




Wisam Hadi A'taya (2 years old), A'tif Hassan A'taya (4 years old), Mohammad Hassan A'taya (6 years old), Usama Hadi A'taya (8 years old), A'tif Hadi A'taya (9 years old) and Ahmad Rashid A'taya (12 years old), six children from one family, were all killed by the explosion of just one shell in the village of Babiliyeh/ South Lebanon.

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FOR PALESTINIAN
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TO OUR READERS

Solidarity is an important weapon for helping the peoples of the world overcome oppression and injustice. The support and solidarity which the Palestinian people receive helps us to continue our just struggle for our just cause. We are grateful for the solidarity and support we get, but although we have many friends around the world, our enemies are still strong and formidable. They are better armed, better equipped, and much wealthier than we.

Nevertheless, though we may possess limited means, our determination and willingness to sacrifice is unlimited. The world forces of liberation, of which we are proud to be a part, are the emerging forces, and it is to us that the future belongs. The forces of oppression have had their day, and shall be consigned to the dustbin of history.

We thank all of our friends throughout the world for the letters of support and encouragement you have sent to us. Surely, we and other liberation movements will continue on the road to victory.

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EDITORIAL

THE PLO AND WESTERN EUROPE

The sudden West European opening to the PLO is long overdue. For a long time, Western Europe has adopted a hostile attitude towards the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and their just cause. The West European states have previously denounced the Palestinian armed resistance and branded Palestinian patriots as blood-thirsty terrorists. The West European press even hailed, glorified and justified Israeli occupation, aggression and expansion. Rarely was a West European government willing to criticize the Israelis' arrogant and fascist practices against the Palestinian Arab population in the 1967 occupied territories.

West European governments intentionally adopted the Israeli standpoint on the Middle East. They blindly followed the U.S. position on the Middle East, even if it was contradictory to European interests. In any Middle Eastern settlement, the Palestinians were treated as the outcasts and the outlaws. The Palestinians were blackmailed by European governments in attempts to get them to stop their just resistance which was branded as terrorism, and to get them to succumb to Israeli occupation and expansion. The Europeans denied the Palestinians the right to engage in practices which they themselves engaged in against the Nazi occupation during World War II.

But now, after 11 years of occupation in the West Bank and Gaza, and after 31 years of Palestinian tragedy and misery, the European conscience is beginning to wake up. Or the European governments have begun to realize that the security and stability of Europe is closely related to the peace-war situation in the

Middle East. Furthermore, Western Europe is more dependent on Middle Eastern oil and markets than the U.S.

Apart from the moral responsibility of West Europeans towards the Palestinians and their plight, Chancellor Kreisky's overture to the PLO represents the new trend among European governments in reassessing their policy towards the Middle East. Great respect should be paid to the Spanish government of Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez who extended an invitation to Chairman Arafat to visit Madrid. The growing trend among West European governments to recognize the PLO will create new options for a just and durable peace in the Middle East. While adopting an even-handed policy towards the Middle East, the West Europeans will deter the intransigent Israelis from continuing their arrogant policy against the Palestinian people and the Arab countries. They will also secure the flow of oil to their countries and maintain good neighborly relations with the Arabs.

The PLO political successes in Western Europe are also to be considered as successes for Europe itself. While the Europeans are trying to get rid of Zionist-Israeli blackmailing, the U.S. is still supporting and encouraging Israeli expansion and aggression. In this context, the West Europeans can influence the U.S. to modify its pro-Zionist Middle East policy and to have a more even-handed position towards the Palestinian people. The West Europeans can move into a vanguard role by changing their position and to correct the damage inflicted on the Palestinian people.

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PALESTINIAN DELEGATION DELIVERS LETTER FROM ARAFAT TO PANAMA PRESIDENT

The Panamanian President, Gen. Torrijos, on August 31, 1979, received a delegation of the Palestinian Revolution currently visiting Panama, which delivered a letter from Yasser Arafat. The delegation also met with the commander of the National Guard; the Secretary of the Democratic Revolutionary Party; the Union of Panamanian Students; and representatives of the Palestinian community in Panama.

ARAFAT SENDS LETTERS TO VIETNAMESE PRESIDENT

On September 10, Yasser Arafat sent a letter of congratulations to the President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, on the occasion of the country's 34th national day. Arafat confirmed in his letter the inevitable victory of the Palestinian people who are inspired in their struggle by that of the Vietnamese people against U.S. imperialism.

PLO MOURNS DEATH OF AYATULLAH TALQANI

Upon learning of the death of Ayatullah Mahmoud Talqani, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat sent a cable of condolence to Ayatullah Khomeini on September 10. Arafat expressed his regret at the death of Talqani, and said: "We lost him at a time when the Iranian Revolution was in a critical situation because of the plots weaved by Zionism and imperialism against it. We condole ourselves on the loss of Talqani, who stood up for the rights of the people of Palestine as he stood up for the rights of the people of Iran. We believe in the victory of the Iranian people under Ayatullah Khomeini's wise leadership." Arafat also sent a cable of condolences to Talqani's family, in which he praised his relations with the Palestinian revolution.



The late Ayatullah Talqani with Chairman Arafat during the latter's visit to Iran in February 1979

An official PLO delegation was sent to Teheran Sept. 12 to offer condolences. The delegation included Brig. Sa'ad Sayel (Abu Walid), Director of the Central Operations Room, Col. Abdel Razzaq al-Majdah, Lt. Col. Abu Taan and Abu Munzir. Other cables of condolence were sent to Ayatullah Khomeini by the Central Committee of Fateh, The General Unions of Palestinian Engineers, Workers, Students, Women, Lawyers, and Artists, the Society of Palestinian Graduates of the Soviet Union and the PLO office in Teheran.

ARAFAT CONGRATULATES GDR ON 30TH ANNIVERSARY

In an interview with the East German news agency ADN, Yasser Arafat on September 12, praised Palestinian-GDR relations. These relations, he said, are based on the joint struggle against the joint enemy, imperialism, Zionism and all forms of colonial oppression. Arafat congratulated the GDR on the thirtieth anniversary of its independence in the name of the PLO

and the Palestinian people, and wished the people of the GDR more successes on the political, economical and anti-imperialist levels, and in its struggle for peace and progress.

Arafat also thanked the German Unified Socialist Party for its effective contribution, together with the Soviet Union and the rest of the socialist countries, in the struggle for peace and socialism in the world, and confirmed that the GDR had always offered assistance to all struggling nations and liberation movements. Arafat finally thanked the people of the GDR, the leadership of the country, and the Party, for the great understanding with which they approached the just cause of the Palestinian people, their struggle for self-determination and to return to their country, and the setting up of their own independent national state.

MAYOR QAWASMEH PREPARES FOR VISIT TO U.S.: "PLO IS OUR SOLE REPRESENTATIVE"

Fahd Qawasmeh, Mayor of Hebron, in the occupied West Bank, will attend a conference on repression in the occupied territories sponsored by the Palestine Human Rights Campaign which will be held on September 21 in Washington, D.C. Several other West Bank mayors will also participate.

In a meeting Mayor Qawasmeh held September 5 with a number of heads of national institutions and religious figures in Hebron, he stated that the PLO is the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and reaffirmed that his visit to the USA would be for the explanation of conditions in the occupied territories. Qawasmeh explained that he would be meeting teachers, students, businessmen, and men of religion, to explain the Palestine cause and the Israeli authorities' repressive measures.

KREISKY CALLS ON U.S., EUROPE TO RECOGNIZE THE PLO

Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, in an interview published on September 13, called on Europe and the United States to recognize the PLO and support U.N. resolutions for a Middle East settlement. He told the Paris-based Lebanese weekly magazine "As-Sayyad":

"I believe that U.N. resolutions are the correct framework to solve the problem." He also appealed to Israel to stop its "criminal aggression and war of annihilation on South Lebanon if it wants to live in peace in the region and seeks real security"

Commenting on the recent meeting held in Vienna with PLO Leader Yasser Arafat and Socialist Inter-



Austrian Chancellor Kreisky at historic Vienna press conference with Chairman Arafat and Chairman Brandt in July 1979

national President Willy Brandt, Dr. Kreisky said: "Palestinian existence is a reality and cannot be denied, and Europe's recognition of the PLO is only a matter of time. I believe that Europe and the world will profess this recognition sooner or later."

Dr. Kreisky stressed that a just and permanent Middle East peace could only be achieved with the "immediate and total withdrawal of Israeli forces from all occupied Arab territories, including the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The Palestinian people's right to repatriation and establishment of an independent state under the leadership of the PLO, the only legitimate representative of these people, within the framework of U.N. resolutions and recommendations, should also be recognized."

Replying to further questions on American statements on the PLO, he added: "America will unwillingly recognize the PLO and find itself compelled to do so in view of developments in the problem..."

MAJED ABU SHARAR VISITS USSR

On a recent visit to the USSR, Majed Abu Sharar, Secretary of

Fateh Revolutionary Council, met with the President of the Usbekistan Soviet Republic, First Secretary of Usbek Communist Party on September 8. Comrade Rashidov expressed the hope that the Palestinian people under the PLO leadership would achieve further success in their just struggle. Comrade Rashidov stressed that the Soviet Union stands firmly on the side of the courageous struggle of the Palestinian people.

Abu Sharar also met with Pavel Demchenko, head of the Asian and African affairs section in the editorial committee of "Pravda" on September 11 to discuss South Lebanon and Israeli aggression against the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples, the PLO initiative to gain support from the West European states for the Palestinian people's struggle, and the positive activities of some public organizations in Europe and the USA which support the just aims of the PLO.

SAFADI MEETS NEW UNRWA COMMISSIONER

The Secretary of the Palestinian Higher Political Committee in Lebanon, Tawfiq al-Safadi, has met on September 10 with the new UNRWA Commissioner, Mr. Adolph Redberk, who is currently visiting

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Beirut as part of an investigation tour of the countries hosting Palestinian refugees. In the meeting, Safadi explained that the UNRWA services were insufficient and requested that the services be improved and made more inclusive in order to meet the Agency's needs.

JOINT PALESTINIAN-JORDANIAN COMMITTEE MEETS TO SUPPORT PALESTINIANS UNDER OCCUPATION

The Joint Palestinian-Jordanian Committee to study the affairs of the occupied territories held a meeting on September 12 in Amman to discuss means of supporting the steadfastness of the people of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Those present included Hamed Abu Sitta, Member of the PLO Executive Committee, heading the Palestinian delegation, and Mudar Badran, the Jordanian Prime Minister, as head of the Jordanian delegation.

ABU JIHAD MEETS SHAMS AL-DIN

Fateh Central Committee member Abu Jihad met with Sheikh Mohammad Mahdi Shams al-Din, Vice President of the Supreme Shi'ite Islamic Council. The one-hour meeting dealt with the situation in South Lebanon and the sufferings of both Palestinian and Lebanese peoples. Abu Jihad also met with a number of spiritual leaders, namely Mufti al-Ja'afari al-Mumtaz, Sheikh Abdel Amir Qabalan, and Hussein al-Husseini, Secretary General of the Amal Movement.

ABU IYYAD MEETS LEBANESE NATIONAL LEADERS

Fateh Central Committee member Abu Iyyad met on September

14 with Sheikh Baheej Taqi al-Din. During the meeting they discussed possible areas of cooperation between the Lebanese governmental institutions and the PLO, and the latest developments in South Lebanon in light of the repeated Israeli aggression against Lebanese and Palestinian civilian areas. Abu Iyyad also met with a number of Lebanese National Movement leaders, including Ibrahim Qleilat, Muhsen Ibrahim, Inaam Raad, Tawfiq Sultan, Samir Sabbagh, Sinan Barraj, Samir Subh and Sa'adallah Mazra'ani. The meeting dealt with means of avoiding a recurrence of incidents that took place in parts of West Beirut between Lebanese nationalist parties, and it was decided that the participants of the meeting will themselves be responsible for putting an end to such a potentially serious situation.

REV. JACKSON ACCEPTS PLO INVITATION

The Reverend Jesse Jackson, a prominent black activist in the United States, on September 13, accepted an invitation to hold talks with Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat. Jackson declared that he had accepted Arafat's invitation to Beirut, conveyed through U.S. Representative Paul Findley, because he was concerned about Palestinian rights. "I am worried about the human rights problem." It was important, Jackson added, "to bring order out of the chaos in the Middle East." Jackson is the head of the Chicago-based "People United to Save Humanity - PUSH."



U.S. Black delegation (Joseph Lowery in center) on first visit to Palestinian refugee camp

U.S. BLACK LEADERS ARRIVE FOR MEETINGS WITH PLO

A 16-member delegation of Black American leaders arrived in Beirut September 16 accompanied by the Director of the Palestine information office in Washington, Hatem Hussein. The delegation was led by Washington, D.C. congressional representative Walter Faun-

trov and included Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The delegation will meet with PLO leaders, members of the Lebanese government, and will investigate first hand the devastation in South Lebanon caused by six months of intensive Zionist aerial bombing and artillery shelling. Palestine will report further on the visit in its next issue.

ARAFAT'S VISIT TO SPAIN

Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the PLO Executive Committee and General Commander of the forces of the Palestinian Revolution, arrived in Madrid at 2.00 pm September 13, at the head of a PLO delegation on an official visit at the invitation of the Spanish government. Spain is the first Western European state to issue an official invitation to the PLO leader. At 5.00 pm, Spanish Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez received Arafat and the accompanying delegation. During the meeting, Arafat discussed with Suarez and the Spanish Foreign Minister Marcelino Oreja, the latest developments in the Middle East in light of the Camp David agreements, and their negative effects for the Palestinian and Arab causes. The Spanish Prime Minister expressed his understanding and appreciation of the Palestinian struggle, and of the just Palestinian cause under the leadership of the PLO. He also reiterated the firm Spanish position towards the Palestine question. The meeting took place in a friendly atmosphere.

On September 14, Chairman Arafat met with Santiago Carrillo, Secretary General of the Spanish Communist Party, and discussed the current situation in the Middle East and the effects of the capitulationist Sadat-Begin treaty on the Palestine question. After the meeting Carrillo told the press, that the Spanish invitation amounted to official recognition of the PLO; and that this initiative, the first by a Western country, "puts Spain ahead of other nations in the dialogue between Europe and the Arab world." Arafat then met with the Spanish Socialist party leader Felipe Gonzalez. Socialist Party leaders afterwards declared that their party's position on the Middle East is based on "the right of the Palestinian people to an independent state and the right of Israel to exist within secure and recognized borders."

Chairman Arafat also met leaders of the ruling Union of the Democratic Center (UCD) and had further discussions with Foreign Minister Oreja.



Spanish Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez welcoming Chairman Arafat

"UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS"

On the evening of September 14, Chairman Arafat met with Greek Catholic Archbishop of Jerusalem Hilarion Capucci, who also arrived in Madrid. Among a cheering crowd, Arafat and Capucci raised the Palestinian flag on the balcony of the PLO's office in Madrid.

