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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

ZIONIST PROPAGANDA MACHINE IN CONFUSION

The Zionist propaganda machine which has been spreading lies about the Middle East situation in general and the Palestine question in particular, is getting more and more nervous. Their arguments are no longer valid — not even in the West.

The fact that the West European countries are adopting an independent approach toward the Palestinian question and the PLO makes them confused. For this reason they have to check the validity of their arguments and reasons for their propaganda policy. Old arguments which were misused to justify their occupation and expansion, and which were based on old biblical stories and verses, don't work anymore. The West is getting more and more conscious of the misery and sufferings of the Palestinian people.

Nowadays the Zionist propaganda machine in Western Europe and especially in the USA is concentrating mainly on two slogans: terrorism and communism. The Palestinian resistance to the Zionist occupation has always been labelled as terrorism, but now in a new tone. Through this new campaign they intend to keep the PLO isolated and to stop any new moves toward recognition or any change in attitude towards the PLO. According to Zionist propaganda, both the PLO and the IRA exist only to throw bombs everywhere. Supposedly, the PLO kills women and children and for this reason it shouldn't be recognized and her leader, Yasser Arafat, shouldn't be invited to West European countries. In order to whip up Western guilty consciences, they still show holocaust films. But even this trick of blackmailing doesn't work anymore. The communism argument is currently used to attack the PLO which is supposed to have special appeal for the anti-communist West. The West cannot approach a pro-communist organization — the PLO. Furthermore, the West

shouldn't support the establishment of a Palestinian state because ostensibly this state will be a base for Moscow in the Middle East.

The new arguments of the Zionists are so cheap and so weak because everyone knows that the PLO is not a communist organization and it doesn't have a communist or even a socialist program. Nor is it terrorist because it is resisting Israeli occupation and violence.

The Zionist propaganda machine is becoming bankrupt, but not in money or finances. It is bankrupt in logical and human arguments. Their distortion of the facts in the Middle East only finds receptive ears in Zionist and pro-Zionist circles in Western Europe and the U.S.A.

It is true that PLO successes in Western Europe are a great failure for the Zionists and their active and vigilant propaganda machine. But even the best propaganda machine in the world cannot fool all the people all the time. After thirty years of continuous success in distorting the facts about the Middle East and the Palestinian question, the time has come for world public opinion to know the true facts and realities and to see right and wrong. Facts can be distorted for some time, but not forever.

The Palestinian people, led by the PLO, are a main fact in the Middle East and sooner or later they will be recognized. In spite of Zionist propaganda and blackmailing, West European recognition of the Palestinian people's rights and the PLO is advancing. West European recognition of the PLO is a very important contribution towards a just and durable peace in the Middle East. The Zionist propaganda can continue its distortion and blackmailing, but the time will come when it is unmasked and isolated. The people of the world yearn for freedom, peace and justice — even in the West.

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CHAIRMAN ARAFAT'S VISIT TO TURKEY



Prime Minister Ecevit welcoming Chairman Arafat

Yasser Arafat and the PLO delegation accompanying him arrived on an official visit to Turkey in the capital Ankara on October 5, 1979. The delegation included Muhammad Zuhdi al-Nashashibi, Abdel Muhsin Abu Maizar, Ahmad Sidqi al-Dajani and Abdel Rahim Ahmad, all members of the PLO Executive Committee. The delegation was met at the airport by the Turkish Deputy Premier, Hikmet Cetin. Abu Firas, the PLO Representative in Turkey, and several Arab Ambassadors were also at the airport. Arafat and the PLO delegation was then received at the office of the Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit, who welcomed them and praised the relations between the Palestinian and Turkish peoples, confirming Turkey's support for the Palestinian struggle. Arafat responded by thanking the Turkish Premier for his invitation and declared that a common history had formed the basis for Palestinian-Turkish friendship.

Arafat said: "The Palestinian people will never forget that the first rejection of Zionist demands in history came from the Turks at the time of the Ottoman Empire. The people of Turkey are living witnesses to the Palestinian cause." He referred to the situation in South Lebanon, in which the Palestinian and Lebanese

people face a vicious enemy which utilizes the most modern U.S. weapons against women and children. Arafat emphasized the Palestinian people's determination to confront and foil the Camp David conspiracy and the administrative autonomy plan, and expressed confidence that the Palestinian people will soon achieve victory despite all the enemy's vicious attacks.

Ecevit, addressing Arafat as "esteemed brother," told his guest: "The ties of brotherhood between the Turkish and Palestinian peoples have their roots in history and we are convinced that on the basis of these ties, we will be able to construct a strong cooperation for the peace, welfare and happiness of both peoples." The Turkish premier said his country had always defended the national rights of the Palestinians, including their right to form a state, and would continue to do so. He said that in his talks with the PLO leader, they would take up world and regional issues as well as matters of cooperation. Ecevit also reiterated his government's support for the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinian cause.

Chairman Arafat later gave a reception at the new PLO office in Ankara, where he hoisted the red, black, green and white Palestinian flag to

the top of a flagpole in front of the two-storey building.

After the arrival at the reception of Turkish Vice Premier and Minister of State Hikmet Cetin, Arafat entered the garden which was bedecked with bouquets sent by Arab, Iranian and Palestinian students, and Turkish political groups. The Palestinian leader made the "V"-for-victory sign and exchanged talks with journalists and other guests, including Altan Oymen, president of the ruling social democratic Republican Peoples' Party. Arafat left the reception with Cetin for another round of talks with Ecevit.

The closed meeting was held between Arafat and Ecevit, together with the accompanying delegations. This was followed by a lunch given in honour of the visiting delegation which was attended by the Arab Ambassadors and several Turkish officials. Arafat also visited the grave of the Turkish leader Kamal Ataturk. On Saturday October 6, the PLO delegation ended their talks in Turkey, described by Chairman Arafat as "extremely constructive and useful, and left for a visit to East Berlin to join in the GDR's 30th anniversary celebrations (see the forthcoming issue of *Palestine*).

PALESTINIAN-TURKISH PRESS COMMUNIQUE

The following press communique was issued by the Palestine News Agency "Wafa" on October 8, after the visit of Yasser Arafat to Turkey:



Chairman Arafat visiting
the grave of Kamal Ataturk

"At the invitation of the Turkish Prime Minister, Bulent Ecevit, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat visited Turkey on the 5th and 6th of October. "At the beginning of their talks, Premier Ecevit delivered to Chairman Arafat a verbal message from the President of Turkey, Fakhri Koroturk, and Arafat responded with a message to the Turkish President. The talks between Prime Minister Ecevit and Chairman Arafat were attended by their respective delegations and were conducted in a friendly atmosphere. The two leaders discussed several issues of importance, particularly the Palestine cause, the Middle East problem and the Cypriot problem.

