miskav'Am settlement after he had sent him two warnings, threatening him to bring the village under his hold should he permit the entry of nationalist elements and refuse to send volunteers to be trained in Israel.

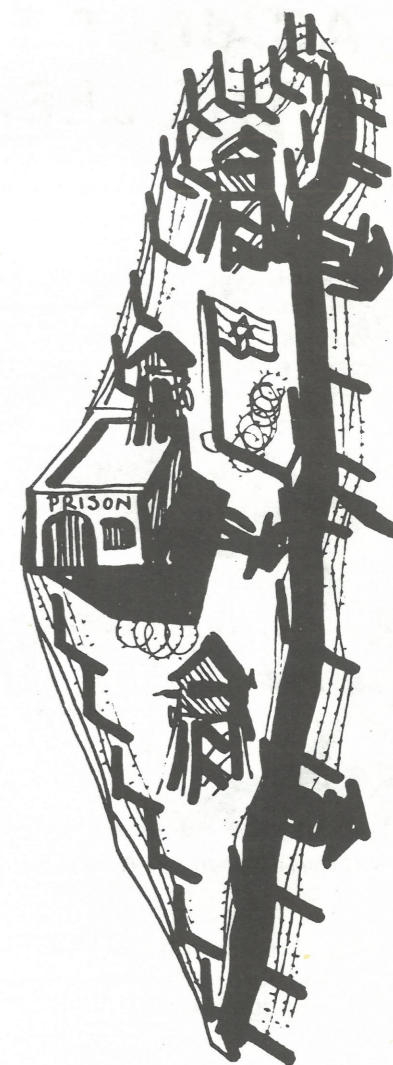
In a statement to an Argentinian newspaper July 17, Israeli Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur admitted that "Israel supports the Phalangists and Chamounists and offers them military and other aid," adding that the borders are open on both sides and it extends deep inside."

## ISRAELI JET FIGHTERS TO TAIWAN

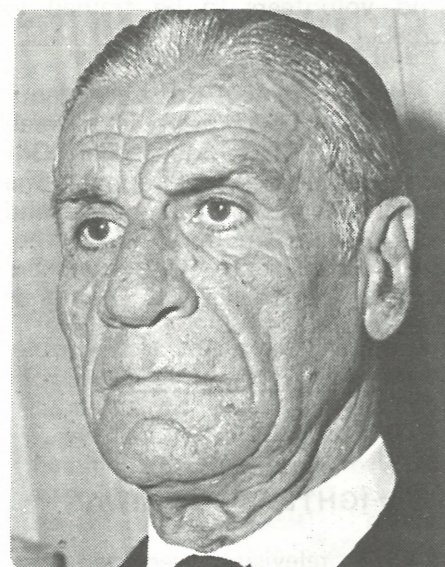
CBS television reported, two weeks ago, that the USA has allowed Israel to deliver the Israeli manufactured jet fighter-bomber, the Kfir, to Taiwan.

The Kfir has an American manufactured engine. The arms deal is worth US \$300 million. It is worth mentioning that in the last few years, Israel has rapidly developed its weapons industry with

US support. Israel delivers arms to various reactiona various reactionary regimes throughout the third world. Israel has delivered naval craft to the South African apartheid regime. Last year it was reported that negotiations had begun to deliver the Kfir to some western European countries such as Austria.



## LEBANESE RIGHTISTS: AGAINST THE WELFARE OF THE LEBANESE PEOPLE



Camille Chamoun (left), and Pierre Gemayel: isolationist leaders, striving to partition Lebanon.

For many years before the Lebanese war of 1975-'76, and since, the isolationists in Lebanon trained themselves in military bases to play the destructive role dictated by American imperialism and the Zionist entity. The isolationists' leaders' tongues have become accustomed to speaking sweet words concerning the Lebanese people, while their hands are dripping with Lebanese blood. These fascist groups, the Phalangist and National Liberal parties, and other minor groups, launched the Lebanese civil war in 1975, committing the most horrible atrocities against the Lebanese people of all sects and the Palestinian people.