According to "Agence France Presse", September 14, 1979, "The three-day visit of the PLO Chairman, his first official diplomatic engagement in a Western capital, was being summed up by observers as an unqualified triumph, both for himself and the Palestinian cause"

In a communique issued at the end of the visit, the Spanish Foreign Ministry confirmed, its support for the just struggle of the Arab peoples to restore their usurped rights and expressed its confidence that no peace is possible in the Middle East without a comprehensive, just and permanent solution based on U.N. resolutions, and on the Palestinian people exercising their national rights to return, to self-determination and establishing an independent state. According to the Spanish Foreign Ministry, Spanish officials expressed to Arafat that they will continue the development of relations of friendship and cooperation with the Arab world, and will preserve these relations for the benefit of the Arab and Spanish peoples. The communique also said that Spanish Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez and the Spanish Foreign Minister Marcelino Oreja conducted talks with the PLO within the framework of the PLO's talks with officials in Europe.

VISITS TO ALGERIA, MOROCCO, TUNIS

Following his visit to Spain, Chairman Arafat,



Arafat with Capucci at ceremony
at PLO Office in Madrid

on September 15, went to Algeria, where he met with President Chazly Ben Jedid and other senior Algerian officials. In a statement to the press, Arafat said that he intends to discuss with the Algerian leaders the current Arab situation and the practical steps needed for the Arab

steadfastness in the face of imperialism and Zionism.

The next day the PLO delegation left for Rabat, where Arafat met with Moroccan King Hassan II. Arafat's meeting with King Hassan II lasted around three hours, and centred on the discussion of the situation in the Arab world, the Sahara issue, the developments of the Palestine cause on the local, Arab and international levels, and the Camp David and Egyptian-Israeli agreements. On September 17, Chairman Arafat returned for a brief stay in Algeria. Agency reports commented on Arafat's visit to Morocco and Algeria, stating that the PLO has been offering its mediation for the past two months, and that Arafat's visit points to his efforts to decrease the escalating tension in that area.

The delegation finally paid a short visit to Tunisia, where Chairman Arafat met with the Tunisian President al-Habib Bourguiba and Prime Minister Hadi Nouira. The talks with the Tunisian leaders dealt with Palestinian, Arab and international issues, especially the Israeli war of annihilation against the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples in South Lebanon. On September 18, Chairman Arafat returned to Beirut.

ARAFAT PRESS CONFERENCE: "FRUITFUL VISIT"

At a press conference in Madrid, Arafat condemned the U.S. policy and its support for Israel with internationally-prohibited arms to annihilate the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples. He also denounced the build-up of U.S. naval forces near the Middle East. Arafat exposed the falseness of U.S. propaganda about human rights, and said that it does not extend to the Palestinian people. He described his visit to Spain as fruitful, and said that the Spanish people are a friend to the Palestinian Revolution and the future will clarify the result of this visit. Arafat said regarding the formation of a Palestinian government-in-exile that this depends on the interests of the Palestinian people, and added that Jerusalem will be our capital.

Arafat exposed the historically positive role of Spain towards the Arab world, "because it did not recognise Israel, and because it supports the Palestine cause. It will play an active role in the European Community, added to its cultural role in Latin America and its influence in Africa and Europe, as well as the progressive role of the Suarez Government. We will not forget the role of the Spanish people through its political forces and social groups. I met with most of them and I felt their understanding and sympathy with our

cause." Arafat pointed to the new U.S.-Israeli-Sadat military alliance which has been created following the collapse of CENTO and the victory of the Iranian Revolution. He added that the USA is paying the price for this new pact in \$13 billion worth of armaments, of which Israel gets the major share and Egypt the rest. As a result of this new U.S. alliance, U.S.-made Israeli planes are daily bombarding the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples, dropping thousands of tons of bombs of various kinds.

ENERGY ISSUE LINKED TO PALESTINE SOLUTION

Asked whether oil is a political weapon, Arafat answered that the Israeli Cabinet recently stated that it will fight Palestinians at all times, everywhere and with all weapons, and thus it is the Palestinian and Arab right to use its economic weapons, as the USA has used them against Cuba and China for twenty-five years. As for the USA, he added that it is still ignoring the Palestinian people's rights and the Palestine cause as the central issue of the Middle East problem. He affirmed that the energy issue is linked to the Palestine question, while the USA ignores it, and states that the Palestinians have no right to establish their independent state.



NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT IN HAVANA: A UNITED FRONT AGAINST IMPERIALISM

The introduction of thermonuclear weapons by U.S. imperialism in 1945 has changed international relations dramatically. The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, in order to meet the threat posed by U.S. imperialism, decided to meet force with force, particularly to confront U.S. designs on Europe. The nuclear stalemate that resulted between the two blocs, the Western imperialist camp headed by U.S. imperialism and the Eastern socialist camp under the leadership of the USSR, resulted in a bipolar world order. The majority of the world's nations and peoples,

being aware of the grave consequences of the nuclear arms race and the resulting split of the world into two hostile blocs, decided to resort to a non-alignment policy based on diplomatic steering.

Thus in 1955 at the Bandung Conference non-aligned nations got together and resolved to work together to build a new world in which freedom, peace, cooperation and prosperity will prevail based on justice, a peace which dispels the specter of war, and particularly the threat of nuclear weapons.

**NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT IN HAVANA:
A UNITED FRONT
AGAINST IMPERIALISM**

It was within this spirit of non-alignment that the Sixth Conference of Non-Aligned Nations took place in Havana, Cuba. The conference took place at a time when imperialism and its offshoots, racism and Zionism, were threatening world peace by trampling on the national and human rights of peoples the world over.

In regard to the Middle East, Zionist racism fully backed by U.S. imperialism is not only denying the national rights of the Palestinian people, but has also stepped up its war of aggression against Lebanon. This development daily threatens world peace and as such has been very prominent in the Sixth Conference of the Non-Aligned Summit.

**FIDEL CASTRO: "THE TRAGEDY
OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE"**

Comrade Fidel Castro, the current Chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement, focused attention on the tragedy of the Palestinian people in his opening speech at the Sixth Summit Conference on September 3. Castro said: "This century has not witnessed a tragedy similar to that of the Palestinian people, who have been barbarously deprived of their rights to live peacefully on their own land... We express our deep regret at the oppressive crimes committed by the Fascists against the Jewish people. But I cannot recall anything similar to what imperialism and Zionism have committed against the Palestinian people in our modern history."

Castro pointed out to the conference that "Palestinian land and territories of adjacent countries have been occupied by aggressors supplied with the most sophisticated weapons from the arsenal of the USA." Referring to the Camp David "peace" accord, Castro said: "Yankee imperialism tries to force peace in its own way, through aggression and by creating divisions in the ranks of the Arab people." Castro stressed that peace can never be achieved on imperialist terms and added: "Imperialism wishes to have two police states instead of one in the Middle East. If peace has really been attained between Israel and Egypt, what is the aim of delivering large quantities of arms to Egypt, unless they are to be used against the peoples of the region, including the Egyptian people?"



President
Fidel Castro:

What is the difference Zionist aggressors and German fascists of the past?

"What rights do the Zionist aggressors have to daily shell the Palestinian refugee camps and Lebanese towns and villages? Who gave them this right? And who supplied them with these sophisticated weapons? Isn't this clear evidence of the aggressive strategy of Yankee imperialism and the kind of regime and peace it wants to impose on the region?"

President Castro went on to ask if it was no longer a crime to kill innocent children, Blacks, Palestinians or Lebanese, and concluded by asking: "Is there a difference between these theories and those pursued by fascist Germany in the past?"

**CHAIRMAN ARAFAT:
THE CHANGING WORLD ORDER**

PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasser Arafat, addressing the Sixth Summit Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement, thanked Comrade President Fidel Castro and the people of Cuba for their generous hosting of the conference, and for the cordiality, friendship and solidarity with which they greeted the Palestinian delegation. Chairman Arafat described to the conference the changing world order. He spoke of "a world that regresses and a world that progresses: the world of colonialism, imperialism, neo-colonialism, racism, oppression and exploitation is declining and suffers from insoluble crises. At the same time a new dawn is rising for a new world" (for major excerpts of Arafat's speech see box).

**LEBANON'S AL-HOSS: "THE EVIL
FOR PALESTINE AND SOUTH
LEBANON IS THE SAME"**

The Lebanese Prime Minister, Dr. Salim Al-Hoss, addressed the summit and pointed out that "the evil for Palestine and South Lebanon is the same: Israel and its racist and expansionist policy."

Dr. Al-Hoss added: "We all know that the Palestine question is the core of the Middle East conflict, for which my country, Lebanon, is paying a high price: the life of its children, its security and its wealth. The Palestinian cause is that of a people uprooted from its land by force."

"South Lebanon has become the spotlight of human tragedy. Israel daily inflicts aggressive and terroristic policies against towns and villages in South Lebanon. Hundreds of civilians have been killed while thousands have been made homeless by Israeli land, sea and air raids."

The Lebanese Prime Minister went on to say:

**HISTORIC HAVANA
RESOLUTION ON MIDDLE
EAST**

Following are excerpts from the historic Middle East resolution adopted by the sixth Non-Aligned Summit in Havana, on September 8, 1979:

1. "No solution of the Middle East and Palestine problems is possible without simultaneously implementing the following principles and foundations, without any exceptions:

A. The Palestine cause is the core of the Middle East problem and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

B. The Palestine cause and the Middle East problem form a unity which cannot be broken down into parts in any treatment or solution; because of this, the solution cannot be broken down or include some parties to the conflict and not all of them. Also, a partial peace cannot be established, for peace should include all parties, removing all the reasons for conflict, in addition to being just.

C. Just peace in the region can only be established on the basis of the unconditional and total withdrawal of Israel from all the occupied Arab lands, and the regaining of the inalienable national rights of the Palestinian people, including the right to return to Palestine, self-determination, and the setting up of its independent national state in Palestine.

"After the invasion of South Lebanon by Israel in March 1978, the Security Council adopted two resolutions, nos. 425 and 450. The first resolution created a UN military force to facilitate Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon and to help restore Lebanese legal authority and sovereignty over South Lebanon. The Zionist state, contrary to both resolutions, still obstructs the function of the UN force and holds by force a portion of the territory along its frontiers. Israel is also arming and directing local forces to facilitate its expansionist policy."

In conclusion, Dr. Al-Hoss urged the summit conference to take measures against Israel and to alleviate the suffering of the Lebanese people and Palestinian refugees, in the interests of humanity and world peace.

**HAVANA RESOLUTIONS
CONDEMN CAMP DAVID
SUPPORT PALESTINIAN RIGHTS**

The Sixth Summit Conference of the Non-

D. Arab Jerusalem is a part of the occupied Palestinian lands, and total and unconditional Israeli withdrawal from it, and its return to Arab sovereignty are unavoidable.

E. The PLO is the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and it alone has the right to represent this people and to participate as an independent and equal party in all conferences, activities, and international arenas concerned with the Palestine problem, and the Arab-Israeli conflict, for the realization of the inalienable national rights of the Palestinian people. No peace will be considered either total, or just, or acceptable without the participation of the PLO in the establishment of this peace, and accepting it as a party equal to all other parties concerned.

F. All Israeli measures, installations, alterations, or changes in the political, cultural, religious, natural, geographical, and demographic features of the occupied Palestinian and Arab lands since their occupation, are considered invalid, cancelled and illegitimate.

G. All settlements set up by Israel in the Arab Palestinian and other occupied Arab land are invalid, cancelled and illegitimate, and form an obstacle in the face of peace. Therefore, these settlements should be removed immediately, and no new settlements should be set up, in accordance with U.N. resolutions concerning this issue, and especially U.N. resolution 242.



PLO delegation at the Summit.

Aligned Movement, in its final session on September 8, 1979, adopted a resolution condemning the Camp David agreements and the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel. The text of the resolution (excerpts see box) states that the Conference strongly condemns all partial agreements which form a clear violation of the Palestinian people's rights, the principles of the Organisation of African Unity, the U.N. Charter and resolutions, and the resolutions of various international organisations regarding the rights of the Palestinian people.

The coordinating office of the Non-Aligned Conference has been assigned the role of a special committee for studying the negative repercussions on the Arab states, and the Palestinian people in particular, of these capitulationist agreements. This committee will present its report at the forthcoming Non-Aligned Ministerial meeting, according to which Egypt's stand in the Non-Aligned Movement will be decided.

It is worth noting that during the discussion

of the condemnation of the Camp David conspiracy and the suspension of Sadat's membership in the Non-Aligned Movement, several African members, including Zaire, Egypt, Liberia, Malawi, Senegal, Ivory Coast and the Republic of Central Africa, attempted to stop the discussions. The Presidents of the delegations of Libya, Zambia, Mozambique, Cuba, Vietnam, Madagascar, Jamaica, the Congo, Mali, SWAPO, Principe, Burundi, Guinea-Bissau, Algeria, Jordan, Guinea and Grenada, strongly condemned Sadat's treason, the Camp David agreements and the peace agreement which forms a direct threat to humanity as a whole, and called for the suspension of Sadat's membership in the Non-Aligned Movement.

SUPPORT FOR SOUTH LEBANON

The Havana Summit also adopted a resolution supporting the unity, independence and sovereignty of Lebanon and condemning the Israeli attacks on the South. It also condemned Israel's continued occupation of Lebanon's Southern border strip by using renegade major Saad Haddad as its front man. The resolution called on all Non-Aligned nations to back Lebanon in international conferences and to work towards the immediate implementation of Security Council resolutions on South Lebanon.



NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT IN HAVANA:

CHAIRMAN ARAFAT: "A NEW DAWN IS RISING FOR A NEW WORLD"

"A new dawn is rising for a new world: a world in which the principles of independence, equality, fraternity, freedom, social justice, progress and peace are victorious. This change is taking place through a struggle between the old order that the imperialist forces, headed by the USA, try to consolidate, on the one hand; and the peoples of the Third World and peace and freedom-loving forces on the other.

"The majority of states and peoples in this world desire to avoid the dangers of a world war which would entail nuclear destruction, and therefore they struggle against all forms of ag-

gression; for the establishment of a world free of oppression, injustice and slavery, free also of colonialism, racism and Zionist racism, and for the realisation of independence and self-determination of the oppressed nations, particularly the peoples of Namibia, South Africa, Zimbabwe and Palestine.

"The majority of the states and peoples of the world wish to be rid of the domination of imperialist monopolies holding the peoples' resources, and to establish a new economic world order, wherein equality among nations prevails, and which would give every nation

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scope for independent creative progress without external intervention or subordination."

Hailing the victories of the Iranian and Nicaraguan peoples, Chairman Arafat said: "And here we are today, receiving with pride the delegation from Iran, the country which fulfilled its blessed revolution and destroyed one of the world's most dangerous military pacts. And how fantastic it is to see beside the Iranian delegation, another from Nicaragua, whose revolution succeeded in overthrowing a despotic dictatorship, which lasted forty years with the backing of U.S. imperialism and international monopolies."