"The two sides confirmed their belief that coordination and solidarity on all levels between the Arab and Islamic states in the region will help to a great extent in solving all issues without foreign intervention. In this respect, the two sides confirmed their mutual solidarity over their respective national issues.

"The Palestinian side expressed its appreciation of the support of the Turkish Government and people to the Palestinian people in their struggle to achieve Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories, including Jerusalem, and to regain their national rights including their right to establish an independent state under PLO leadership.

"Chairman Arafat thanked the Turkish Premier for the warm reception and the hospitality shown to the Palestinian delegation during their visit to Turkey."

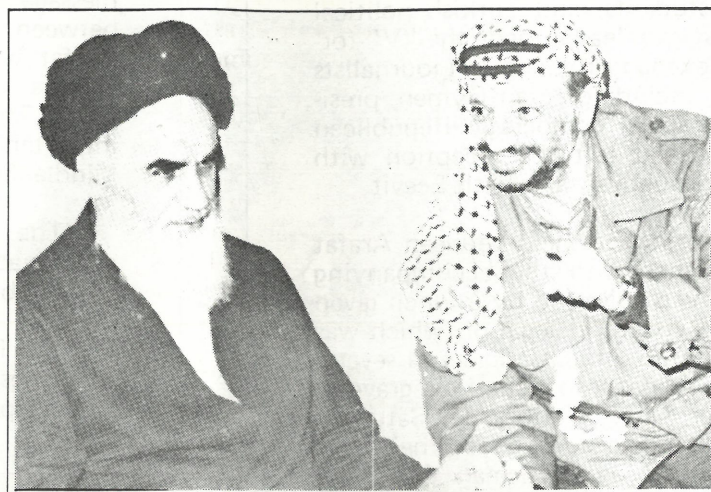
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KHOMEINI RECEIVES PALESTINIAN DELEGATION

Imam Ayatullah al-Khomeini on September 15 received the Palestinian delegation visiting Iran to offer condolences on the death of Ayatollah Mahmoud Talqani. Abu al-Walid, head of the delegation, offered Khomeini Arafat's condolences on the death of Talqani.

Khomeini said in his speech to the Palestinian delegation that Iran and Palestine are in the same trench, and called for all Moslems to be united against the oppressors. Concluding his speech, Khomeini hoped that all the problems between the Moslem countries will be removed for the purpose of liberating Palestine and all other oppressed nations. Abu al-Walid in response thanked Imam Khomeini and the Iranian people and government for the moral and material aid they provide for the Palestinian Revolution, and expressed the confidence of the Palestinians that Khomeini is the first supporter of the Palestinian Revolution. He said that Talqani's death is not only a loss for the Iranian Revolution, but also for the Palestinian Revolution.

The Palestinian delegation also visited the Iranian Foreign Ministry and military headquarters, where they met with the Deputy Foreign Minister and the Commander of the Iranian Armed Forces. Later the Palestinian delegation met with Ayatollah Muntazari and Dr. Ayatollah Bahashiti, who expressed their support of the Palestinian Revolution. The delegation also visited the headquarters of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards, and met with the Head of the Iranian-Palestinian Friendship Society. In related news, Arafat on September 16 received a cable from Imam Khomeini in which he expressed his deep appreciation for Arafat's condolences on the death of Talqani.



Khomeini and Arafat during the latter's visit to Iran

ABU JIHAD MEETS PRESIDENT OF ARAB-FRENCH FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY

Fateh Central Committee member Abu Jihad met on September 14 with the President of the Arab-French Friendship Society, Lucien Bitterlin. The one-hour meeting dealt with the developments in the Middle East, in light of the continuous Israeli aggressions against South Lebanon; the international situation, and a number of conferences planned in support of the Palestine cause. Abu Jihad confirmed during the meeting the determination of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories to challenge the enemy and confront the Camp David conspiracies.

GUPP PARTICIPATES IN LEBANESE PEASANTS CONFERENCE

A delegation of the General Union of Palestinian Peasants participated in the first annual conference of the National Federation of Lebanese Peasants on September 17. The Head of the Palestinian delegation delivered a speech saluting Palestinian-Lebanese solidarity. He condemned the Camp David agreements and called for coopera-

tion and cohesion between all the Arab Peasants' Unions. In addition, the delegations participating in the conference visited South Lebanon.

ARAFAT MEETS SYRIAN PRESIDENT

Yasser Arafat met on September 18 with Syrian President Hafez Assad in Damascus. The meeting was attended by the Syrian Foreign Minister, Abdel Halim Khaddam, and the PLO official spokesman, Abdel Muhsin Abu Maizar.

The meeting dealt with the latest developments of the Palestinian question, and the results of Arafat's visit to Spain, Algeria, Morocco and Tunis. The two leaders reaffirmed the necessity of increasing confrontation to the Camp David treaty.

ARAFAT MEETS HUSSEIN IN AMMAN

Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the PLO Executive Committee and General Commander of the forces of the Palestinian Revolution, on September 19 paid a one day visit to Amman where he conducted talks with Jordanian officials. The

Palestinian delegation comprised Abdel Muhsin Abu Maizar, the PLO Official Spokesman; Yasser Abed Rabbo, member of the PLO Executive Committee; and Brig. Abdel Razzaq al-Yahya, the PLO representative in Amman. The Jordanian side comprised King Hussein; Modar Badran, the Prime Minister; Hassan Ibrahim, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs; Suleiman Arrar, Minister of the Interior; Al-Sharif Abdel Hamid Sharaf, President of the Royal Cabinet; Maj. Gen. Amer Khamash and Maj. Gen. Zaid Ben Shakir.

Hassan Ibrahim, the Jordanian Foreign Minister, delivered the following statement at a press conference on the results of the talks: "Yasser Arafat visited Jordan and met with King Hussein and held talks with him which dealt with the Arab and international current situation and the bilateral relations between the two sides. They reviewed the positive results of the contacts in the Arab and international spheres in the recent period, the resolutions of the Non-Aligned Summit Conference in Havana, especially with regard to the Palestine cause and the Middle East, and the resolutions stemming from it which supported the Palestinian rights and the Arab cause. They affirmed the necessity of continuing their joint action and meetings, and confirmed what they agreed on in the previous meeting to coordinate Arab efforts at the U.N. General Assembly and to strengthen Arab solidarity and the Baghdad Summit Resolutions."