The isolationist leaders, especially Camille Chamoun, head of the National Liberal party, and Pierre Gemayel, head of the Phalangists, demanded the change of the Arab Security Forces into a deterrent force, and when this change, through the inclusion of about 30,000 Syrian soldiers occurred, and it became obvious that the Arab Deterrent Forces (ADF) had really come to restore peace, stability, and normal life to Lebanon, and to the Lebanese people of all sects, the isolationists clashed with them. These clashes between the ADF and the isolationist militias, beginning in Fayadieh and ending with the recent clashes in East Beirut, have once more unveiled the ugly face of the Lebanese right, aimed at keeping Lebanon at war to block the restoration of peace and security in Lebanon, and consequently, trying to weaken the Confrontation and Steadfastness Front represented by the PLO and Syria.

The isolationists claim that they are supported by all Maronite Christians, but this is rejected by many Maronites, and the assassination of the Maronite MP, Tony Franjeh, in Ehden, in North Lebanon, on June 13, proves the isolationists' hatred of anyone who opposes their fascist, sectarian approach to the situation in Lebanon.

Following the crimes committed by the Phalangists in Ehden, which resulted in the death of about 32 persons, the ADF had to fulfil a security plan arranged by the legitimate state power. The racist gangs opposed the security plan and clashed with the ADF. Although they welcomed the Syrian initiative in 1976, now they oppose the ADF, because these forces, (mostly Syrian), show their unbiased attitude. The Syrian newspaper, Tishrin, quoted a former member of the Phalangist Party, identified as Milad Rizkallah, as saying that the Phalangist Party brainwashes its members into hating Muslims and Arabs and supporting Israel. He says that the Phalangists "succeeded in fostering our sectarian feelings, making us hate other sects. And while the Phalangist politicians were publicly declaring their support for the Syrian initiative in Lebanon, we were being filled with hatred for that initiative. That hatred led to the various provocations to which the Syrian forces in Lebanon were subjected," (IKE, 20/7/'78).

The recent clashes in East Beirut, provoked President Elias Sarkis into threatening to resign. The Lebanese rightists tried to make others bear the responsibility for the clashes and to describe the



Rightist militias: attempting to spark off a new civil war.

situation in Lebanon as a Presidential crisis which can be solved if the President resigns or withdraws his resignation. President Sarkis received a world and Arab consensus supporting his remaining in office, so he withdrew his intention to resign on Saturday, July 15, and this is a positive factor. (Sarkis said that the Lebanese army must be rebuilt and reequipped as quickly as possible, and army units must be deployed in South Lebanon. He also stressed that need to launch the conscription project.)

Meanwhile, news agencies' reports talk about shiploads of Israeli arms sent to Isolationist strongholds in Dbayeh and Jounieh, and about Lebanese Front militiamen receiving in Israel, and scores of Israeli military experts working with the isolationist militias. "The Israelis were shipping arms and supplies to 'defiant' Christian militiamen through the Lebanese port of Jounieh," (Newsweek, July 24, 1978).

The Lebanese rightists are Isra-

eli puppets hoping to drain the Palestinian revolutionary forces and the progressive Lebanese forces, and to find a reason for Israel to intervene on their side and attack Syria. "Israel, a major supporter of the Christians in Lebanon, warned Syria that it would not permit them to be 'annihilated'. To back up the warning, Jerusalem sent jet warplanes to buzz Beirut at supersonic speeds and rushed reinforcements to the Golan Heights on Israel's border with Syria," (US News and World Report, 17/7/'78).

In South Lebanon, moreover, the Phalangist militias coordinate completely with the Zionist army; both sides cooperate in shelling the southern cities and villages, resulting in the killing and wounding of Palestinian and Lebanese people, and the destruction and damaging of buildings and properties.

Now, whose welfare are the fascist isolationists seeking?