"Our Palestinian Arab people and the Palestine Liberation Organisation welcome these two friendly delegations and consider the victories of their two countries a victory and support for the Non-Aligned Movement."

Regarding the anti-imperialist struggle in southern Africa, he said:

"The peoples of Zimbabwe, Namibia and South Africa are waging a courageous struggle against one of the most oppressive and tyrannical of the racist reactionary regimes in the world. At the same time, our people in Palestine are fighting another vicious battle against terrorist, racist Zionism. And it is no coincidence that there should be these suspicious links between the racist regimes in the southern part of the African continent, and the racist terrorist Israeli regime, and continuous cooperation between them."

"In addition to these strong political and economic ties between these two racist regimes, it has been confirmed that there is also nuclear cooperation, whereby the Israeli enemy manufactures the nuclear weapons and the South African Government offers the necessary materials and sites in Africa for nuclear tests. However, the peoples of Zimbabwe, Namibia and South Africa will achieve victory, as will the people of Palestine."

Referring to U.S. imperialist attempts to by-pass the Palestinian people, Arafat pointed out:



President Castro and Chairman Arafat embracing each other

"It has now become clear to all that the Palestine cause, as part of what has been termed the Middle East conflict, is the axis of peace and war in this vital part of the world."

"At the same time, however, U.S. imperialism is still determined to deny us our inalienable rights and continues to stand in all insolence behind the Israeli enemy, supporting his aggressions with funds and arms, covering up for them and protecting his crimes. It also shamelessly declares its determination to deprive our Palestinian people of their legitimate and accepted rights — to exercise self-determination in freedom, to return to their homes and to establish their independent state."

"U.S. imperialism has succeeded in bringing about the signing of a treaty between the Egyptian regime and the expansionist racist Israeli aggressors. It has underwritten the treaty with around thirteen billion dollars, five billion of which will be paid as a price for modern weapons of destruction, most of which have already been offered to Israel to guarantee its superiority over the Arabs' military power."

"Since the treaty was signed, the Israeli aggressor has increased the construction of settlements on our land, despite the repeated resolutions issued by international organisations condemning such settlements. The terrorist Begin does not tire of reiterating his claims that

settlement, or colonialism in other words, is their most legitimate work. The autonomy plan about which they all talk hands over to the Israeli aggressor the land, the right of sovereignty over it, and all its riches, including water resources. In this context, I ask the world's conscience whether there is any village in the world whose inhabitants have no right of ownership of their water. The Zionists even said that the interim period will lead to the return of the regions under administrative autonomy to Israel."

"Since the signing of the Israeli-Egyptian-U.S. treaty, the Israeli enemy has launched its major military attacks against South Lebanon, while its U.S.-manufactured warplanes daily violate Lebanese airspace, and have carried out a total of over sixty air raids on civilian targets. These acts of aggression have resulted in the displacement of around 600,000 Palestinian and Lebanese civilians, who were forced to flee their homes and villages that were destroyed by continuous Israeli attacks. Dozens of Southern Lebanese villages were destroyed and emptied of their inhabitants, while the Palestinian camps of Nabatiyeh and Rashidiyeh were razed to the

ground and rebuilt several times. Meanwhile, the villages, cities and camps of South Lebanon are subjected to land, air and naval bombardment on a daily basis."

"Is this the peace they boast about? The peace of Phantom jets, of internationally-banned cluster and phosphorous bombs, of napalm?"

Finally, Chairman Arafat asked the Sixth Summit Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement to implement all international resolutions:

"The time has come, however, for these international resolutions, headed by the resolutions of the Non-Aligned Movement, to be translated into practice, and for the Israeli aggressor and all those who support or deal with him to receive the punishment they deserve."

"If we do not implement the above, the Zionist enemy and U.S. imperialism will continue to disregard all international resolutions and to deny our people's rights. They will go ahead with the war of annihilation waged against our people and militants inside and outside occupied Palestine."



"For a world free of oppression, injustice and slavery, free also of colonialism, racism and Zionist racism"

SIGMUND SADAT'S FAULTY PSYCHOLOGY

The fifth round of the so-called "Palestinian autonomy talks" for the West Bank and Gaza held between the US, Egypt and Israel, none of whom speak for the Palestinian people, were held in early August amidst the usual official verbiage of "heated debate" and "progress in certain areas." At the end of the talks on August 7, Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan described the session as "the most acrimonious of the five that have been held since the autonomy talks started last May."

What happened in that fifth futile attempt, as in the earlier rounds, was that Israel once again declared that it was not prepared to consider granting any meaningful autonomy to the Palestinian population, let alone recognize their right

to self-determination. More significant still, the Camp David trio could not produce a single Palestinian with a significant following to participate in their conspiracy.

If the policymakers of the USA, Egypt and Israel were reasonable they would declare the autonomy talks null and void and accept the fact that Palestinian rights can only be decided by the Palestinian people themselves. But Egypt's Sadat wants to press ahead, declaring to all the world that the Middle East conflict is merely a kind of psychological disorder. He decided to try his own brand of treatment by visiting Israel in September.

Sadat spelled out the objectives of his trip to



Anwar Sadat and his "friend Menachem": Where lies the "psychological disorder"?



Israel in a speech in Alexandria on September 2. He said: "I am going to Haifa to tell Israel that self-rule must be implemented, to decide on its details. I will also insist this time with Begin on a solution for the Jerusalem problem." Sadat then sailed to Haifa to test his psychological theories on September 4.

'SELF-RULE'= MORE ZIONIST SETTLEMENTS

At the end of the Egyptian-Israeli summit talks that followed, it once more became clear that Begin was not going to retreat an inch from his arrogant, rigid policies. In a press conference on September 5 Sadat said that he and Begin could not agree on Palestinian 'self-rule' and that the Jerusalem question was not solved because "we need more time, more careful study for the whole thing, it is quite natural." Begin lost no time in declaring at the same press conference: "Jerusalem is the capital of Israel. It is indivisible." So much for Sigmund Sadat's miracle cures. Sadat also declared that it is not necessary for the Palestinians to participate in the 'self-rule' talks "for the next three years", thus making yet another concession to Israel.

Translating words into deeds and exploiting the smokescreen of the autonomy talks, Begin's government has stepped up the construction of new Zionist settlements in occupied Arab territory. Construction has already begun on four new settlement sites in the West Bank. This new project, approved on August 29 by a joint committee of Israeli government ministers and representatives of the World Zionist Organization, is being carried out at Karnei Shomron C and Karnei Shomron D, 50 kms northwest of

Jerusalem, and Reihan B and Reihan C, 80 kms northwest of Jerusalem.

ANOTHER SADAT "VICTORY": EGYPTIAN OIL FOR ISRAEL

Israel also managed to get an Egyptian promise to supply more oil to Israel in return for the latter's withdrawal from Mount Sinai in November. Mount Sinai was to have been turned over to Egypt in January but Begin said Israel acceded to Sadat's request to hand it back before November 19 "because of the symbolic importance." After all, Begin understands that Sadat has to claim another "victory" when he goes before the Egyptian people.

With the failure of Sadat's mission to Haifa and the deadlock in the autonomy talks, the Israeli government has resorted to make-believe tactics to improve its image abroad. Dayan has forced Palestinian notables to meet him, using the Israeli military government in the occupied territories to arrange the meetings. These meetings are intended to create the impression abroad that Israel is sensitive to the winds of change. But while all this cosmetic to-ing and fro-ing is going on, Israel holds fast to its blockheaded policies.

Instead of admitting the failure of its ill-conceived initiatives, the Carter administration has resorted to its habitual delaying tactic of once again sending its special Middle East envoy, Robert Strauss, on a shuttle trip between Tel Aviv and Cairo to "keep up the momentum" of a process leading nowhere. Bad psychology, and also bad policy.

OCCUPATION DIARY

NATIONAL DEMONSTRATIONS DENOUNCE SADAT'S VISIT

While the traitor Sadat was visiting Haifa, tension prevailed in the occupied territories. Israeli authorities on September 4, imposed severe military restrictions on West Bank cities, especially Jerusalem, Ramallah, Bir Zeit and Bethlehem. Large numbers of soldiers and frontier guards were mobilized to patrol Jerusalem and intensified armed patrols spread throughout the West Bank. Israeli intelligence forces harassed and investigated citizens.

Yet angry demonstrations took place in Bir Zeit on September 4. Several Israeli army units rushed to the city, encircled it and violently dispersed the demonstrators arresting dozens of them. The same happened the next day in Ramallah region where several schools went on strike. The demonstrators chanted slogans in support of the PLO, condemning Sadat and Camp David accords. Israeli police savagely dispersed them, arresting several citizens.

Meanwhile, the Israeli authorities have prohibited the convening of a national meeting of the Mayors, Unions, Chambers of Commerce and national personalities in the West Bank, which was to be held on September 3 in Beit Hanina, for the sake of adopting an unanimous condemnation of Sadat's visit, renewing the rejection of the Camp David agreements and self-rule, and to express support for the PLO. The Israeli authorities had set up road-blocks in Jerusalem and encircled the city to prohibit the meeting, while the military governors issued written warnings to all West Bank Mayors, prohibiting them from entering Jerusalem for forty-eight hours.

Bassam al Shaka'a, Mayor of Nablus, held a press conference in which he condemned the cancellation of the national meeting confirming that Sadat is working against the interests of the Pales-

tinian people through his cooperation with Begin and Carter. He went on to say that although the Palestinian people inside and outside Palestine had recurrently asserted their rejection of the Camp David agreements, together with its amendments, and of all subsequent agreements between Carter, Begin and Sadat; in spite of all this, Sadat still carried out his visit.

The Israeli authorities have also prohibited the Heads of Departments in the West Bank from writing in newspapers, and giving statements to journalists, radio stations and television, concerning the conditions of their departments.

MASSIVE ARRESTS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

During and after Sadat's visit to Haifa, Israeli authorities initiated a

wave of arrests against our people in the West Bank and Gaza. On September 7, an Israeli spokesperson declared that 70 Palestinian citizens were arrested in Gaza Strip on charges of belonging to the Palestinian Revolution.

On September 2, Israeli police in al-Bireh arrested Ziad al-Ain's brother, and also the next day arrested his father while he was trying to cross the Allenby Bridge. It is worth mentioning that the PLO Political Department recently requested the U.S. Embassy in Beirut to release Abu Al-Ain, who had been arrested in the U.S., since his detention is in violation of the most elementary human rights.

SAVAGE TREATMENT OF ARAB PRISONERS

On September 3 in Nablus, Hamed Ahmed was moved to the Rafeidia Hospital after being savagely tortured by Israeli officers at the Nablus police Station. Also, the military court sentenced Halima

Freitekh (16) to six years imprisonment, Ahlan Samhan (16) to five years, Rifa't Khalil (22) to seven years and Mahmoud Bisharat (22) to four years.

In related news, the Mayor of Halhoul, Muhammad Melhim has confirmed that dozens of Palestinian militants are threatened with death in Israeli jails due to torture and intentional lack of health care, and that the Israeli authorities refuse to treat Palestinian detainees as prisoners of war, according to the Geneva conventions or to allow Red Cross representatives to visit the prisoners. This was stated in a press conference in which the General Director of the International Red Cross, Peter King, and the Directors of the Red Cross delegations in Hebron and Jerusalem participated.

Melhim added that he had informed the Director of the Red Cross of the deteriorating conditions in Israeli jails, and that several prisoners are suffering from dangerous and contagious diseases, including the Palestinian militant Nader Asfoury who suffers from deafness as a result of torture. Other prisoners are suffering from nervous shock and chronic diseases. Melhim also asked the Director of the Red Cross delegation to intervene to send Palestinian prisoners to hospitals for treatment by Palestinian doctors.

PALESTINIAN WOMEN DETAINEES STAGE STRIKE

Palestinian women detainees in Nivi Trista prison near Ramleh, on the seventh of August, went on a ten-day long work-strike in protest against their maltreatment by the Israeli prison authorities. Following the strike, the prison authorities transferred Teresa Halsa to the criminal detainees special department on charges of agitating the prisoners. The detainees informed their lawyer, Walid al-Fahoum, of their deteriorating health conditions and of the savage treatment of

Israeli jailers. It is to be noted that one of the prisoners, Hiyam Hamdan, is suffering from semi-paralysis and is being deprived of medical treatment.

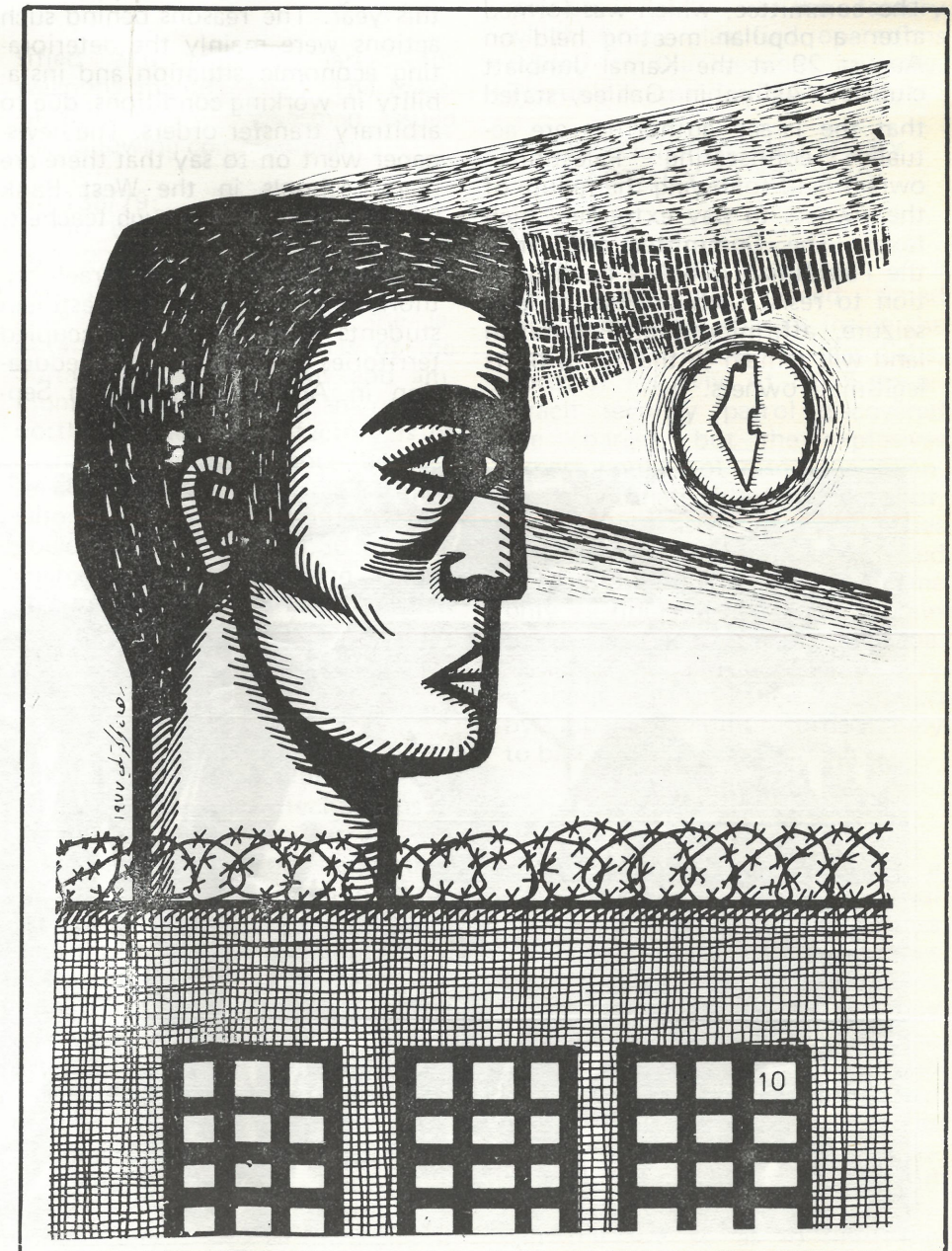
TEL AVIV MEETING CONDEMNS ISRAELI LAND CONFISCATION

The participants at an Arab-Jewish meeting held on September 6 in Tel Aviv, unanimously condemned the law enacted by the

Israeli government regarding the confiscation of the lands of the Naqab Arabs, and declared their solidarity with their cause. The representatives of the Naqab Arabs at the meeting confirmed that they will not give up their lands and that they will fight by all possible means to safeguard it. The Mayor of Nazareth, Tawfiq Zayyad, stated that this new Israeli law contradicts human rights, and that the Arabs of the Naqab are an inseparable part of the Arab people in the area.