ARAFAT RECEIVES CABLE FROM CEAUCESCU

Yasser Arafat received a cable on September 21 from the Secretary General of the Romanian Communist Party, Nicolai Ceaucescu, in which the latter thanked Arafat for his cable of congratulations on the 35th anniversary of the victory of the Romanian revolution.

WORLD INTERPARLIAMENTARY UNION: PLO SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

The World Interparliamentary Union, meeting in Caracas/Vene-

zuela, passed a resolution on 21 September recognizing the Palestine Liberation Organization as the Palestinian people's sole legal representative. The resolution condemned Israeli attacks and acts of terrorism against the civilian population of Lebanon and in the occupied territories. It stressed that a lasting peace should come through recognition of the Palestinian people's rights to self-determination and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. The Union called for Israeli withdrawal from "all occupied Arab territories, including Arab Jerusalem." It also demanded guarantees for "the security and territorial integrity of all states in the region, including Israel, within secure and recognised boundaries."

U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT BARS PLO OFFICIAL FROM ATTENDING PALESTINE CONFERENCE

The U.S. State Department on September 24 refused to issue an entry visa to Abdel Jawad Saleh, member of the PLO Executive Committee, so that he could participate in the Human Rights Conference held in Washington during the weekend of September 22-23. The Spokesman of the Palestine Human Rights Campaign said that the U.S. State Department also forbade Zuhdi Terzi, the PLO observer at the U.N. to go to Washington to attend this conference. Dr. James Zoghby, the President of the Campaign,

condemned the "cowardice" of the U.S. State Department, and affirmed that the Palestinian cause will have a significant impact on the Black vote in the presidential election next year. Israel has barred Nablus Mayor Bassam al-Shaka'a from going to Washington to attend the conference.

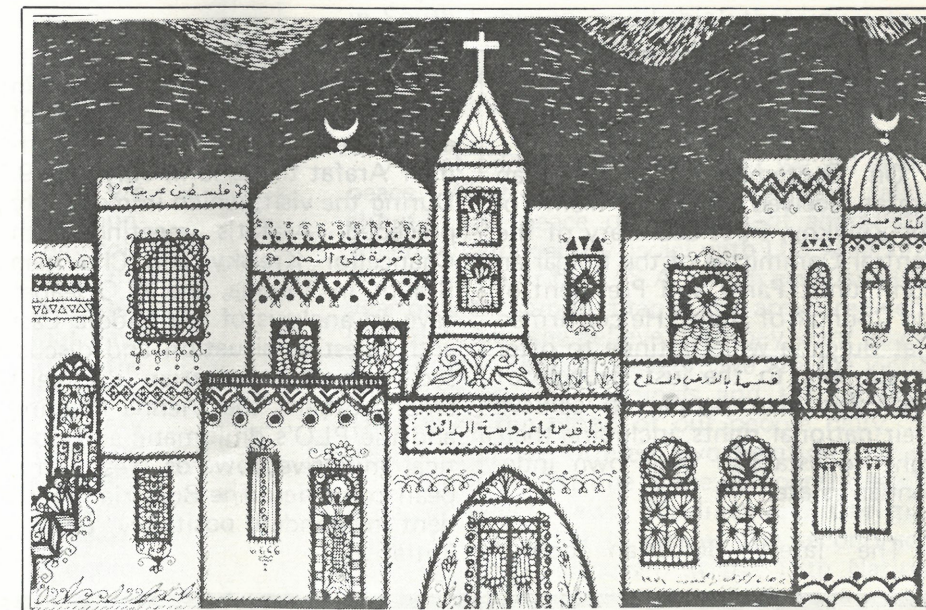
PALESTINIAN DELEGATION TO ANGOLA RETURNS TO BEIRUT

The Palestinian delegation which offered its condolences on the death of President Agostino Neto returned to Beirut September 25 after sharing with the Angolan people, the Labor Party and the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola their grief at the untimely death of the country's leader. The delegation placed a wreath on Nato's grave in the name of Yasser Arafat, and also attended the inauguration ceremony of the new President, Jose Eduardo dos Santos.

The delegation conducted bilateral talks with Angolan officials and met with some of the heads of the African Liberation movements.

ARAFAT MEETS FRENCH C.P. DELEGATION

Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the PLO Executive Committee and General Commander of the forces of the Palestinian Revolution, met September 27 with a delegation of



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the French Communist Party, headed by Politburo member Comrade Maxime Gremetz and Comrade Jacques Couland. The meeting was also attended by Comrade Nadim Abdel samad and George Batal, Lebanese Communist Party Politburo members. The PCF delegation handed Arafat an invitation from Comrade Georges Marchais, Secretary General of the French Communist Party to visit France. Arafat accepted the invitation and confirmed the strong relations between the PLO and the PCF.

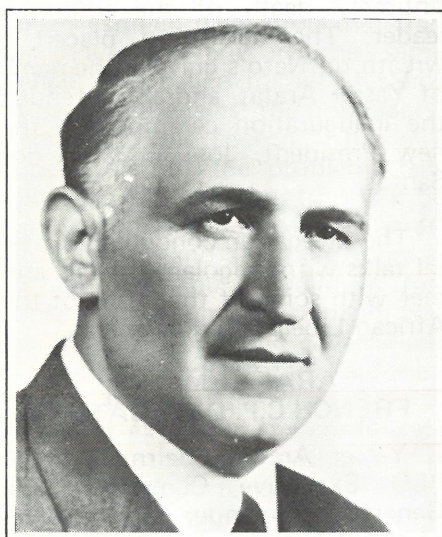
Discussions during the meeting dealt with the situation in the Arab region and the growing international recognition of the failure of the Camp David accords, and stressed that the Palestine question is a central issue in any peace effort.

CYPRIOT PRESIDENT SUPPORTS PLO

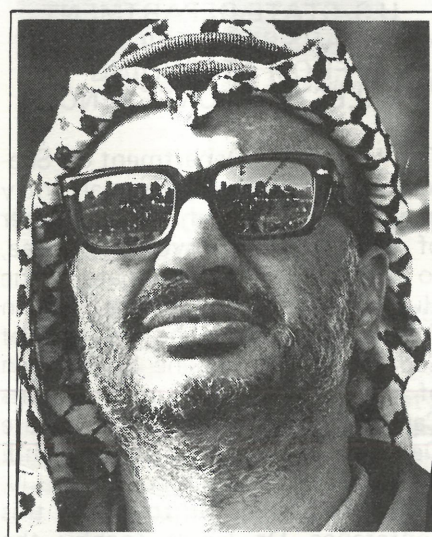
Yasser Arafat received on September 26, a cable from the President of Cyprus, Spiros Kypriano, in which he confirmed Cyprus' support for the Palestinian people and their national rights to return, self-determination and the establishment of an independent state.