# A CHANGE IN A PALESTINIAN'S HUMAN BEHAVIOUR

By: Laila Jammal

Palestine, or the Holy Land if you wish, occupies a unique status in the hearts of the majority of mankind. I was fortunate to be born in Palestine to Palestinian parents, whose ancestors and roots go back to the beginning of history. My early childhood was as full of joy and happiness as my own child's.

It is wonderful to be a child, knowing nothing about the problems of the world. Unfortunately, however, my happiness was interrupted and my childhood was short-lived. One day I was awakened by the sound of explosions and screaming. I looked around me, and found my beloved country in the hands of strangers and my home was taken from me. But I left behind a green yard full of jasmims, figs, oranges, and olive trees, as in the cases of thousands of Palestinians, who were uprooted

from their beloved country, Palestine.

The new status of being "absent-present" which applied to Palestinians like me who did not leave the land, referred to them as absent, though they were present. This status was like a thorn in my heart. Groups of people came from all over the world, from Russia, the United States, Europe, and Morocco. I asked myself a hundred times: "Why does a Russian Jew have the 'right' to replace me and to harvest our olive trees?" Oh, people of the world, why do they have the 'right' to live in our homes? Would you accept to handing your home, your farm, and then seek exile in a strange place, any place, where you have no friends, no roots and no desire; Believe me its hard to do so.

It was hard to move from our three-bedroom house, to live in a

small room at the Greek Orthodox Church - in the old city of Acre - with ten others. Thanks to God, without his church, life would have been impossible. It was not an easy experience for my mother who was pregnant, in her eighth month, to stretch, or even to avoid the bullets flying over her head.

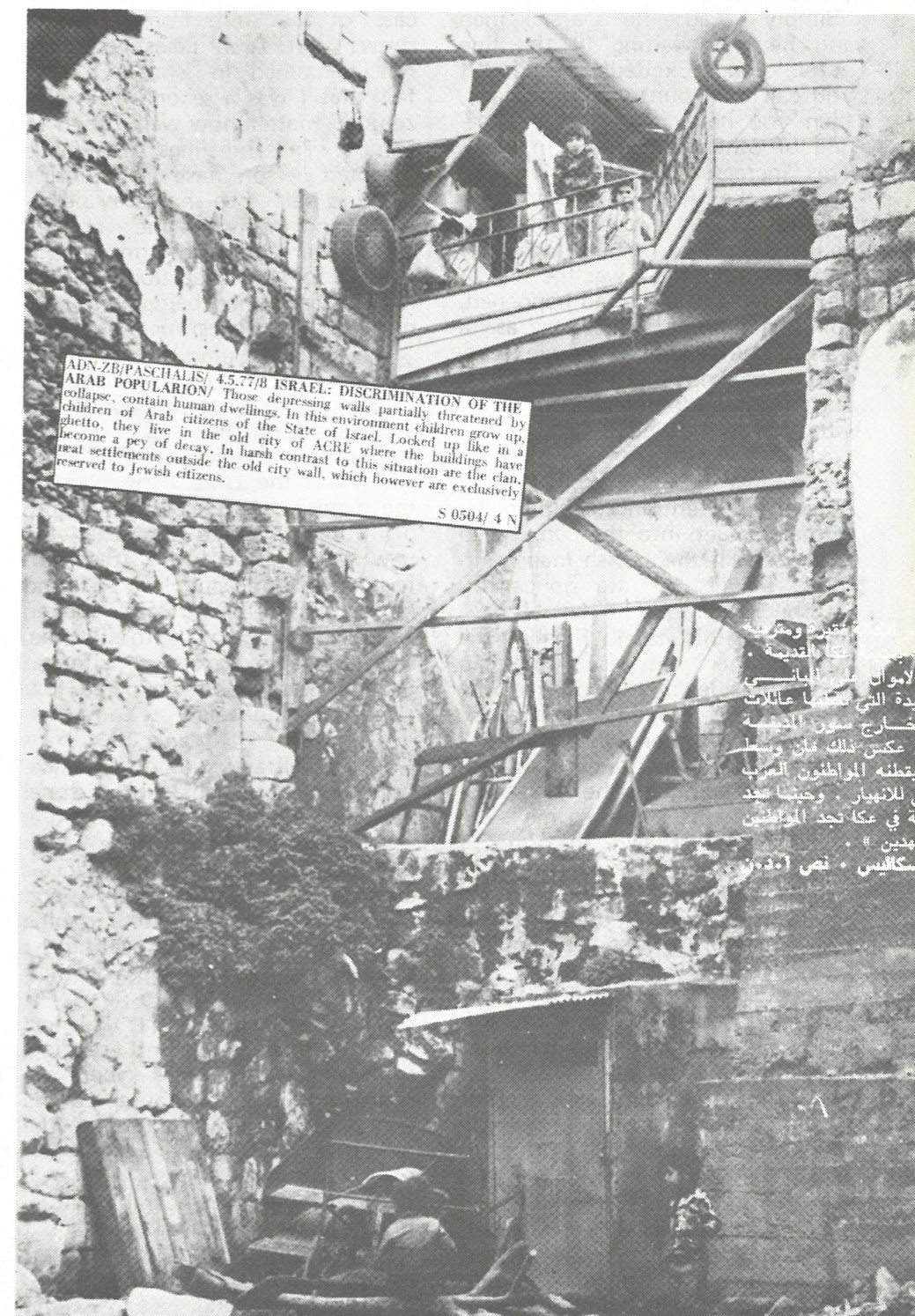
Finally, the invaders strengthened their grasp over the remaining Palestinians, and their soldiers and terrorists patrolled the streets of all occupied Palestine, which came to be known as 'Israel' within moments.