Palestinian students protest Sadat's sell-out



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The Jewish participants at the meeting included members of the Shelli Movement and the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality, who called for Jewish-Arab cooperation to block the passing of this law, which is part of an Israeli scheme to Judaize the Galilee and Naqab regions.

In related news, on September 4, the popular Committee for the Defence of the Galilee Lands called on the Palestinian citizens of Galilee to unite and escalate their struggle against Israeli settlement policy. The committee, which was formed after a popular meeting held on August 29 at the Kamal Junblatt club in 'Asfiya in Galilee, stated that the Israeli authorities are actually confiscating Palestinian-owned land following the failure of the owners to pay extremely high taxes. The Committee confirmed the Palestinian people's determination to resist such policies of land seizure, affirming that Palestinian land will remain in the hands of its legitimate owners.

TEACHER SHORTAGE IN WEST BANK SCHOOLS

The Palestinian newspaper "al-Fajr" on September 8 published a study dealing with shortage of teachers in West Bank schools, as a result of the decreasing wages of teachers, arbitrary transfer orders and better opportunities outside the West Bank. The study confirmed that this shortage is daily increasing, with the number of university graduate teachers who have resigned in one single district reaching a total of seventy teachers this year. The reasons behind such actions were mainly the deteriorating economic situation and instability in working conditions, due to arbitrary transfer orders. The newspaper went on to say that there are many schools in the West Bank which do not have enough teachers.

In related news, the Israeli authorities are prohibiting Palestinian students from leaving the occupied territories to continue their education in Arab universities. In Sep-

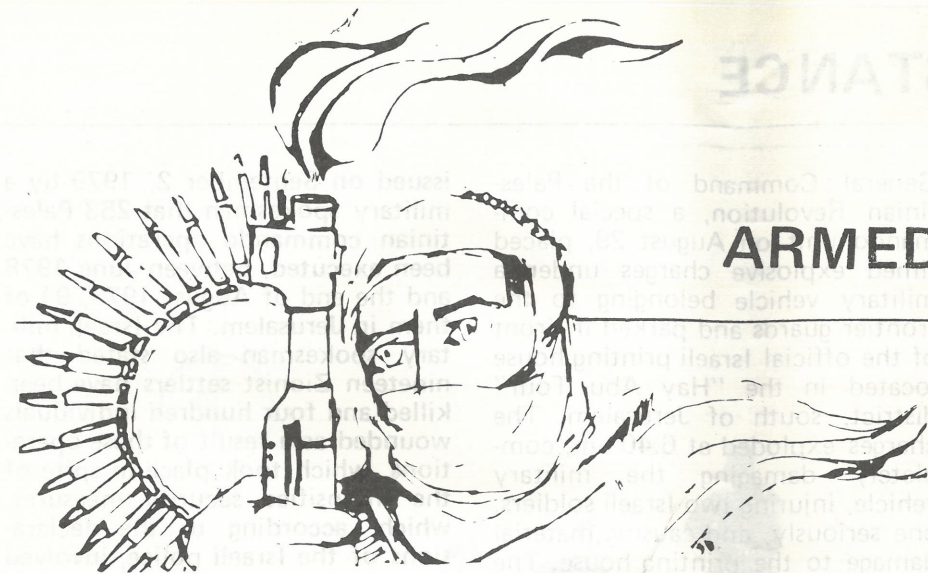
tember Palestinian students in the West Bank and Gaza asked the administration of the three universities in the West Bank to accept the largest possible number of these students. They also expressed their hope that the West Bank universities would be federated with Jerusalem University into one university system.

MORE ARBITRARY EDUCATIONAL MEASURES

The Israeli military authorities have refused to hand over the school building of Hatteen in Jenin to the Directorate of Culture and Education of the region. It is to be remembered that the academic year has already begun in the West Bank, and that any delay in the opening of the school would delay the students in their studies. In related news, Jerusalem papers published on September 1 stated that the Israeli authorities refuse to allow the students of the Governmental Teachers Institute in Ramallah to continue classes or sit for their examinations.



Collective punishment: student prisoners in military jail in occupied West Bank



ARMED RESISTANCE

ONE OPERATION PER DAY IN AUGUST

During the month of August, Palestinian commandos executed thirty-one operations inside the occupied territories, thus doubling the number of last month's operations, which amounted to sixteen. Of the thirty-one operations, the most important was directed against the nuclear weapons laboratories in a weapons factory in Haifa, where several Israeli technicians and experts were killed.

Palestinian commandos also struck nine important blows at institutions of the Israeli state, mainly the Gush Imunim headquarters and the Jerusalem Municipality building, the first on August 3 and the second on August 5. A third operation was directed against the Kfar Saba municipality, north of Tel Aviv, on August 15.

BLAST AT ARMS FACTORY

Palestinian commandos on 22 August blew up a factory manufacturing among other things nuclear armaments in Haifa, two factories supplying the Israeli army in Tel Aviv, and a bus station in Kfar Saba. These operations brought to 7 the number of Palestinian attacks in only 48 hours. All of the operations of August 22 were admitted by Radio Israel, including the Haifa blast which it said involved "clas-

sified and restricted areas for weapons manufacture." The Palestinian military spokesman issued the following communique:

No 138/79:

On Wednesday afternoon, August 22, the martyr Said Hamami unit planted a number of timed incendiary charges inside the laboratories and other parts of the Sultan factory for arms and ammunitions in the Yekenam region, north of Haifa. This factory is of extraordinary importance because it contains one of Israel's main laboratories for the manufacture of nuclear weapons. At 9:30 pm the charges went off, causing human and material losses and fires which extended to most of the factory. Among the results of the blast were:

1. A number of Israelis were killed and wounded, among them a group of experts and technicians in the nuclear weapons industry.
2. Several laboratories and other sections of the factory were damaged or completely destroyed, including the stores of the factory in the basement.
3. The blast damaged several houses near the factory where the officers and experts live, and damaged several military vehicles, destroying also the water, electricity and telephone networks.

Fire engines and ambulances immediately rushed to the scene to put out the fire, which extended to

different parts of the factory while explosions were still taking place inside it. At the same time, the security forces evacuated the region of the Israeli settlers. Radio Israel admitted the operation, and reported that the firemen faced difficulty in containing the fire in the restricted parts of the factory which house classified operations related to the weapons industry. The unit returned safely to base.

EXPLOSION AT MILITARY FACTORY IN TEL AVIV

No 139/79:

On the night of August 22, a commando unit placed timed highly explosive charges inside the central bus station in Kfar Saba, north of Tel Aviv. At 10:15 pm an Israeli security patrol discovered the charges, but the explosives expert could not dismantle them, so he detonated them on the spot, causing extensive material losses and damage to several buses parked in the station. This operation came only 12 hours after an operation in the commercial centre in Kfar Saba. Radio Israel admitted the discovery of the charges and their detonation by sappers. The unit returned safely to base.

No 140/79:

On the night of August 22, a commando unit planted several timed incendiary explosive charges inside two neighboring factories which supply the Israeli army in Haifa - Yasher street, in the Tel Aviv industrial region. At 9:00 pm the charges went off, starting a fire and killing and injuring an unspecified number of Israeli workers as well as destroying and damaging the factories' machines. The firemen and rescue teams were unable to contain the fire so as to limit the material losses in the two factories,



ARMED RESISTANCE

according to a report on Radio Israel. The unit returned safely to base.

EXPLOSION NEAR MILITARY GOVERNOR'S HEADQUARTERS IN GAZA

No 142/79:

At 9.30 pm on August 26 an explosive charge went off near the Israeli Military Governor's Headquarters in Omar Mukhtar Street in Gaza. The explosive charge, which was planted by special unit B, destroyed a vehicle belonging to the Military Governor, and cut off the electrical current throughout the region. The security forces closed the area off and combed it in search of other explosive charges, and arrested several Palestinian citizens.

ARMY VEHICLE BLOWN UP

No 143/79:

Acting on the orders of the

General Command of the Palestinian Revolution, a special commando unit on August 29, placed timed explosive charges under a military vehicle belonging to the frontier guards and parked in front of the official Israeli printing house located in the "Hay Abu Tour" district, south of Jerusalem. The charges exploded at 6.40 am, completely damaging the military vehicle, injuring two Israeli soldiers, one seriously, and causing material damage to the printing house. The Israeli army and police immediately surrounded the district and arrested a large number of Palestinian citizens on charges of involvement in the operation. The commandos returned safely to base.

ISRAEL ADMITS 253 PALESTINIAN OPERATIONS FROM JUNE 1978 TO AUGUST 1979

Israel admitted in a communique

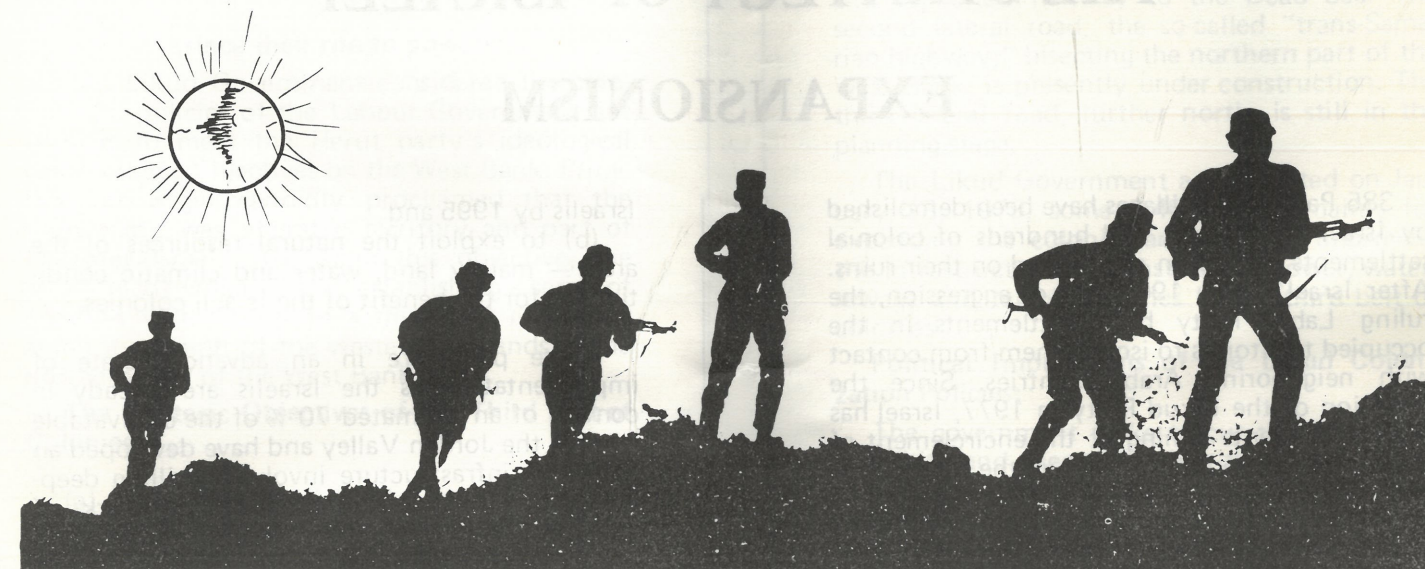
issued on September 2, 1979 by a military spokesman that 253 Palestinian commando operations have been executed, between June 1978 and the end of August 1979, 91 of them in Jerusalem. The Israeli military spokesman also stated that nineteen Zionist settlers have been killed and four hundred individuals wounded as a result of these operations, which took place in spite of the intensified security measures, which, according to the declarations of the Israeli police, involved the mobilisation of Israeli policemen, soldiers, civil guards and coast guards. bombardements of South

TWO OPERATIONS IN NABLUS

Palestinian commandos on September 2, 1979 carried out two operations in Nablus on the occupied West Bank, setting off charges near an Israeli checkpoint and



One of the military factories which were set on fire



throwing grenades at an Israeli military bus. The Palestinian Military Spokesman issued the following communique:

No 149/79:

Palestinian commandos on September 2, placed timed highly explosive charges near an Israeli checkpoint position on Court Street in Nablus, used as a base for all the Israeli mobile patrol units circulating in the city. At 12.00 noon the charges went off, killing and injuring an unspecified number of Israeli soldiers and damaging two Israeli military vehicles. Radio Israel admitted the operation the same day, and Nablus witnessed a massive arrest campaign and the usual detention of a large number of Palestinians on charges of involvement in the operation. The commando unit returned safely to base.

No 150/79:

Palestinian commandos at 8.00 pm, on September 2 attacked an Israeli military bus of the Dan Transport Company while it was passing through one of the main

streets of Nablus. In their attack, the Palestinian commandos used hand grenades, injuring a large number of Israeli soldiers who were in the bus. The Israeli forces immediately imposed a curfew on the region and carried out a thorough house-to-house search on the pretext of looking for those involved in the operation, and as usual arrested a number of Palestinian citizens. The Palestinian commandos returned safely to base.