GREEK SOCIALIST PARTY SUPPORTS PALESTINIAN STRUGGLE

The special envoy of Yasser Arafat met in Athens on September 25 with Andreas Babandirio, President of the Greek Socialist Party, and discussed with him the current developments in the Middle East, especially in relation to the Palestine cause. The President of the Greek Socialist Party, the leader of the opposition in Greece, expressed his support for the Palestinian struggle confirming their right to their own homeland. He invited Yasser Arafat to visit Athens as a guest of the Socialist Party. The date of the visit will be announced later.



President Zhivkov and Chairman Arafat — longstanding friendship between the Bulgarian and Palestinian people



PROSPERING BULGARIAN-PALESTINIAN RELATIONS

On September 26, Chairman Arafat received a message from Todor Zhivkov, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party and President of the Council of State. He confirmed that Bulgaria will continue to offer its support to the just struggle of the Palestinian people to achieve their national rights, including their right to establish their own independent state.

The latest Bulgarian confir-

mation of support of the Palestinian cause and the PLO comes in the aftermath of the recent visit of a PLO delegation headed by Chairman Arafat to Sofia in July, 1979. During the visit, which immediately preceded Arafat's meeting with Chancellor Kreisky and Chairman Brandt in Vienna, the PLO leader gave an analysis of the Middle East and Palestine situation and discussed with the Bulgarian President among others, the Vienna meeting and the PLO's diplomatic and political initiative towards West European countries. The Bulgarian President responded positively to this initiative.

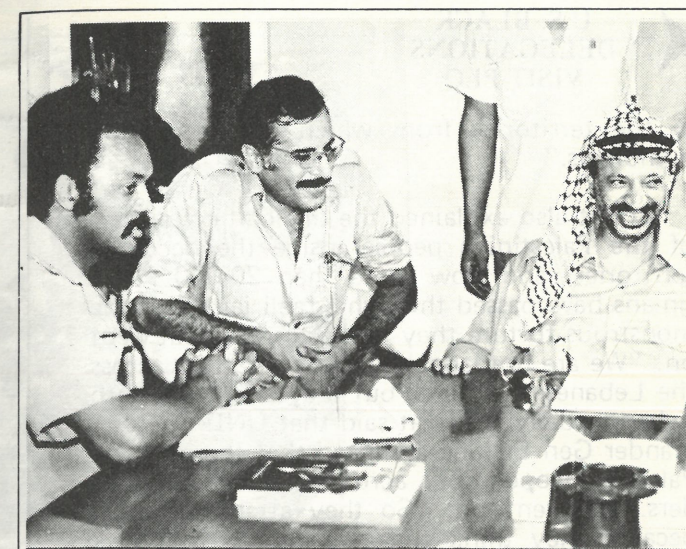
Bulgarian-Palestinian relations are based on a long-standing friendship. In the late 60's, Bulgaria was among the first non-Arab countries to recognize the PLO, and President Zhivkov was the first head of a socialist state to welcome and meet the Chairman of the PLO. Ever since, Bulgaria has supported politically and materially the Palestinian people's rights and struggle to end Zionist occupation, return to their homeland and establish their state. Bulgaria never ceased to offer vocational training and scholarships to Palestinians, to help in education on all levels, and to extend medical, food and other material aid to the PLO.

Cordial relations exist between Palestinian and Bulgarian youth organizations which often exchange friendship and cooperation delegations. Palestinian cubs "Ashbal" and "Zahrat" are regularly invited to Bulgarian youth camps. At the end of August, Palestinian and Lebanese children returned from an international children's assembly in Sofia bringing together 1,100 children from over 80 countries (see "Palestine" 1-15 September 1979).

The steady development in the close and friendly relations between Bulgaria and the PLO will be reflected in the imminent appointment of a new, official PLO representative to Bulgaria.



SCLC delegation with Chairman Arafat (right: Rep. Fauntroy, left: Rev. Lowery)



Arafat conferring with Rev. Jackson

U.S. BLACK DELEGATIONS VISIT PLO

Responding to an official invitation of the PLO, a 10-member delegation of Black Americans arrived in Beirut September 17, led by District of Columbia Congressional Representative Walter Fauntroy and President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Rev. Joseph Lowery. During their 5-day visit, the SCLC delegation held meetings with the PLO, and with members of the Lebanese government and the Lebanese National Movement.

On September 20, the delegation was taken on an extended tour of devastated South Lebanon. The trip included a close inspection of damage caused by the Israeli use of American weapons to Nabatiyeh, Beaufort Castle, Tyre and Rashdiyeh Camp. Afterwards Rep. Fauntroy confirmed the well-known fact of the proliferation of U.S.-made weapons littering the South: "I saw and will take back to the United States with me, some of the weapons that have been used on the Palestinian camps and on the villages of Lebanese citizens of the South including the cluster bombs..." The Rev. Lowery indicated that his group would take action on this issue: "We understand the State Department has made a protest to Israel. We certainly intend to intensify our demands that our government insist that Israel not use American equipment against our Palestinian neighbors."

DELEGATION MEETS YASSER ARAFAT

The SCLC delegation came to Lebanon seeking some kind of formula for peace in the region. The climax of their visit was a meeting with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat. At the meeting, Arafat said he was happy to meet them after their visit "for the Israeli forces are launching a war against the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples in South Lebanon, and I think that you witnessed during your tour the criminal results of the scorched-earth policy of Israel, using their U.S. war-machine."

Arafat added: "They say that we are against peace. What kind of peace are they talking about? The peace of the war of annihilation which is launched by Israel with U.S. weapons? Or the peace of the U.S.A. which gave Israel this year only six hundred tanks and armoured vehicles? How can one believe that they want peace? It is a new kind of slavery. We are the victims and they are the criminals and the terrorists. They shed the blood of our people daily, and despite that we offered two solutions for the problem: The first one is the democratic secular state in which Jews, Muslims and Christians could live together in peace. The second solution, which we discussed at the 13th National Congress in Cairo, 1974, is an independent state

U.S. BLACK DELEGATIONS VISIT PLO

in the territories from which the occupation withdraws."