Since language is a basic element in human behaviour and an effective method of communication, so learning a foreign language, in one way or another is going to effect one's behavior and, automatically, one's personality. Through the process of learning the language 'Hebrew', I had to learn new imported behaviour and ideas brought by the new settlers. I realized that my country, my culture and heritage were being transformed into something alien, through this process of gradual transformation; the rule of Arabs -- Christians and Moslems alike - has been minimized, if not ignored. I watched my heritage and my beautiful language disappearing, in the same manner as I witnessed my people being replaced and my country being militarily occupied by people from abroad.

One cannot imagine the hardships we had to face. An Arab could usually be easily identified, because of his traditional dress and especially the 'Hatta' head dress. I'll never forget the incident of the Arab peasant, out of many others.

-- One morning, on my way to work in Haifa, I was waiting in line for a taxi. An Arab farmer with his traditional headdress, stood in front of me. Suddenly, a man in a hurry came from the rear of the line and pushed the Arab farmer out of the line, screaming at him in Hebrew, "I am in a rush and you Arabs have nothing to do anyway." The Arab farmer could not understand Hebrew, but he spoke in Arabic, and said: "I am in a rush to go to the hospital, I have an appointment with the 'doctor': "The word 'doctor' is internationally used, and just by using this word, one could realize that this farmer is on his way to see the doctor. But, to the majority of the people in line, it seemed as if he was speaking 'jibberish'. At that moment, I was getting frustrated, realizing the fact that I am an Arab, and all those in the line, "I bet you, they did not speak Hebrew well" and even had different backgrounds, and cultures. The time the Arab farmer was pushed out of the line, they all expressed happiness at what had happened, by laughing loudly. I felt that hatred is the main binding factor, beside racism, which unites the Israelis against the Palestinian Arabs.