COMMANDO ATTACK IN JORDAN RIVER VALLEY

Palestinian commandos at midnight on September 5 attacked the settlement of Beit Yusef, near Beisan, in the Jordan River Valley, destroying an Israeli half-track and inflicting a number of casualties. Like virtually all of the over one hundred and fifty commando attacks executed so far this year, it was not launched from bases in Lebanon, thus confirming the hollowness of Israel's pretexts for its repeated attacks on Lebanon. The Military Spokesman of the General

Command of the Palestinian Revolution issued the following communique:

No 154/79:

In continuation of the policy of escalation of armed struggle against the Israeli enemy, in support of the struggle of our people in the occupied territories, and as an expression of the will of defiance and steadfastness of our people against the Camp David conspiracy, the Lt. Abdel Rahman Hassan Abdel Rahman commando unit at midnight of September 5, raided Israeli military targets in the Beit Yusef settlement north-east of Beisan, in the Jordan River Valley. Our commandos planted several explosive charges in vital points in the settlement, clashed with the Israeli frontier guards of the settlement, and inflicted a number of casualties. Meanwhile, members of the same group ambushed an Israeli half-track and destroyed it with RPG's. The clash between our commandos and the Israeli forces lasted for around half an hour, after which our commandos returned safely to base.

ZIONIST SETTLEMENTS:

THE STRATEGY OF ISRAELI EXPANSIONISM

385 Palestinian villages have been demolished by Israel since 1948, and hundreds of colonial settlements have been established on their ruins. After Israel's June 1967 war of aggression, the ruling Labor Party built settlements in the occupied territories to isolate them from contact with neighboring Arab countries. Since the accession of the Likud Party in 1977, Israel has built settlements aiming at the encirclement of the densely populated areas in the West Bank and Gaza, the dispersion of the Palestinian people and their integration within the Israeli state. Following is a report on Israeli settlements in the West Bank, and the objectives which Israeli settlements serve.

1) LABOUR GOVERNMENT DESIGNS, 1967-77: (See maps 1 and 2)

The Israeli Labour Government concentrated on establishing civilian agricultural colonies in the Jordan Rift and highrise residential colonies around the 105,000 Palestinians in Arab Jerusalem. In the Jordan Rift, the Israelis set up a series of colonies along the North-South length of the eastern border of the West Bank, taking the form of two belts:

(a) The first belt: fifteen agricultural colonies in the Jordan Valley plains, extending from the southern part of the Dead Sea to the West Bank's northern border with Israel.

(b) The second belt: nine industrial and agricultural colonies on the highlands of the Jordan rift, starting on the South at the Jerusalem-Jericho road and connecting with the first belt of settlements at the West Bank's northern border with Israel. "The Allon Plan Road" was constructed to connect the colonies in the highlands with the ones in the Jordan Valley.

The Jewish Agency and the Zionist Organization formulated a Twenty Year Plan (19/5-95) to control the Jordan Rift. The plan's stated objectives were:

(a) to inhabit the area with at least 8,000

Israelis by 1995 and

(b) to exploit the natural resources of the area — mainly land, water and climatic conditions — for the benefit of the Israeli colonies.

These plans are in an advanced state of implementation as the Israelis are already in control of an estimated 70 % of the cultivatable land in the Jordan Valley and have developed an extensive infrastructure involving drilling deep-bore tube wells, extending the network of irrigation water pipelines, electric lines and underground telephone cables to serve and connect the colonies in these two belts. This is in addition to the permanent houses, vegetable packing plants, hot houses and drip irrigation systems installed for each of these colonies.

The strategic objectives of these two belts are clear:

(a) Cut off the West Bank's populated areas from any physical contact with East Jordan, and

(b) Contain the Palestinian population by surrounding them from the North, West, South and now, from the East, by the two belts of colonies.

Regarding the high-rise residential fortresses that form a ring around the Palestinian population of Jerusalem, the strategic objectives are:

(a) to prevent the physical expansion of the Palestinian population of Jerusalem, and

(b) to create a psychological feeling of living in a ghetto, in order to cause the Palestinians to emigrate and consequently facilitate Israeli control of the city.

The Political Implications of the Labour Government Colonies:

In any peace negotiations, the Labour Government was willing to discuss turning over the administration of the populated areas of the northern West Bank to Jordan, with a corridor through Jericho, but would not consider turning

over to Jordan the Jordan Rift, Palestinian Jerusalem, the cluster of colonies in the Beit Ummar area on the road to Hebron, or some areas in the western plains of the West Bank near Tulkarm and Qalqilya. These latter areas were to be permanently incorporated into Israel.

2) LIKUD DESIGNS FOR CONTROL

(since their rise to power)

The Likud Government considered the colonization policies of the Labour Government not enough to meet the Herut party's ideological and strategic objectives on the West Bank. Prime Minister Begin candidly proclaimed that the West Bank was liberated territory, and part of "Greater Israel." To attain this objective, the government embarked on establishing a series of colonies in the form of a third belt extending along the length of the western highlands of the northern part of the West Bank.

The Strategic Objectives of the Third Belt of Colonies:

(a) Move the Israeli border to the doorstep of the Palestinian populated areas, in order to prevent their physical development to the West.

(b) Divide the populated areas of the nor-

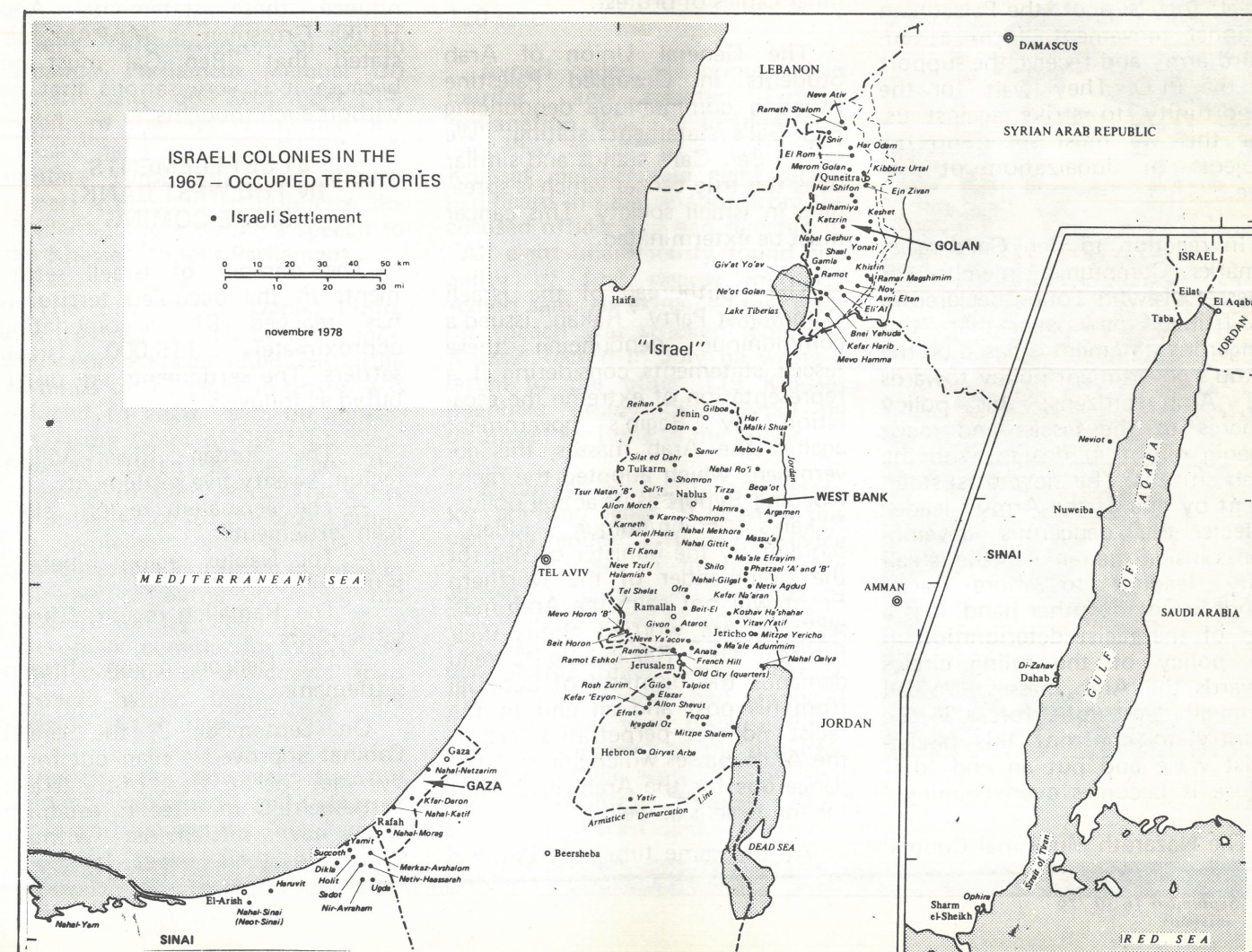
thern region of the West Bank into two, smaller areas: The containment of the Palestinians would be facilitated by enclosing them from all sides by belts of colonies.

To complete this plan of control, three lateral roads were designed to connect Israel-proper with three belts of colonies. One in the southern region of the West Bank, which is already open and asphalted halfway to the Dead Sea. The second lateral road, the so-called "trans-Samaritan highway," bisecting the northern part of the West Bank, is presently under construction. The third lateral road, further north, is still in the planning stage.

The Likud Government appropriated on January 18, 1979, some \$40 million mainly for expanding the colonies and also for improving the infrastructure by constructing power, water, sewage and telephone lines in the third belt of colonies.

Political Implications of the Likud Colonization Policies:

The government seeks to cut the West Bank into bits and pieces so that there can be no possibility of any territorial compromise over the West Bank and, at the same time, to complete Israeli containment of the 800,000 Palestinians living in Jerusalem and the West Bank.



ZIONISM IN PRACTICE

PROTESTS AGAINST RACIST STATEMENTS OF GEN. GAL CONTINUE

The statement of the Zionist commandor of the northern Front Gen. Avigador Ben Gal continues to create furious reactions among Arab and Jewish democratic circles in Occupied Palestine. Ben Gal in a speech made to 36 members of the Zionist Knesset during a visit they made to the Occupied Golan Heights and to the Zionist settlers there to support their call to annex the Golan Heights to the Zionist entity, he stated: "The Arabs are a cancer in the body of the state of Israel; they support the Palestinian national movement, form a vanguard army and receive the support of the PLO. They wait for the opportunity to strike against us. For this we must speed up the projects of Judaization of Galilee..."

In reaction to Ben Gal's racist remarks Communist member of Knesset, Tawfiq Toubi, declared in "Al-Ittihad" newspaper that "this dangerous statement is based on the Likud's government policy towards the Arab citizens; this policy adheres to the fascist and racist Koenig report in dealing with the Arab citizens. This new racist statement by one of the Army's leaders reflects the dangerous developments inside the ranks of the Israeli army leading to more racist stands... On the other hand, it is a sign of the racist deterioration in the policy of the ruling circles towards the Arab masses. We call upon all democratic forces in the country to confront this fascist-racist wave and put an end to it before it becomes overwhelming."

The Nazareth Municipal Council

in its meeting on August 15, 1979, strongly denounced Ben Gal's statement and considered it a national provocation against Arab citizens. The Nazareth Council also demanded Ben Gal's dismissal from his post and considered the background of Ben Gal's statement to be "the official policy of national discrimination and oppression against our Arab people on their own land, with the most prominent aspects being the Judaization of the Galilee, and confiscation of Arab lands which hinders development of Arab towns and villages order to stangle them".

The regional Committee of Heads of Local Arab Council in Occupied Palestine sent a cable of protest to the Zionist Minister of War demanding the immediate dismissal of Ben Gal from his post. The local Councils of Um al Fahem and Kufur Yassif, and the Druze Initiative Committee also sent similar cables of protest.

The General Union of Arab Students in Occupied Palestine issued a communique denouncing Ben Gal's statements stating: "We see in Ben Gal's stands and similar ones the true cancer which is spreading in Israeli society. This cancer must be exterminated."

The Politbureau of the Israeli Communist Party "Rakah" issued a communique denouncing these fascist statements considering it a representation of extreme the escalation by Begin's government against the Arab masses, this government which adopted the racist Koenig Report as its actual policy. Rakah's communique added, "scolding by the Minister of War for the Commander of the Northern Front will not calm the Arab masses who are worried about their future. The Rakah Politbureau demands the dismissal of Ben Gal from his post and an end to the racist policies perpetrated against the Arab masses which are not only dangerous for the Arab masses but for the Israelis as well."

At the same time, the Political

Department of the "Shelli" Movement sent a cable to Ezra Weizman, the Zionist Minister of War, demanding the dismissal of Ben Gal from his post and to prevent the leadership of the Israeli army from making such statements. Uri Avneri, a Shelli Member of Knesset said in this context: "It is not easy to demand the Arabs' loyalty to the State when they hear such statements". He asked "what would our reaction be if an American General said that Jews are a cancer in the heart of the U.S.A?"

The Zionist Labour Party issued a communique denouncing Ben Gal's statement demanding his dismissal; but at the same time supporting and praising the policy of Judaization of Galilee under the slogan of "developing" it.

Ran Cohen, Head of the Shelli bloc in the Histadrut called upon the Histadrut leadership to denounce these statements. And Ha'ika Grossman, a MAPAM MK stated that "Ben Gal must go because it is very serious that he harbors such thoughts."

91 SETTLEMENTS IN THE WEST BANK; MORE COMING

The number of Israeli settlements in the occupied territories has reached 91, accomodating approximately 115,000 Israeli settlers. The settlements are distributed as follows:

- The Jordan River Valley region: twenty-five settlements
- The Jerusalem region: eighteen settlements
- The Nablus region: nineteen settlements
- The Ramallah region: fifteen settlements
- The Hebron region: fifteen settlements

On September 2, the Israeli Cabinet approved a plan put forth by Ariel Sharon, Head of the Israeli Settlement Committee to establish four new settlements without specifying their exact locations.

Meanwhile, in an interview with the Israeli newspaper Ma'ariv, the Head of the Settlement Department of the Jewish Agency revealed that 50 more settlements will be established in the West Bank by 1984.

SHARON: EGYPT, U.S. APPROVE SETTLEMENTS

Ariel Sharon, the Israeli Minister of Agriculture, revealed that both Egypt and the U.S. approve of and

WAR CRIMES: HOW AN ISRAELI SOLDIER TORTURED AND MURDERED 4 LEBANESE VILLAGERS

TEL AVIV (AP) — An Israeli army officer tortured and killed four Lebanese civilians and threw their bodies into a well during Israel's 1978 invasion of South Lebanon, Parliament Member Uri Avneri said on September 14, details of the war crime had previously been suppressed by Israeli military censorship, even though Avneri attempted to publicize the incident in July during a speech to the Knesset, Israel's Parliament.

The officer, Lt. Daniel Pinto, was tried for murder before a military court and convicted. His initial sentence of 12 years in prison was reduced to eight years on appeal, but Army Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Raphael Eytan further cut the sentence to two years. The short prison sentence for the brutal crime was explained, at the time, by saying the incident had happened in the heat of battle by citing the emotions felt by Israeli troops after Palestinian commandos killed 34 Israeli civilians in the coastal road massacre which brought on the invasion of Lebanon.