Arafat also explained the difficult conditions of the Palestinian people inside the occupied territories, and how more than 20,000 Palestinians have passed through Israeli jails, and the monstrous torture they have faced. Arafat went on: "We are not launching our operations across the Lebanese frontiers, but they strike at South Lebanon daily." Arafat said that UNIFIL Commander Gen Erskine admitted that there are no Palestinian operations across the Lebanese borders. He went on: "So they attack Lebanon because they think that Lebanon is the weak link and they want to force Lebanon to join Camp David. We are not terrorists, and we will not stop our struggle, resistance and confrontation of the occupation. They will not succeed in annihilating us; instead the war of annihilation will inspire us to more resistance, and further unity with the Lebanese National Movement and the Lebanese people."

JESSE JACKSON: U.S. TAX PAYER PAYS FOR ISRAELI AGGRESSION

U.S. Black activist Rev. Jesse Jackson led a 17-member delegation of American religious leaders on an investigative tour of the Palestinian occupied territories and continued on to Beirut September 27, for a 3-day visit. After the brief trip to the occupied territories which included a

meeting with Palestinian citizens of Nablus, Jackson held a press conference in the West Bank town of Jericho. (See also communique of Nablus community on the visit under "Occupation Diary"). Jackson stated that he had witnessed the Palestinian people's determination to regain their national rights and establish a just peace in the area, under the leadership of the PLO, their sole legitimate representative. Jackson added that the Camp David agreements are insufficient for the establishment of peace in the area and will ultimately fail, just as any other step which ignores the PLO will fail.

Like the SCLC delegation which came to Beirut a week before, the Jackson delegation examined the destruction wrought by Israeli bombing attacks in south Lebanon, visited PLO institutions, and met with Lebanese government officials, leaders of the Lebanese National Movement, and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat. After Jackson witnessed the devastation caused by continued Israeli bombing of the Palestinian refugee town of Damour, he commented: "America is dangerously close to backing into another Vietnam War. Here Israel is the conduit, but you really see America's military arm in Lebanon."

As the delegation walked through ruins of destroyed homes in Tyre, site of some of the most savage Zionist air raids this past summer, a Lebanese woman standing in front of the few remains of her house shouted, "Go tell Carter to send us food instead of giving the Israelis these bombs with which they have been killing our sons." The delegation also passed through the ruins of the Palestinian refugee camp of Rashadi-



*Jackson confronted with
destruction in South Lebanon
caused by U.S.
weapons and Israeli raids*

yeh near Tyre, visited bombed out churches, schools and monasteries in the Christian quarter of Tyre and examined artillery mortars supplied by the U.S. to Israel. At the end of the day in the south, Jackson declared, "Our nation is deeply implicated in this suffering here. Our nation is involved in this, our taxpayers' money is involved, our reputation is involved." He went on to complain that the American media was not conveying a "complete picture about this suffering here" to the American people.

On Saturday, September 29, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat received the Rev. Jackson and the

accompanying delegation for two hours. Discussions centered on a review of the Palestine question, on relations between the Palestinian and American peoples, and on Jackson's visit to occupied Palestine, to the various institutions of the Palestinian Revolution and South Lebanon where he witnessed the effects of Zionist aggression in which U.S. weapons were used. Arafat and the U.S. Black delegation continued their talks during a dinner reception given by Arafat in honor of the delegation. The tour ended with the delegation wishing the PLO victory and hoping that the Palestinian people will return to their homes.

FOLLOWING VISIT OF U.S. BLACK DELEGATION: PLO DECLARES CEASE-FIRE IN SOUTH LEBANON

In an statement October 4, the PLO has declared an immediate unilateral and unconditional cease-fire in South Lebanon:

"Starting from its principles and its humanitarian ideals in resisting racial, national and social oppression, the PLO has always been concerned to develop a dialogue and strengthen the ties of friendship with all democratic and honest forces in the USA, in particular the Black community, in the belief that there is a beginning of change in U.S. public opinion. The PLO extended an invitation to Rev. Jackson and his brothers from the PUSH organisation, as it extended an invitation to Rev. Lowery, Congressman Fauntroy and their colleagues from the SCLC before, to see with their own eyes the

social, cultural and scientific achievements of the PLO and the traces of the barbaric Israeli aggression and savage bombardments on Lebanese towns and villages and Palestinian camps with the most sophisticated weapons. In the meetings between Rev. Jackson and Chairman Arafat as well as other members of its Executive Committee, the PLO stressed the following points:

First: The PLO's firm stand of opposition to the Camp David conspiracy and the danger it poses to the Palestinian and Arab people, and to the so-called 'autonomy' plan, which was rejected by our people, and which is considered a new form of slavery.

Second: The USA's attitude completely ignored the rights of the Palestinian people and their existence, including their right of return, self-determination and establishing their own

independent state. This has increased Israel's arrogance and its military actions against our people, and has prolonged the occupation of Arab and Palestinian territories, which is made possible by US military, political and economic support.

Third: Commitment to a cease-fire in South Lebanon on the basis of the PLO's concern for the security, safety and stability of Lebanon, at a time when the Israeli forces continue their aggression against Lebanese and Palestinian civilians, including women, children and old people. Such aggressions occur daily and are launched by sea, land and air, and they have resulted in the displacement of around 600,000 Lebanese and Palestinian civilians.

Fourth: A reaffirmation of the PLO's principled position, as embodied in its decisions which call for the establishment of an indepen-

dent state on any part of Palestine evacuated by Israel or liberated.

Fifth: The PLO confirms its principled stand towards Judaism as a religion, and towards the lofty values on which the Palestinian National Charter is based, as these are embodied in the resolutions of the Palestinian National Congresses, which call for democracy, equality and fraternity between Jews, Christians and Muslims so that they may live together in peace, justice and equality in our homeland, Palestine, free from racism, oppression and discrimination.

Sixth: The PLO calls upon all peace-loving peoples to support the Palestinian people in their resistance to Israeli occupation, because this is a moral and human responsibility approved by the United Nations Charter and all international resolutions and standards of human rights.

BEIRUT RALLY MARKS GDR 30th ANNIVERSARY

*At Beirut rally: Kurt Krueger hands
a symbol of GDR-Palestinian friendship
to Chairman Arafat*



A special celebration was held at the Beirut Arab University to mark the 30th anniversary of the German Democratic Republic. The rally was organized by the Palestine-GDR Friendship Association and attended by a GDR solidarity delegation headed by Kurt Krueger, President of the GDR Palestine Solidarity Committee. Chairman Arafat, various leaders of the PLO and the Lebanese National Movement, and the GDR ambassador to Lebanon also joined in the celebration, as well as a large crowd of Palestinians and Lebanese.