My frustrated feelings had dissolved softly, expressed in my voice, I told the new-comer - from perhaps Poland, and I could judge from his looks and accent - who came in front of me, and in the language he understands, 'Hebrew': "Excuse me, what you have just done is unfair, and you should stand in line like others". He looked at me as though he couldn't believe what I had said, and continued cursing the Arab farmer. Finally, he called me a bad 'Jewish girl'. Then he stared at me and



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asked a direct question: "Why do you defend that piece of Arab? ... 'Simply because he is a sick man and he was waiting in the line before you.'" Excitedly I said: "If you call this country a democracy, then you have to respect the feeling of others, and stand in line". This increased his anger and he pushed the Arab farmer to the ground, kicking him with his feet, calling him 'a piece of being'. Suddenly, I felt that I was the one to be blamed for what had happened, for defending his rights as a human being. But, the whole situation was impossible to swallow, and I was very determined about what I would do next.

As the cab arrived, I stood blocking the entrance, helping the farmer to get into the cab. I said to myself: if the Jewish man interferes, I will call the policeman, (although I doubt he would have helped in this case). Finally, the Arab farmer was inside the cab sitting beside me. I lowered the window and looked at the angry Jewish new-comer who was still calling both of us names: 'a piece of human being' to the Arab villager and 'a dirty Jew' to me - the Jewish girl - I said to him: "I defended him because he is a human being, and, because I am an Arab girl too". I could not hear his swearing as the cab pulled away.

As I stated previously, the suffering of the Palestinians has been great. There is no person who has not been affected in one way or another. I remember my late father telling me that prior to 1947, people were confident and eager to express their feelings and beliefs without ifs and buts. But, as I grew older, I found myself obliged to express my feelings and my thoughts, in a tentative manner, using expressions such as "I

suppose ....", and "I think...". However, the evidence, as in the case of the Arab farmer, clearly shows that Arab Palestinians are not welcomed in Israel. Often I felt that I was a second class citizen, no matter how well I tried to behave. These feelings of being a 'rejected person' have grown inside me, and helped to shape my personality and motivated me - or even forced me - to stand firm when it comes to the question of my rights as a human being, who happened to be a Palestinian.

The June War of 1967, showed a marked increase in oppression and expansion of the Zionist control over new lands. The West Bank and the Gaza Strip were in the hands of Israeli Military Administration. I could not bear the new situation and the great suffering of my people. I found myself as a bird with broken wings, who is trying to fly free, but is unable to do so. Life has become intolerable in the Holy Land.

I lost all ways of communicating with the Israelis. Our personal lives were not secure anymore, even inside our homes. The 'Shein Bet' or the Israeli intelligence's eyes were following us everywhere. Moreover, observing our shopping for food at the market scaring the hell out of us, was one of their tactics to force us to leave. It reached such a point that they had some of their men climb the roofs of our private homes where we could not reach because of the very old-fashioned structure of the old cities.

Due to this unbearable situation, my will was awakened and I felt that the only exit out of this misery was to seek another refuge in a foreign land. Yes, it was against my fathers' will to immi-

grate. But, they knew how to dissolve that sacred will by forcing me and my family, in spite of ourselves, to look for another shelter in this world. Since we could not cross to any of the Arab countries -- where we could communicate with the same language - we had to look over the ocean. My destination was North America, Canada. The new situation had not been as easy as one would think. Everything was completely different in this new environment; the language, the weather, the people, the rushing pace of life, and the extended freedom.

After three years of suffering from the new environment, and the strange cold weather, which I could not become accustomed to, I found myself, again, living in a brand new environment; California, the United States of America was my destination, and where I recently became an American citizen, whose roots are in Palestine.

All through my years of estrangement, I have tried to overcome my feelings of being 'rejected'. Unfortunately, I felt that the same is occurring to me in this 'Democratic Society'. You cannot blame it, it is a 'democracy' where everybody can step on the toes of others.

Passing through all these kinds of experiences gave me the strength to become a true believer in the cause and aspirations of my people, and those who are victims like us. I came to a conclusion that in order to live in peace and dignity, one should struggle, with any means at his disposal to restore his freedom and liberty. Continue to search for the truth and the truth shall make you free.