Avneri said, however, that the incident happened well after a battle and behind the lines, and it

support Israeli settlements in the occupied territories. In a speech delivered on September 4, to the Israeli representatives of the settlements of the Galilee region, Sharon expressed surprise at the fear of several Israeli ministers to approve settlement plans. Sharon concluded by saying that the Israeli authorities could establish settlements in all parts of the occupied territories and that it was their right to increase the number of these settlements.

did not involve any military action. "The lieutenant kidnaped four ordinary people from the streets of their village, took them to an abandoned house, put them in separate rooms, and tortured them at length. He killed them and threw their bodies into a well," said Avneri, a member of the leftist Shelli Party, which has only two of the Knesset's 120 seats.

Avneri called the crime "plain murder" and rejected Eytan's explanation that the incident had happened as part of a battle. The Knesset member said eight judges had heard this explanation from the accused officer and had rejected it. "All eight unanimously found him guilty of first degree murder," Avneri said. He explained that after his speech was stricken from the Knesset record in July he wrote a letter to the other 119 Knesset members urging that Eytan be dismissed for lying to the public.

Eytan has been criticized before for granting leniency. Earlier this year, he reduced a 10-year sentence to three years in the case of a Jewish civil guardsman convicted of murdering an Arab at random. Meiv Pail, Avneri's fellow Knesset member of the Shelli party, charged then that Eytan had reduced Pinto's prison term because Pinto was the boyfriend of the daughter of another high army official, Maj. Gen. Danny Matt, the governor of the occupied West Bank.



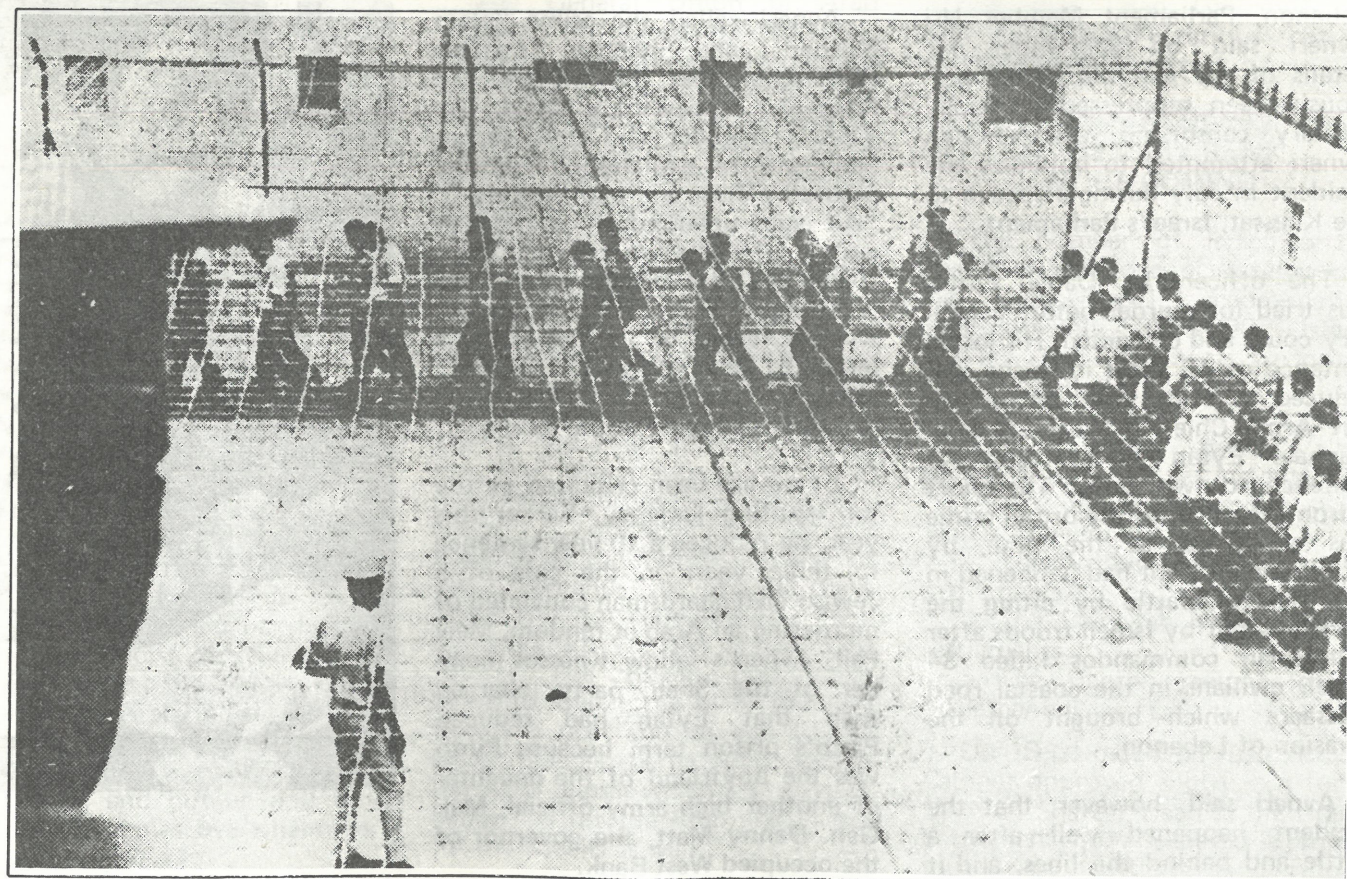
**SECRET 'TRIAL' AGAINST
WEST GERMANS:**

TERROR VERDICT AGAINST BRIGITTE SCHULZ AND THOMAS REUTER

An Israeli secret military "court" convening at an undisclosed place on September 11, 1979, sentenced Brigitte Schulz and Thomas Reuter to ten years imprisonment. The two West German youths were kidnapped by Israeli secret service agents in Kenya in January 1976 and held since then in Israel without trial. News of the alleged "verdict" was disclosed in the Israeli news media on September 11, 1979. Even then, the alleged charges against the two West Germans were not disclosed. Israel has never provided any indictment detailing the alleged crime. Even

though the scandalous 'trial' was held in secret, it was further hidden from public scrutiny by military censorship. On September 12, an Israeli army spokesman refused to release any information on the 'trial' and the sentences imposed on the two West Germans.

The parents of Brigitte Schulz were only permitted to see their daughter four times in prison since her abduction in early 1976. According to their reports, the Israeli 'accusations' claimed that the two had agreed to supply three



Palestinians with information about arrival and departure times of EL Al flights at Nairobi airport for use in an alleged sabotage attempt which actually never took place.

ZIONIST ATTEMPT TO SILENCE INTERNATIONAL PROTESTS

The Israeli announcement of the "verdict" represents a move to stifle mounting international protests against the scandal and the incredibly cynical way in which the Zionist state gangsters captured and mistreated the two West Germans in open breach and contempt of all international legal conventions. According to various reports backed even by the lawyers appointed to the defendants by the Israeli authorities and also by "Amnesty International", the two had been kidnapped by the Israelis on January 27, 1976 in Nairobi. They were tortured there by Israeli agents and then kept under interrogation, in secrecy and complete isolation in Israel for over a year with the Israelis even denying any knowledge of the arrests. Although Kenya never admitted any involvement in the case, Yitzhak Rabin who was prime minister at the time of the kidnapping wrote in his recently published memoirs that the two West Germans, together with some Palestinians, had been captured "in cooperation with the security services of African states."

The 10-year sentences come also as a snub to the West German public and government. It was announced the very same day that Zionist Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan ended his latest visit to West Germany on September 11, 1979. Maybe it was also meant to "relieve" the West German government from the need to issue further "protests" on behalf of its citizens, tortured and held in detention without trial. The

West German authorities themselves have come under increasing public criticism and pressure because of their negligence and even silent complicity in the affair. Apart from "reparation" payments and forms of material assistance, the West German government continues to provide Israel with annual aid of at least DM 140 million. Despite this, it proved unable to secure the release or even the minimal guarantee of rights for its citizens. In Bonn a spokesman for the foreign ministry claimed on September 12, 1979, that the announcement of the sentences came as a surprise even to the German embassy observer admitted to the "trial".

PALESTINIANS STILL HELD WITHOUT TRIAL

While the Zionist 10-year terror sentences were the culmination of more than three years of secret proceedings against the two West Germans, three Palestinians who were kidnapped together with them, continue to be imprisoned without trial. On September 13, 1979, an Israeli "supreme court" extended the Arabs' detention by another three months under a new Israeli law that permits unlimited imprisonment without trial for "security cases."

PROTESTS CONTINUE

In West Germany, democratic circles and some members of parliament have called for the immediate release of the two West Germans or, at least, for re-trial before a civilian court. Democratic people and organizations all over the world should continue protests for the release of Brigitte Schulz and Thomas Reuter and their Palestinian fellow sufferers in order to put an end to the machinations of the Zionist state gangsters and tormentors.

THE MOTHER OF BRIGITTE SCHULZ: "A TERROR VERDICT"

The Relatives of the two West Germans sentenced to 10 years in prison by an Israeli secret military "court" called the decision "a terror verdict".

From her home in Enkenback-Alsenborn, Inge Schulz, the mother of 28-year-old Brigitte Schulz, said on September 12, "It is a terror sentence, no matter how it came about." The brother of Ms. Schulz, Detlev Schulz, told the Associated Press that both families will continue to demand the release of the two prisoners. He announced that more pressure will be put on the West German and Israeli governments in an attempt to free their relatives. (AP 12-9-79).



*Mother of Brigitte Schulz at press conference,
protesting kidnapping of,
her daughter by Israeli secret agents*

ZIONIST 'WAY OUT': "A QUICK COMPREHENSIVE ATTACK"

In an article published in the Israeli news paper "Maariv" on 10/8/1979, Uri Dan wrote that according to military observers, the only option for Israel now is to launch a quick comprehensive attack against all P.L.O. positions in Lebanon, to occupy vast territories of Lebanon including Beirut, and then to declare Israel's rejection of withdrawal from these territories before fulfilling the following demands: First: Establishing a "Christian" right-wing regime in the Lebanese territories that were occupied. Uri Dan in this context scorned those who made fun of Major Saad Haddad who hadn't more than 200 soldiers two years ago, and Dan reminded them that he now owns a fully equipped army. Second: That the new regime be committed to prevent the P.L.O. from going back to that region and resuming its activities there. Third: That the Syrian army withdraw from Lebanon.

Dan added that those military observers think that neither Syria the Americans nor, the Soviet Union will dare to confront the proposed Israeli attack. But as for the Egyptians, they would protest and criticize but they would not violate the "peace" agreement.

Uri Dan confirmed that Israel has been launching a war of attrition against the PLO in Lebanon before and after the "Litani Opera-



Israeli tank during March '78 aggression

tion" in March 1978 but still the organization continues its activities against Israel from South Lebanon.

Uri Dan described the results of the "Litani Operation" as being zero as to any significant confrontation with the P.L.O. and said that the lack of a political plan obliged Israel to accept the stationing of U.N. soldiers and officers from different countries in the territories it had occupied.

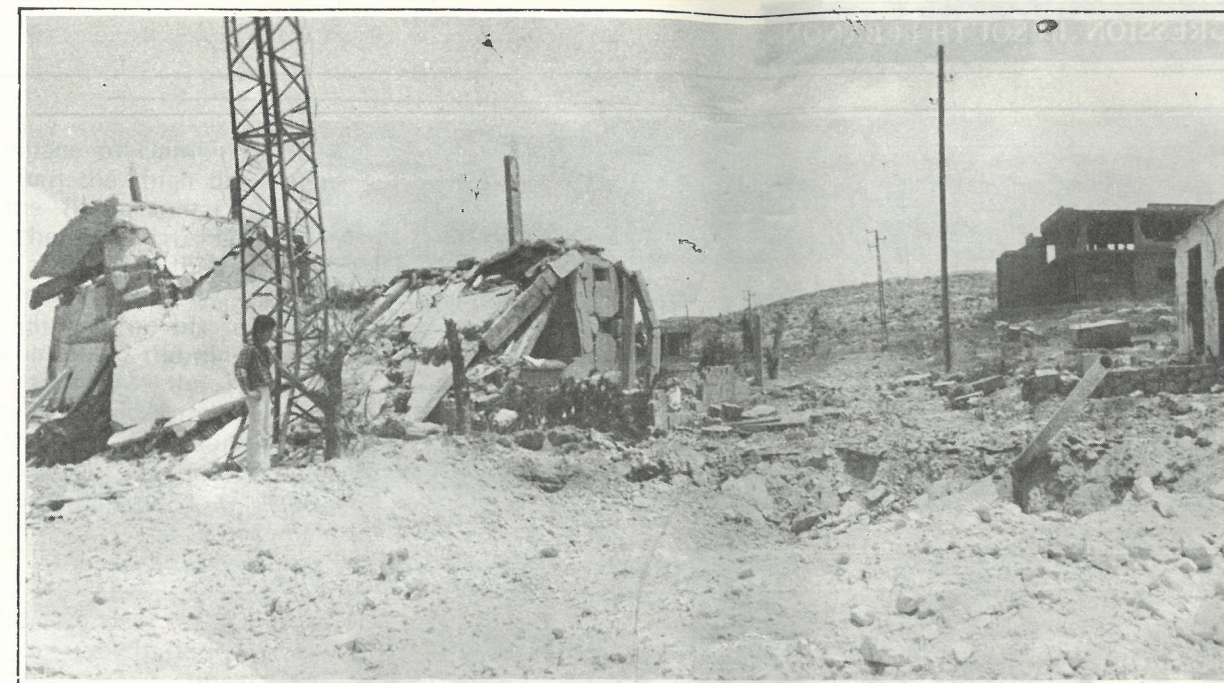
Uri Dan added that the attacks launched periodically by the Israeli army inside the Lebanese territories and the bombing raids by the Israeli air force against P.L.O. positions left a very bad echo in world public opinion. Photographs of injured women, aged men and children, and those of demolished houses are daily shown in western media and the effects have been to strengthen the P.L.O. politically. Dan concluded that Israel had fallen into the political and military trap laid for it by the P.L.O., and has no choices left but a quick comprehensive attack against all P.L.O. positions in Lebanon in order to destroy the organization and regain the political initiative.

Uri Dan also claimed that the Arabs in the West Bank, Galilee, Ara Valley and Negev are starting to be convinced that the day of their liberation is very close. He concluded that there are no options left for Israel but to choose whether to launch the Palestinian battle in Lebanon or postpone it and face it inside Israel.

But Uri Dan forgot or wished to forget that the battle of the Arab Palestinian people is an inseparable part of the battle of all Arab peoples struggling against imperialism, Zionism and Arab reaction. Thus the Palestinians' battle exists everywhere in this great Arab nation, in Lebanon, in the West Bank and in Gaza Strip.