The president of the GDR Solidarity Committee, comrade Kurt Krueger, delivered a speech and expressed his appreciation for the sincere friendship between the German and Palestinian peoples. He said that "while we are celebrating this occasion, the traitor Saad Haddad and the Zionist army are shelling Lebanese villages and Palestinian camps in South Lebanon in order to destroy the steadfastness of this militant nation." He then referred to the German struggle against fascism and imperialism since the establishment of the GDR, and the stable support the GDR provides for all the peoples struggling against imperialism. He went on to say that the anti-imperialist alliance is the basis of Palestinian-German friendship, and stressed that the PLO is in the forefront of the struggle against imperialism. PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat delivered a speech at the rally. He said, "We all stand in the same trench in our struggle against Zionism and imperialism. We stand together with our genuine allies in the GDR and the Socialist Countries, foremost among them the Soviet Union. Our common struggle is against imperialism, Zionism, fascism and racism. We shall confront our enemies, the imperialist monopolies, as we confront the conspiracy led by the U.S. and the knights of Camp David, against the Arab nation and all honest and progressive forces in the world."

NO PALESTINIAN AND LEBANESE CAMP DAVID

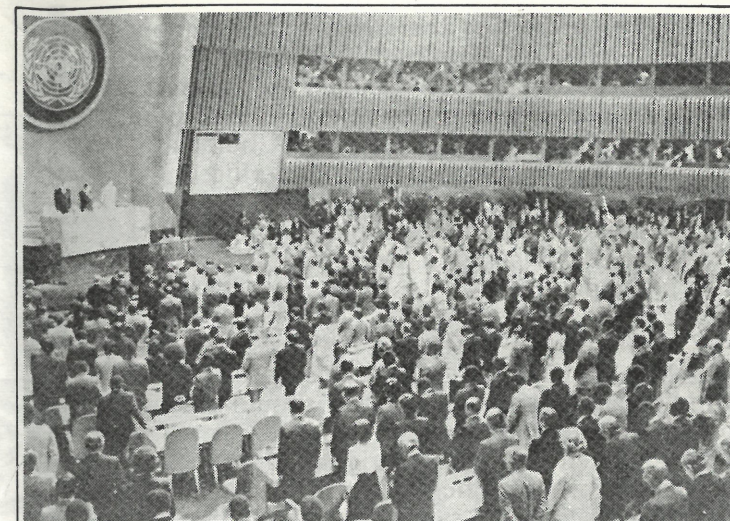
Addressing the GDR guests, Arafat went on: "As you fought fascism and imperialism thirty years ago, so now we are fighting these forces of imperialism which are daily hatching foul conspiracies, most recent among them the so-called peace proposals for Lebanon put forward by the U.S.A. Let them hatch their plots, let them manoeuvre, let them conspire all they wish, but the only one who will decide the fate of this region is the fighter, gun in hand. It is he who will determine the outcome of the equation, not the devious plans and conspiracies."

"One year has passed while they have vainly tried to touch up the ugly face of Camp David, but what have they achieved? The fascist occupation of our land continues still after thirty years. The occupation of South Lebanon is now in its second year, but they have been unable to enlist one agent from among the militant Lebanese people or the Palestinian people, this Palestinian people in whom we have placed our confidence in the struggle against the autonomy conspiracy and against the Zionist attempt to take possession of South Lebanon."

Arafat then reiterated that "the road is long and hard, as we are well aware, and as our comrades in the GDR and in the Socialist Countries are also well aware." He added: "U.S. imperialism thought that by using Sadat to execute their plans, the whole area would come under their control; but the heroic steadfastness of the Palestinian Revolution and the Lebanese National Movement have proved that they are well equipped to confront these conspiracies."

"Now, these new U.S. proposals on Lebanon are nothing but an attempt to coerce the area into a Lebanese Camp David, but no matter what the attempts are, the Palestinian-Lebanese gun, and the free, indomitable will of the Arab people will ultimately prevail."

U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY: WORLD-WIDE RECOGNITION OF PLO AND PALESTINIAN RIGHTS



The Palestinian people's legitimate national cause, the core of the Middle East conflict, has been neglected and in some cases opposed by generations of Western leaders. Some, like the U.S. leaders, have sponsored, and still sponsor, Zionist occupation of Palestine and aggression against its displaced inhabitants. At the current session of the United Nations General Assembly, some West European leaders have, however, revealed an awareness, heretofore unnoticed in them, of the essence of the Middle East conflict, and the path to the only solution of the conflict by focusing on the Palestinian factor, represented by the PLO. Now, West European leaders are assuming a more realistic approach in their relationship with the Middle East and Palestine. The Arab world, the Socialist Countries and the Non-Aligned states have responded with principle to the basic facts of the region for years.

In his inaugural address, the U.N. General Assembly's new president, Salim Ahmad Salim of Tanzania, appealed for support for the rights of the Palestinians represented by the PLO to self-determination and independent statehood. He also called for an end to Israeli "senseless bombing of civilian targets in Lebanon" and urged respect for "the freedom, independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon."

E.C. JOINT DECLARATION

Addressing the Assembly with a "joint declaration" on behalf of the European Community (EC), the Foreign Minister of Ireland, Michael O'Kennedy, mentioned the PLO by name for the first time and called for "respect for the legitimate Palestinian rights including the right to a homeland". He also repeated the principles

of the EEC's Middle East declaration of May 1977.

Lord Carrington of Britain, addressing the Assembly on September 19, said that Resolution 242 was "incomplete in the handling of Palestinian rights. The resolution takes no account of the legitimate political rights of the Palestinians which go well beyond their status as refugees." The French Foreign Minister Jean Francois Poncet pointed out "it will be necessary to enlarge the dialogue, to cease insisting on exclusions. All the protagonists must agree to talk to each other". Moreover, he added that the realities in the Middle East case were "the rights of the Arabs to recover their territorial integrity, the rights of the Palestinian people to a homeland." He concluded by pointing out that "negotiations with the Palestinians are only possible through the PLO, the representative of the majority of the Palestinian people." Austrian Foreign Minister Willibald Pahr told the assembly "a Middle East settlement can only be achieved by direct negotiations with the Palestinians, the large majority of whom accept the PLO as their representative."

Meanwhile, an Italian member of Parliament and foreign policy adviser to the ruling Christian Democratic Party, Luigi Granelli, in a press statement on September 27, said his country might officially recognize the PLO unilaterally if its EC partners were unwilling to do so. "It would be better for all of us to agree, but if we cannot, then my country might act alone," he said.