## SOLIDARITY NEWS

### INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ARAB WORKERS UNIONS CONDEMNS ZIONIST OPPRESSIVE PROCEDURES

In a communique issued on July 10 in Damascus, the International Federation of Arab Workers Unions condemned the oppressive measures being taken by the Zionist authorities against the mayors and municipal councils of West Bank cities because of their rejection of Zionist settlement and annexation moves and the project of self-government. The Federation stated that those procedures are Zionist intervention in the affairs of the municipal Councils.

The Federation, moreover, called on all Arab and international Labour Organizations to support the Palestinian people's struggle inside Palestine, and lastly affirmed its support for the Municipal Council of Beit Jala which stands firmly against the ambitions of the Zionist enemy.

### UN COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINIAN RIGHTS DEMANDS URGENT SOLUTION TO PALESTINE QUESTION

The U.N. Committee for the Exercise by the Palestinian people of their inalienable rights addressed a letter to UN Secretary-General Dr. Kurt Waldheim on July 12, underlining the necessity of finding an urgent and just solution to the Palestine question.

The letter stressed on the necessity of hastening the implementation of its resolutions requesting a complete Israeli withdrawal from all the occupied Arab territories and a stoppage of Israel's annexation policy.

It remarked that the Security Council and the General Assembly have repeatedly confirmed the legitimate right of the Palestinian people to self-determination. The Committee also affirmed that no peace can be attained in the Middle East if the Palestinians are not allowed to exercise their inalienable rights.

Along with the message, the Committee submitted documents signed by various Arab organizations in the West Bank expressing their support for the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

### ISLAMIC-CHRISTIAN MEETING IN AMMAN CALLS FOR DEFENCE OF PALESTINIAN PRISONERS

An enlarged meeting was held in Amman recently to discuss the conditions of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails. The Minister of Islamic Affairs, Waqfs, and Holy Sites together with Islamic and Christian spiritual leaders decided upon the formation of a committee to follow up efforts towards rescuing, defending and helping, morally and financially, Palestinian detainees.

The conferees addressed a cable to UN Secretary-General Dr. Kurt Waldheim, to Arab heads of states and to various organizations calling upon them to exert all their efforts in defence of Palestinian inhabitants of the occupied territories in general, and of prisoners in particular.

They also issued a communique revealing the appalling conditions inside Zionist jails and uncovering the expansionist ambitions of the Israeli authorities.

### PALESTINIAN EXHIBIT INAUGURATED IN TOKYO

A Palestinian art exhibition was inaugurated, on July 11, in Tokyo, organized by the Japanese Committee for Asian, African, and Latin American artists in cooperation with the PLO office in Tokyo. The inauguration, was attended by ambassadors of Arab, Socialist, and friendly countries as well as large numbers of Japanese.

Informative campaigns in solidarity with the Palestinian people were moreover organized by teachers, lawyers, and student unions in Japan.

Around 150 Japanese artists participated in the exhibition. Palestinian "resistance poetry" was also introduced to Japanese masses as part of the campaign.

### INAUGURATION OF THE FIRST PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION INFORMATION WEEK IN DJIBOUTI

The first Palestinian Revolution Information Week in Djibouti was inaugurated on July 12 under the auspices of the Djibouti President's wife and in the presence of many officials, Arab and foreign members of the diplomatic corps and a large number of citizens. During the ceremony, an information committee named "The Jerusalem Committee" was formed, headed by the President's wife who expressed the Djibouti people's support for the Palestinian people and their Revolution.

### ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY CALLS FOR MORE SUPPORT TO PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

In a resolution taken during its meeting in Khartoum, on July 12, the Organization of African Unity decided to increase its support and solidarity with the Arab Confrontation countries and the PLO, so as to regain the legitimate national rights of the Palestinian people. The OAU, moreover, condemned the Zionist aggression against Lebanon.

**WALDHEIM:  
M.E. CONFLICT SOLUTION  
LIES IN RECOGNIZING THE  
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE'S RIGHTS**

In a declaration, on July 13, in New York, U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim stressed that a 5-year project for the West Bank and Gaza will not solve the Middle East conflict but that the solution lies in recognizing the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination. He, moreover, added that he has great doubts as to the success of the London meeting between Egypt and Israel.