ABORTIVE ISRAELI RAID IN BREACH OF CEASE-FIRE

On September 14, a U.N. spokesman confirmed a report that a unit of 13 Israeli soldiers tried to enter the zone of the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) on September 13 but was driven off by a Norwegian patrol. The spokesman said that the Israelis were observed three kilometers north of Kfarshouba, in the region's eastern sector, close to the border. "One Norwegian battalion patrol and personnel of one observation post fired warning shots to force the incursion party to withdraw."



After Israeli air raid on Damour

"A PRELUDE TO ANNEXATION"

BRITISH MP'S TOUR DEVASTATED SOUTH LEBANON

A group of British Labor Party Members of Parliament on September 14, 1979 toured the deserted and devastated streets of Nabatiyeh in South Lebanon and one of them remarked later it looked like "the prelude to annexation" by Israel. The MP's from Labor's Middle East Council were visiting the town on a fact-finding tour. One of them, Ken Weetch, told reporters: "The deserted streets, the apartments that were populated by families, and by families such as my own, it filled me with dismay. Had I not seen it I don't think I would have believed it." Lebanese officials accompanying the group estimated that less than a quarter of the town's normally 25,000 to 30,000 people were currently living in Nabatiyeh. When the MPs toured the town, the streets were mainly deserted and most of the shops had their steel roller blinds firmly down and padlocked.

Weetch added: "The damage and destruction were a vivid vision. I was really appalled by the destruction." His views were shared by the other members of the party, James Thinn, Ernie Ross and Don Concannon. Weetch paid tribute to those who were still living in the town, saying they showed a lot of courage.

"ISRAELI ATTACKS AIMED NOT AT GUERRILLA BASES BUT AT LEBANESE POPULATION"

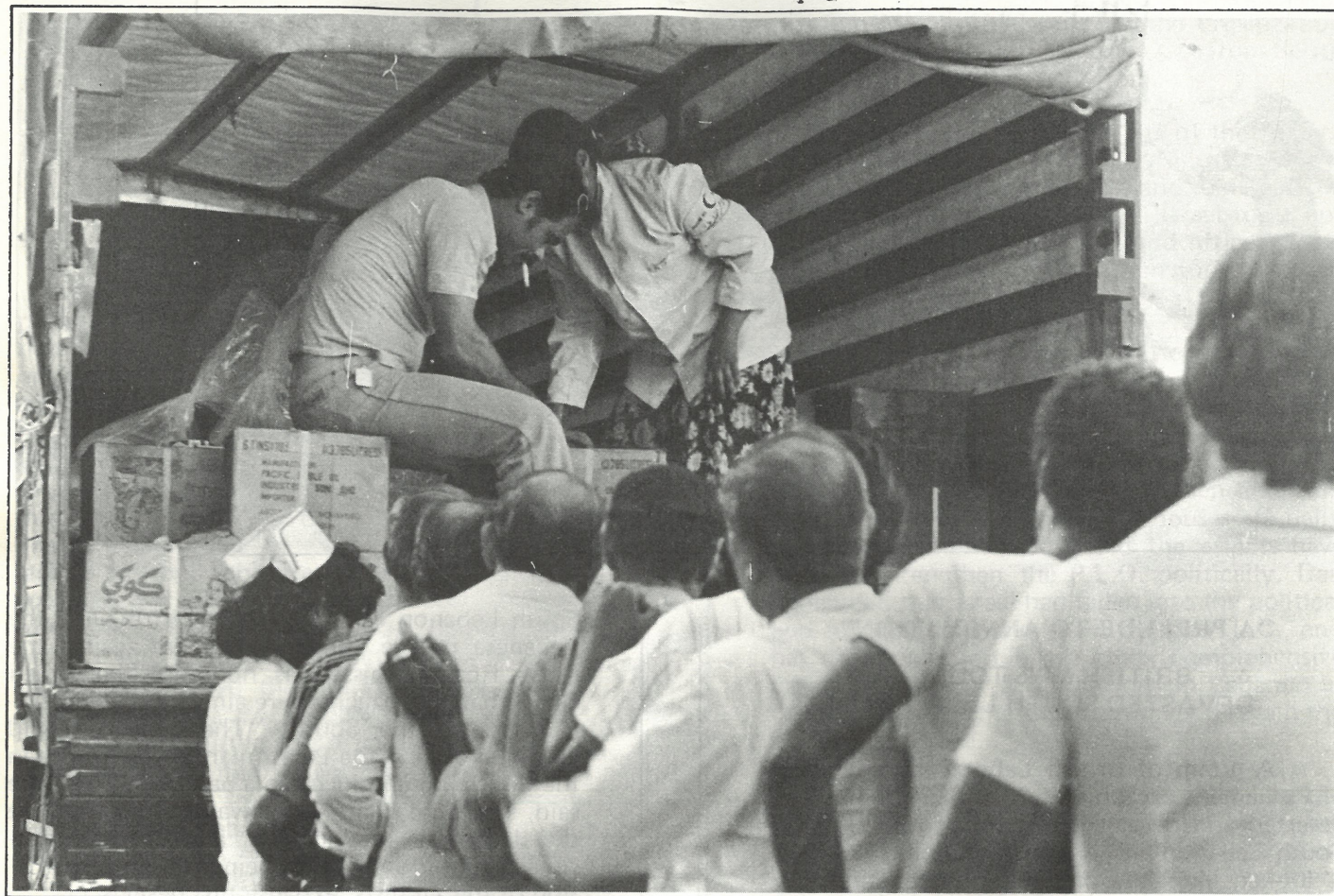
Ernie Ross charged that the Israeli attacks on

South Lebanon were aimed at "terrorizing" the Lebanese people and turning them against the PLO. Ross dismissed as nonsense the Israeli claim that the attacks were aimed against guerilla bases in the South. "The attacks would continue even if the Palestinian armed forces in the South were reduced to a bare minimum," he said, "because what Israel wants is to terrorize the Lebanese into turning against the Palestinians, the ultimate aim being the implementation of the Zionists' expansionist designs."

During their meeting with the Lebanese Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee, the British team were told by Vice-Speaker Munir Abu Fadel that Israeli attacks on the South had killed 350 people, wounded 1,500 others, destroyed 7,500 houses and displaced over 380,000 Southerners. In addition, 29 Lebanese had been abducted by Israeli troops, Abu Fadel said.

MEETINGS WITH LEBANESE GOVERNOR AND PLO

In Sidon the group held discussions with South Lebanese Governor Halim Fayyad, who informed them that in the last seven or eight months some 300 people had been killed during the clashes and artillery barrages in South Lebanon. The governor stressed his view that the rightist forces of cashiered Lebanese Army Major Saad Haddad were "a cover, so that Israel can stay in Lebanon without the world seeing that this is a clear invasion of Lebanon." Haddad's militias opened fire on Irish troops while the MPs were in the South. In the afternoon three members of the group returned to Beirut for talks with officials of the Palestine Liberation Organization.



PALESTINE RED CRESCENT RELIEVES HUMAN SUFFERINGS

BY CAROLINE TISDALL

(The following article written by a British journalist, Caroline Tisdall, was published in the British "Guardian" on August 14, 1979, however in a shortened and censored form. "Palestine" gives its readers the opportunity to read the full and complete version.)

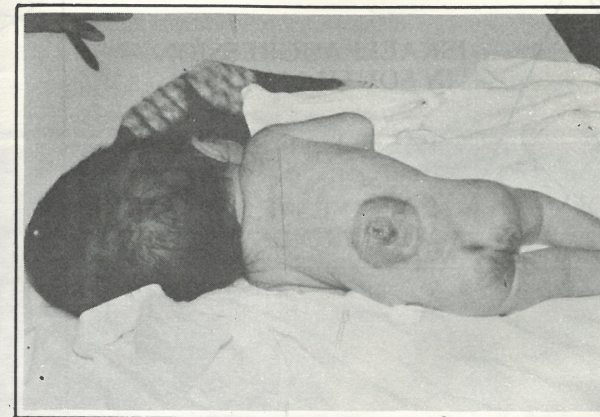
It's an ordinary day in the Gaza Hospital on the edge of the Sabra camp for Palestinian

refugees in West Beirut. A woman has just been rushed up to the emergency delivery room to give premature birth to a baby whose early arrival in the world may or may not have been hastened by the terrifying sight of an Israeli Phantom jet high over the city. The doctors are used to it now, and the incubator stands ready. In another ward lies one of the same plane's mission, a 30 year old woman from the coastal

village of Damour. Both her legs are shattered from the thigh down. One leg was mangled by the flying metal of the exploded bomb, the other was crushed ten minutes later in a car crash during the panic to get victims to hospital. Downstairs a 17 year old commando is also fighting for his legs. The surgeons have just completed the ninth operation to save them. He was one of the 72 prisoners returned by the Israelis as part of the Peace Treaty. During his two-years in prison deep bullet wounds had been treated as a minor infection with horrifying consequences.

They call it 'Going to Gaza'. Nearly all the 30 hospitals built by the Palestinian Red Crescent Society bear the names of the towns and villages from which hundreds of thousands fled when the Israelis occupied their land in 1948. They go to Nazareth, Haifa, Ramleh or Acre, and it sounds like home. It was in the cold winter of 1948 that the first hospital was established in Tyre in South Lebanon, an emergency field hospital built with donations from fleeing refugees to treat the wounded and exhausted among them. The two doctors who designed, built and worked in Tyre Hospital are still active. Dr. Said Dajani was then a young obstetrician who had worked under the British Mandate and left his practice in Jaffa to join the flood of refugees. Now he is a benign elder of the PRCS and directs the education programmes in its two schools of nursing, training hundreds of young Palestinian and Lebanese men and women to continue the work of 31 years.

Cooperation between Palestinians and Lebanese was there from the beginning. Dr. Dajani's fellow-builder and surgeon was himself Lebanese. Dr. Sadallah still spends two days a week operating in Tyre Hospital, and it was a Lebanese charitable society which carried the running costs until handing it over to the PRCS a few years ago. Now the Palestinian network of 30 hospitals and 100 clinics — most of them in camps — treats over 3000 patients a day. Many of them are Lebanese, particularly poor Lebanese who cannot afford the going rate for medical treatment. Others are Syrians or Egyptians. Their nationality is asked only on completion of treatment, for the record, and the same applies in other PRCS hospitals and clinics in Syria, Jordan, Egypt and Sudan. Extending medical care to the people of their host countries and the payment of nominal but waivable fees are both symbolic gestures for the Palestinians. It means they are offering back something concrete and essential while removing the begging bowl stigma of UNWRA (United Nations Relief Works) dependency.



Wounded child at PRCS hospital

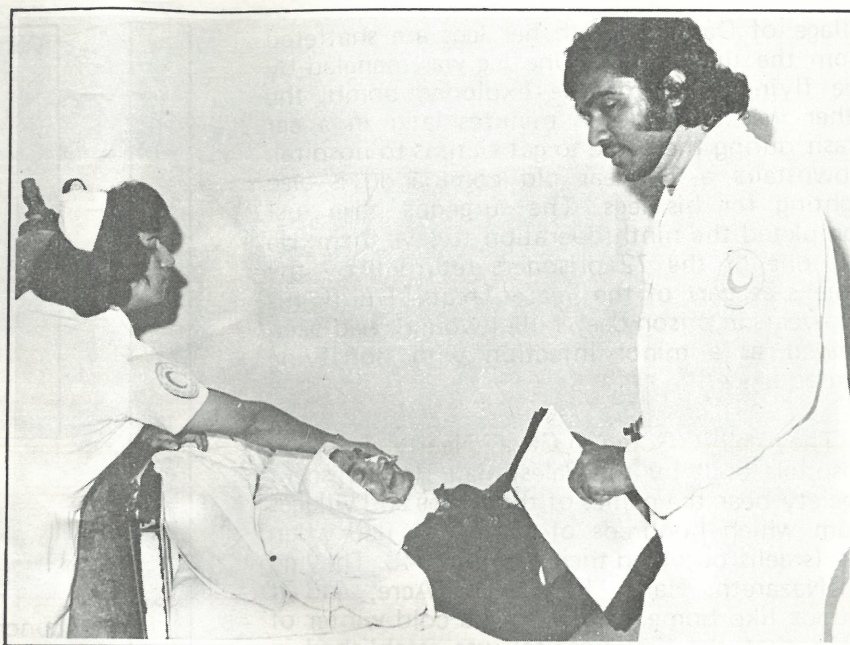
IN AN ENVIRONMENT OF DEATH: "WE BEGIN TO BUILD AGAIN"

The determination to build something concrete and positive in the worst of all possible circumstances lies behind the recent spread into civilian life of a service that started originally in Jordan as a service for wounded fighters. The Palestinian Red Crescent was established in 1968 and officially charged with medical care of Palestinians after the Arab summit of 1969 recognised the PLO as their legal representatives. After the war in Jordan in September 1970 when 22,000 Palestinians died, its thirty-three hospitals there were evacuated and the building process began again in the Lebanon. As Dr. Dajani says, 'We live in an environment of death, destruction and bombardment. Each time we begin to build again.'

Destruction came again in October 1975 when rightwing Lebanese Phalangists bombed the Jerusalem Hospital in Hazmieh, killing a patient, destroying the building and taking the doctor and paramedics as prisoners. Then followed the Israeli bombing of three clinics. The dead included a nurse. The worst blow of all was the siege and destruction of the Tal al Zaatar camp in the summer of 1976 when 3000 were slaughtered. From the crowded conditions of the hospitals attempting to cater for the survivors came the will to build yet more. Out of it came hospitals like Acre in Beirut, built from scratch in two years to provide 70 beds in 'normal' times. Acre Hospital started as a room and a stretcher in an underground car park. Now, two years later it is ready to embark on open heart surgery, with the operating theatres still underground for security against air raids.

REVOLUTIONARY MODEL OF MEDICAL CARE

Yasser Arafat insists that "the Palestinian

ISRAELI AGGRESSION
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Revolution is not only the fighter's gun. It is also the surgeon's scalpel, the nurse's patience, the writer's pen, the farmer's plough and a dress embroidered in a tent by the light of a kerosine lamp".

Dr Fathi Arafat, the leader's brother, is a GP and the president of the PRCS, and extends this message into the medical field: "In these difficult circumstances and with limited means we are trying to build a revolutionary model of medical care that can be of use to the entire Third World. We attempt to show that much can be done from simple beginnings and against all the odds, if the spirit is there. So we do not concentrate all our efforts on curative treatment. We put equal weight on preventative medicine, on educating our people to combat the conditions of camps, the open sewers, contaminated water, and all the dangers of deprived conditions."