GROMYKO: MIDEAST IS "HOTTEST THREAT TO PEACE"

Soviet Union Foreign Minister Andrei

Gromyko, addressing the UN general assembly on September 26, expressed grave concern over the Middle East situation calling it the "hottest" threat to peace. He went on to ask, "What is the worth of declarations in defense of humanism and human rights — whether for refugees or not — if before the eyes of the world the inalienable rights of an entire people driven from its land and deprived of a livelihood are grossly trampled upon?"

Gromyko went on to add, "A just settlement and the establishment of durable peace in the Middle East require that Israel should end its occupation of all the Arab lands it seized in 1967, that the legitimate rights of the Arab people of Palestine, including the right to create their own state, be safeguarded and that the right of all states in the Middle East, to independence and existence under conditions of peace be effectively guaranteed."

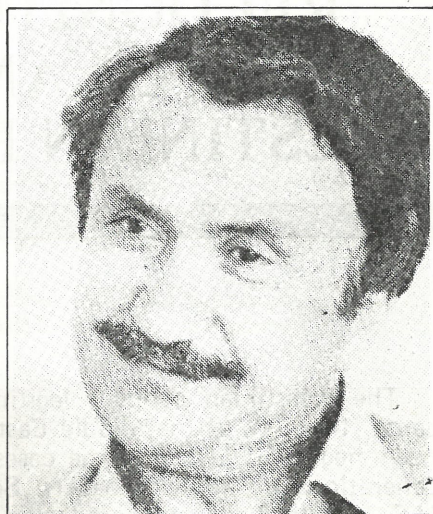
G.D.R. PAPER: "INTERNATIONAL WEIGHT OF PLO GROWING; ISRAEL STAKES ON TERROR"

"Israel stakes on terror" comments the main German Democratic Republic paper *"Neues Deutschland,"* on September 29. "Israel's growing aggression against the Palestinian refugee camps is escalating in the face of growing international weight of the PLO. After the Soviet Union, the GDR and other socialist states recognized the PLO, the governments of more and more capitalist states are favouring its official recognition." The reason for this is, the paper says, that a durable and just peace in the Middle East is impossible without participation of the PLO. Since the Zionist rulers of Israel, against all reason, are refusing to accept the PLO, they run ever deeper into international isolation. "The right-extremist Likud government now hopes to escape its dilemma by intensifying its terror against those whom it regards as the cause of its difficulties: the Palestinians," the paper comments.

VIETNAMESE-IRAQI TALKS: CAMP DAVID WILL FAIL

Vietnamese Premier Pham Van Dong, at the end of an official visit to Iraq, affirmed that the Israeli-Egyptian peace accords would fail. The Vietnamese leader said on September 27, peace in the Middle East could not be achieved unless the Palestinians' legitimate rights, including the right to self-determination, were recognized. News agency INA also quoted the premier as saying at a press conference that "the treacherous Camp David accords will definitely fail," and that his country was willing to strengthen and develop its relations with the Arabs.

OCCUPATION



Nablus mayor Bassam Shaka'a: prevented to attend American conference on Palestinian rights

WEST BANK MAYORS PREVENTED FROM TRAVELLING

The Israeli authorities on September 13 prevented Amin Shehadeh, the Mayor of Bir Zeit, and Ahmad Lutfi Uthman, the Mayor of Beitunia, from leaving the occupied territories. The Mayors of Bir Zeit and Beitunia had asked permission to leave for Jordan to get their municipalities' money from Jordanian banks in order to carry out projects which were approved by the two municipal councils, but they were denied permission to leave.

On September 23, the Israeli authorities prohibited Bassam al-Shaka'a, Mayor of Nablus and Dr. Haidar Abdel Shafi, Head of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society in Gaza, from leaving for Rome to participate in a Palestinian seminar being held there. It is also worth mentioning that Israeli authorities had previously denied al-Shaka'a permission to leave for the U.S. to take part in a conference on Palestinian rights, on the grounds that he had taken part in demonstrations against Israeli occupation.

DIARY

UM AL-FAHM CONFRONTS ZIONIST OCCUPATION TERROR

On September 18, citizens of Um al-Fahm and the neighboring Palestinian towns barred the gangs of the Rabbi Meir Kahane, head of the fascist "Jewish Defence League", from entering the town. Hundreds of Palestinian citizens — women, children, youths and old men — erected barricades and closed the roads leading to the town. They grouped together in the main street with sticks and stones to defend their lands. The report said that the Palestinian citizens informed the press that Kahane will be killed if he tries to enter the Palestinian village. Meanwhile, the Israeli security forces surrounded Um al-Fahm to protect the Israeli settlers from the anger of the Palestinian citizens. Later, it was reported that several villagers of Um al-Fahm were arrested and that the Israeli police broke into dozens of houses.

CHILDREN'S ART EXHIBITION

In a speech on September 20 at celebrations in honor of the Palestinian children who participated in a children's art exhibition, al-Bireh Mayor Ibrahim al-Tawil saluted the national consciousness of Palestinian children, and called for elevation of this consciousness, in order to be able to confront the conspiracies aimed at annihilating the Palestinian people.

ISRAELI RESTRICTIONS ON PALESTINIAN EDUCATION

The General Union of Palestinian Students in the West Bank on September 23 issued a communique on the occasion of the start of the new school year, condemning the Israeli policy of restricting and impeding the education of Palestinian students in the occupied territories. The communique criticised the shortage of text books, classrooms (the shortfall has now reached 2,266 rooms), laboratories, playgrounds and libraries. The communique also condemned



Our people in the occupied territories (here Jerusalem) protest the Zionist land thefts

the arbitrary transfer of students to different areas.

In related news, Bir Zeit University opened on September 15 for one month of courses to make up for the period that the students have missed because of the Israeli closure order against the University. The action will delay the 1979/80 school year for one month.

MORE POLITICAL PRISONERS ARREST CAMPAIGN

Nablus: On September 16, the Nablus military court sentenced Muhammad Odeh and Jamal Jbara from Qalqilia to 19 years imprisonment each; Muhammad Zeid (19) and Othman Daoud (18) to 15 years imprisonment each; Ali Ramadan (19) and Yasser Abu Khader (20) to 10 years each; and Hashem Tume (28), Muhammad Abu Aresh (26) and Muhammad Abu Daoud (29) to 19 years imprisonment each. On September 18 the same court sentenced Mohammad Da'o to 17 years' imprisonment and Jihad al-Athami, Jamal al-Iraqi and Khalid Thabit to 15 years each. Hussein Atallah and Basim al-

Hashash were sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment each. Also on September 23, the same court sentenced Imad al-Kauni and Hisham al-Aqad to four years' imprisonment each; Muhammad al-Aqad to 3 years' imprisonment; Ghassan al-Anabiawi to two years' and Jamal Keikah to one year and nine months.