**LIBYAN SECRETARY  
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
CALLS ON ARAB COUNTRIES  
TO OPEN BORDERS FOR  
PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION**

During a conference of African Foreign Ministers in Khartoum, on July 13, the Libyan Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Abdel Salam al-Tureiki called on Arab countries to "open their borders for Palestinian Revolutionaries so that they cross freely into occupied Palestine to liberate it." He then added "we take pride in the unity between the Palestinian Revolution and Syria as a basis of our struggle against imperialism and Zionism for the liberation of the Arab nation."

**ARAB WORKERS UNIONS  
AFFIRM SUPPORT  
FOR THE PLO**

In a communique released following the end of their meeting in Prague, on July 20, the International Unions Federation and the General Federation of Arab Workers affirmed their firm and unwavering support for the just struggle of the Palestinian people. Both parties moreover condemned the Zionist policy of expansion and racial discrimination in occupied Palestine.

# WEST BANK LEADERS CONDEMN ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION

In the middle of last June, West Bank Leaders sent a memorandum to the Zionist minister of War, Ezer Weizman, condemning administrative detention and demanding the immediate release of detainees. The text of the memorandum follows: To the Israeli minister of War.....

We, the undersigned, representing citizens, private and public enterprises, in the name of men of the law and the different professions of the West Bank totally condemn 'administrative arrest' as being a flagrant violation of the dignity and rights of man, the utter humiliation and suppression of the citizen's freedom... We, therefore request the immediate release of all administrative detainees held in the occupation's concentration camps and prisons without conditions, or that they should appear in the courts.

We wish to list several points concerning administrative detention:

1. The authorities resort to administrative arrest in cases where they do not possess ample or concrete proof against arrested citizens. This act, in itself, constitutes overt oppression and a violation of international norms, laws, and charters. It is a blatant violation of the Geneva Conventions and the UN Declaration of Human Rights.

2. Administrative detention is a repressive method and blatant violation of the citizen's rights; it is resorted to when the authorities feel that the detainee is about to stand trial or

be released. In a clear determination to violate international laws and norms, and human rights, the authorities apply this repression in order to impose psychological and physical torture, and terrorize the citizens of the occupied territories.

3. Administrative detention is a remnant of the 1945 emergency laws applied under the British mandate in Palestine. The reactivation of this measure by the occupation authorities at present, constitutes brutality and barbarity and an aggression against human values and ideals.

4. All laws of the civilized world which respect and sanctify human freedom and rights, have abolished the idea of administrative detention of citizens without trial. What do the occupation authorities have in mind by overtly violating and flaunting human rights during human rights year?

5. Many of those administratively detained have spent more than six months, others three years, in jail without trial, when the authorities do not possess one single piece of evidence against them.

6. Among the detainees are heads of large families, intellectuals, and university students, whose relatives are in need of their vital support.

As we totally condemn administrative detention as being an act against humanity, justice, and fairness, we request again, the immediate release of all administrative detainees, or that they should stand trial so that their fate might be known. In accordance with our full belief that our people should exercise their rights according to the Geneva Convention, and UN human rights declarations and conventions, we plead with you to intervene with the aim of setting free all Palestinian administrative detainees in Israeli jails, and detention camps.

June 1978, signed,  
Municipality of Beit Jela  
Al-Bireh Municipal Council  
Municipality of Bethlehem  
Beit Sahur Municipality  
An-Nanda Women's Association - Ramallah  
Birzeit University  
Jordan Red Cross Society - Ramallah  
Orthodox Club - Ramallah  
Qalqeliah Municipal Council  
Hebron Municipal Council  
Halhoul Municipal Council  
Jenin Benevolent Association  
Nablus Municipal Chairman  
Yaabed Municipal Chairman  
Tulkarm Municipal Chairman  
Silfeet Municipal Chairman  
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