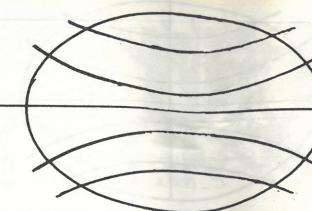
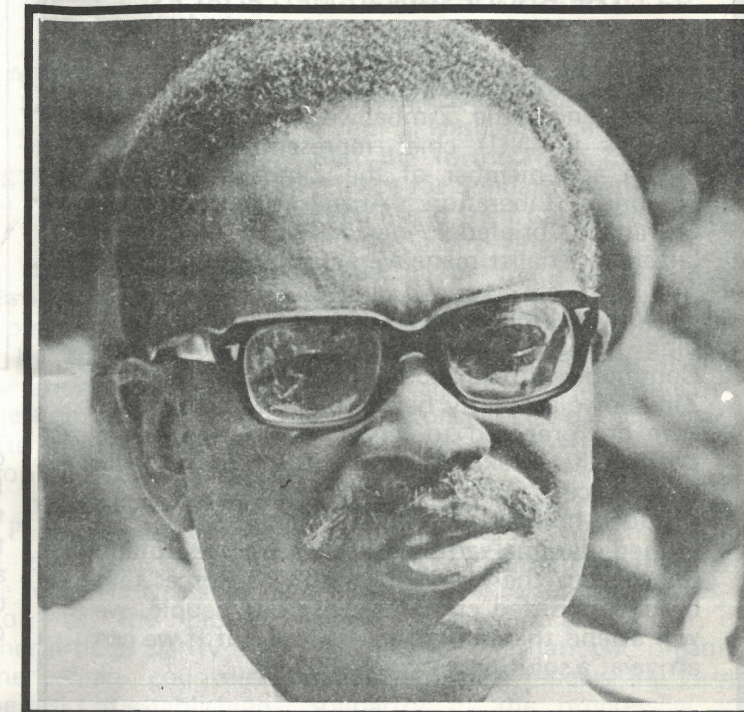
The teaching of preventative medicine extends into child care clinics and kindergartens, with added social touches like the teaching of illiterate mothers by the literate ones. Vocational centres have grown out of it too until in every camp there are workshops for basic first aid training, food production, typing and the development of traditional Palestinian crafts. "Our barefoot doctors are our mothers" says Dr. Arafat.

The most revolutionary model of all within the Red Crescent's activities grew out of new thinking about rehabilitation. Worst hit of all were fighters who had lost limbs, an arm, a leg,

sometimes two. Now alongside the Acre Hospital is the Ramleh Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Centre, run by amputees. In their workshop they produce an average of four artificial limbs a week. The experience of those who have lost a limb goes directly into the making of arms and legs for others, for they are the best judges and inventors. Most of the equipment is invented or donated. Wood has to be the main material until more countries donate the new sophisticated plastics that make a lighter fit, but with such donations as they have had the men in Ramleh have already succeeded in producing automatic joints.

WAR IN SOUTH LEBANON.

There are still setbacks of course. Since the beginning of the war in South Lebanon last year many thousands, Palestinians and Lebanese, have fled to Beirut. Hospitals there become more crowded, while in the south people are afraid to attend hospitals and clinics regularly. In Tyre Hospital only one baby is born a week now where four or five was the norm for fear they will be the target of the next bomb attack. Down in Rashidiya camp south of Tyre the Swedish and Norwegian volunteer team who run the clinic there said that not one patient had turned up for regular treatment that day. Usually they treat between 30 and 50 a day, but the night before there had been heavy shelling. People were afraid to go far from their shelters, though many need care for the skin and respiratory problems caused by phosphorous bombs and shelter life. The people were right. That afternoon the camp was shelled again.

PRESIDENT
NETO DIES:
A LOSS
TO PALESTINE

Late President Agostinho Neto

Agostinho Neto, the progressive leader of Angola, died in a Moscow hospital on September 11, following surgery. Comrade Neto was known to be suffering from cancer of the pancreas and sclerosis of the liver. Neto, who led the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola to power after 13 years of bitter struggle against Portuguese colonialism and intervention by South African-backed forces, had made several trips to Moscow for treatment. The life of the late comrade Dr. Agostinho Neto, a soft-spoken poet and physician, was characterised by incessant struggle to liberate the peoples of Angola and Africa from colonialism and racism.

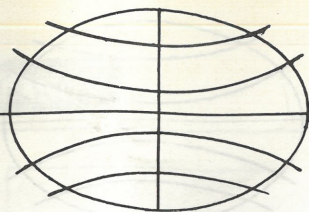
Dr. Neto was arrested for anti-colonial agitation and kicked out of medical school in 1955. As a refugee he resumed his medical studies in Lisbon, graduating in 1958. Upon his return to his homeland, Angola, Neto was once again arrested by Portuguese colonial forces for political agitation. After escaping from prison in 1967, Neto was elected President of the M.P.L.A., the struggling anti-colonial movement in Angola at that time. In 1975, the M.P.L.A., after a bitter struggle that lasted 13 years, liberated Angola from Portuguese colonialism and local stooges tied to the racist regime of

South Africa. Independent Angola under Neto's guidance has achieved many victories in the realms of national reconstruction and development.

Neto's Angola has been one of the major advocates for peace and freedom the world over, by standing with the forces of national liberation and justice against colonialism, racism, Zionism and imperialism.

ARAFAT SENDS CONDOLENCES
ON DEATH OF NETO

On September 11, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat sent a cable of condolences on the occasion of the death of Dr. Agostinho Neto, to the General Secretary of the Angola Workers' Party. Arafat expressed his regret at the death of the progressive militant, the leader of the Angolan people and a prominent African leader. He said that the Palestinian Revolution lost a dear friend and a supporter of the Palestinian struggle against Zionism, imperialism and reaction. Arafat expressed his confidence that Angola will continue along the same road laid out by Dr. Neto for peace and progress, and against Zionism, racism and imperialism.

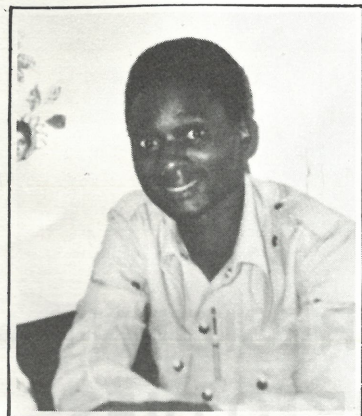


ZANU REPRESENTATIVE: "THE RHODESIAN ARMED FORCES MUST BE DISMANTLED"

While on a visit to Lebanon, Comrade Fred-die Matanga, the Zimbabwe African National Union's (ZANU) chief representative to the region and member of the Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army Military High Command, briefed "Palestine" bulletin on the latest imperialist maneuvers in Southern Africa.

Comrade Matanga, answering questions regarding the Patriotic Front's acceptance of the Commonwealth proposals for all-party talks on Zimbabwe currently being held in London, said: "We are prepared to talk so long as there are positive steps taken to ensure the success of the conference. The Commonwealth proposals included holding new elections and setting up a unified national army. Though we are totally opposed to the idea of uniting with forces that have committed crimes against our people, we will attend the conference to find out if we can arrive at a solution."

Comrade Matanga, assessing the success of any constitutional conference, stated: "For the



Comrade Matanga
explaining
Zimbabwe situation

success of any constitutional talks, the British government should accept the fact that the Rhodesian Armed Forces have to be dismantled; the police should be dismantled and replaced by the national liberation forces as the national army. This is not a condition for attending a conference, but it is a condition for the success of any constitutional conference."

Giving insight into the Rhodesian strategy of continuing its war of aggression against Mozambican villages and installations, Comrade Matanga stated: "The Rhodesians are always trying to drag Mozambique into the conflict. Recently they have perpetrated massive acts of aggression against Mozambique. The intent of such crimes is clear. If the Mozambicans retaliate as the Rhodesians desire, it will appear as if the whole conflict is between the Mozambicans and the Rhodesians. This would enable them to call for U.S. intervention and to consolidate Muzorewa's power. They also want to demonstrate that they have the capability to strike at will against neighboring countries if they continue to support the patriotic forces. Moreover, they naively expect that their acts of aggression against Mozambique will create a split between ZANU and the Mozambican people."

Regarding Bishop Muzorewa's claim that liberation fighters are joining his ranks, the ZANU representative pointed out: "If our fighters were really joining Muzorewa, why does he offer amnesty? The fact is that now 94 percent of the country has been placed under martial law, this is 6 percent more than when Muzorewa declared his amnesty. Martial law has been enacted in order to facilitate the regime's so-called anti-terrorist operations. This means we now operate inside 94 percent of Zimbabwe."



The people of Zimbabwe support the Patriotic Front

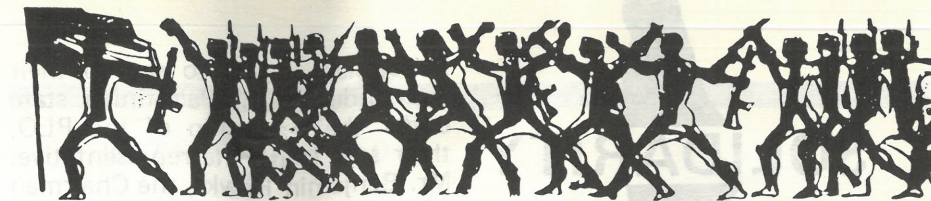
SOLIDARITY

U.K. SOLIDARITY GROUP INITIATES PROJECTS TO SUPPORT PALESTINIAN RIGHTS

A group called "U.K. Palestine Coordination" has been recently formed in London to bring together people who want to help fight the injustice done to the Palestinians and support them in their struggle against oppression, dispossession and poverty, both under Israeli rule and in the Palestinian refugee camps in exile. This will be done by supporting solidarity projects of direct and practical relevance to Palestinian needs. U.K. Palestine Coordination has initiated three such solidarity projects, through which concerned groups and individuals can express their support for Palestinian rights in a broad and non-sectarian framework.

The first project is in the field of Palestinian refugee education, including funds for schooling. The second project concentrates on the problem of Palestinian workers' rights. Palestinians under occupation and in exile need the solidarity of the British trade unions to fight oppression and exploitation. The third project is aimed at alerting the British public to the fact that the core of the Middle East conflict is the Palestinian people, who should be allowed to implement their right of return to their homeland to live there in freedom and equality with Israeli Jews, as a precondition for any just peace.

U.K. Palestine Coordination reiterates that the conflict in the Middle East will always remain at an impasse unless the undeniable rights of the Palestinian people are restored. "These rights cannot be



won back without international recognition and support", the group stresses, which can be contacted under: "U.K. Palestine Coordination" (MERAG initiative), 5 Caledonian Road, London N. 1.

"FILASTIN BILADI" IN TOKYO

The first issue of "Filastin Biladi" ("Palestine my homeland") appears on September 20, 1979, in Japan, issued by the PLO Tokyo office in cooperation with Japanese friends of Palestine. Its aim is to present accurate information on the Palestinian People's struggle and to counter the misleading Zionist images of the Palestine question. In its first issue, the magazine commemorates the tenth anniversary of the Revolution of the Libyan Jamhuriya. Other articles clarify the roles of other Arab countries, shouldering the tasks of establishing a lasting and permanent peace in the Middle East based upon the restoration of Palestinian national rights and self-determination and the right to return, and the creation of an independent Palestinian state.

LISBON CONFERENCE OF SOLIDARITY WITH PLO

The Secretary of the PLO Executive Committee, Muhammed Zuhdi al-Nashashibi, has confirmed that the forthcoming Lisbon Conference for Solidarity with the Arab People and their Cause, Palestine, is a great event which expresses the solidarity of the progressive and liberation forces in the world with the Palestinian Revolution, and Arab progressive forces in their struggle against the imperialist and Zionist conspiracies particularly the Camp David agreements.

Nashashibi added that the preparatory conference which was held in Tripoli in September 1979, was attended by 123 representatives of seventy-four political, popular, national and international organisations, and thus reflects the strong solidarity of the progressive and liberation movements with the Palestine cause. The participants have also sent letters of solidarity to liberation movements all over the world, and directed a call to the Sixth Summit Conference of the



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Non-Aligned Movement in Havana, in which they asked for ousting Sadat's regime from the Movement. The conference condemned the Israeli attacks on South Lebanon and asked for international military and material aid to the Palestinian Revolution and the Lebanese National Movement, and to the Syrian stand in rejection to all capitulationist solutions.

NAACP EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIAN RIGHTS

The American National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has expressed its support for the right of the

Palestinian people to set up their own independent Palestinian state under the leadership of the PLO, their sole legitimate representative. Mr. Benjamin Hawks, the Chairman of the Association, said in a statement at the end of the Association's meeting on 21 September, that the continuance of the present situation in the region can never lead to a just peace, but will only aggravate the dangers of a new war in the region. He added that it was necessary that the PLO should take part in any talks concerning the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination, as the sole legitimate representative of the people.

PLO JOINS LEIPZIG FILM FESTIVAL

The PLO will participate in the International Festival for Documentary Films which will be held in Leipzig at the end of November. The PLO has also been invited to join in the International Jury of the Festival, which will include representatives of thirty-four states.

PALESTINIAN CONFERENCE FOR NORTH AMERICA SENDS MESSAGE TO ARAFAT

The Palestinian Conference for North America sent on September 2 a letter of solidarity to Yasser Arafat which confirmed that the Palestinian people are an inseparable unit, and that the PLO is the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. The letter added that the Arab and Palestinian communities in the USA and Canada have chalked up a great achievement by creating the Palestinian conference for North America, which will be the means for organising the activities of the Palestinian community. The letter further confirmed support for the Palestinian people's struggle for their national rights, and for PLO policies, including the resolutions of the Palestinian National Congress. It further stated that this conference is a new step in the political struggle in the USA, and is a counter-response to the Zionist lobby.



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BY TAWFIQ ZAYYAD

"BURY YOUR DEAD "CUBA" AND RISE"

*Bury your dead and rise
For we had to drink it all...
Down to the glass itself,
This our red and bitter drink*

*And we had to be slaughtered
... To be slaughtered like an ewe
When history went mad*

*And we also had to flee
... Like a flock of geese, to flee
And feel shame down to our marrow.*

*Never mind! Our flesh is now a bridge...
... On the high and angry sea.
To shores that betrayed us not and which
we never betrayed*

*O you earth of shining gold
Of red rubies and ivory
Our love is stronger than love, and richer too.
Bury then your dead and rise
If tomorrow flies away, we will not let it flee.*

*We are not gone and lost... but
Once more...
We have been moulded
Anew.....
When your lips do utter lightning*

*My comrades in proud Cuba,
I bear for you a salute from my country:
Perfumed kisses and bouquets of coloured flowers..
In my country, people tell many stories about you,
They narrate them with hearts full of joy
And jealousy under grapevine trellises
In the fields
On the roofs
In the yards - and in their pour houses,
And their talk is fire, blossoms and exciting song.
O my friends who are spreading the aroma of
struggle over the world*

*Attack the colonists, because they have cut my wings.
For them I bear the revenge of a people upon
whom they inflicted wounds
Who are cast all/along borders
Longing for the spoliated homeland.
Attack.. the wing of the eagle is stronger than the winds
And the colonists understand not the language of
wailing and self-abasement
They only understand
The irruption of people on the road of struggle.*

(Tawfiq Zayyad, a beloved Palestinian poet, is also mayor of Nazareth in Galilee in 48-occupied Palestine).



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