In related news the Israeli authorities arrested Najeeb Abdel Muhsen. Israeli soldiers brutally beat Muhsen because he was wearing a shirt with the colors of the Palestinian flag.

Ramallah: An Israeli military court on September 13 sentenced Mirweh Khalaf and Odeh Asfour from the village of Sinjel to 4 years imprisonment each.

Bireh: On September 13, the Israeli military court fined Inshirah al-Hilo, a Palestinian student, IL 10,000 for taking part in demonstrations against the occupation

Gaza: The Israeli military court on September 15 sentenced Musa al-Hass (16) to five years imprisonment.

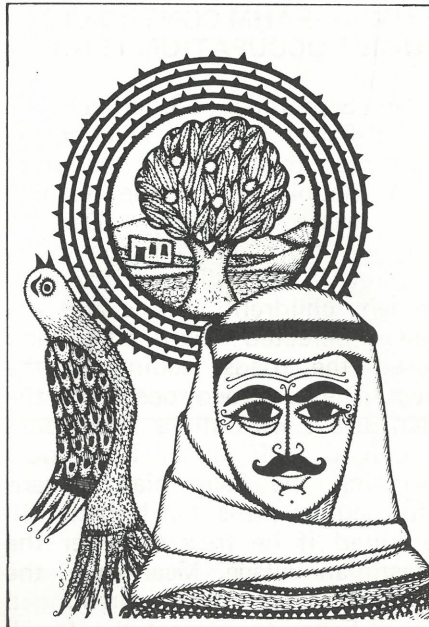
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al-Burjawi; Sami Kraji; Azmi al-Kraijat; Sadi Abu Ariss; Fadel Kraji; and Said Hanaiqin.

JERUSALEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PROTESTS TAX INCREASES

Hebron: On September 24 an Israeli military court in Hebron sentenced sixteen students from Halhoul Secondary School on charges of taking part in demonstrations and breaking the curfew which was imposed on Halhoul after the martyrdom of Nasr al-Anani and Raba al-Shalalkeh, killed by Israeli forces and Qiryat Arba settlers in March of this year. The same court fined eight youths IL 4,000 for leaving their houses during curfew. They are Naif al-Kraijat; Shaker al-Kraijat; Khalid

The Chamber of Commerce in Jerusalem on September 17 protested against the excessive taxes imposed by the Israeli customs authorities on the Palestinian merchants in the city. A memorandum of protest issued by the Chamber of Commerce to the Israeli occupation authorities also stated that the Israeli customs officials had launched a wide-ranging and harsh campaign against the Palestinian merchants and issued severe punishments for non-existent or slight violations.



Drawing by Burhan Karkutli

NABLUS COMMUNIQUE ON JACKSON'S VISIT

On September 26, Rev. Jesse Jackson and the American delegation accompanying him visited Nablus. The Municipal Council of Nablus on this occasion issued a communique stating that international and U.S. popular interest in the Palestine cause has increased in the past few months, as indicated by the stand of U.S. Ambassador to the U.N., Andrew Young. This has raised several questions regarding the justice of the U.S. stand and its responsibility towards the Palestine cause. The communique stated that the following facts which reflect the Palestinian suffering under occupation, should be considered by the U.S. public:

1. The Israeli authorities have removed whole Arab villages and expelled their inhabitants to make way for Israeli settlements, as was the case in the villages of Yalo, Timwas, Beit Nouba and in the expulsion of Palestinians from Qalqilya and Tulkarm.

2. The Israeli authorities have made arbitrary and collective arrests and administered collective punishments against unarmed civilians for alleged security reasons; and more than 4,000 Palestinian citizens are still suffering in Israeli jails.

3. Israel has confiscated more than 50% of the land in the occupied territories, for spurious

reasons such as "security" or "historical" right.

4. The Israeli authorities have developed their economy at the expense of the Palestinian workers, who have been disgracefully exploited, and have levied exorbitant taxes on the Arab inhabitants.

5. The Israeli authorities have applied a policy of obstructing and restricting Palestinian education, with the aim of inducing the Arab youth to leave the country. This cultural and education repression has included the barring of all history books on Palestine.

6. The Israeli authorities have used their military laws and orders to further their policy of expansion and the establishment of settlements; the most recent example of this is the new law enabling the purchase of Arab land by Israeli private citizens.

The communique concluded that the Palestinians in the occupied territories confirm that the PLO is their sole legitimate representative; confirm their rejection of the Camp David agreements; that the struggle will continue until the achievement of the national rights of the Palestinian people; that the resolutions of the U.N. General Assembly, particularly resolution 3236, are a step towards just peace in the area, and that the U.S. official position on the Palestine cause is antagonistic to the Palestine cause and supports Israeli expansionist and racist policies.



ARMED RESISTANCE

ATTACK ON GUSH IMONIM PROVOCATEUR

No. 158/79:

At dawn on September 16, a commando unit used machine guns to punish a member of the fanatic Zionist Gush Imonim gang, responsible for attacks on holy places in the occupied territories, and for provoking religious strife in Jerusalem. He was shot during a campaign of provocation against the Gethsemane Church on the Jerusalem-Jericho road near the Mount of Olives. Immediately after this operation, the Mount of Olives and the entrance of Eastern Jerusalem witnessed massive search and arrest campaigns by the Israeli security forces, who arrested several Palestinian citizens. Our unit returned safely to base.

No. 159/79:

A special Palestinian commando unit on September 17 placed a timed explosive charge in a bus station for Israeli soldiers in the French Hill, Jerusalem area. At exactly 7.30 am, the charge exploded, wounding an unspecified number of enemy soldiers and damaging parts of the station. Immediately following the explosion, Israeli security patrols surrounded and combed the area. Israeli authorities arrested a number of Palestinian citizens. Our unit returned safely to base.

EXPLOSIONS IN JERUSALEM

No. 163/79:

On the evening of 19 September, the unit of the martyr Abu Ali Iyyad moved towards its targets in Jerusalem amidst the tightest of Israeli security measures in the city to face the Palestinian operations. The unit placed several timed ex-

plosive charges at several targets in Ben Yehuda Street where the military security forces are stationed to guard Israeli military and political centres and personnel. The unit then continued its moves according to plan. At 6.40 pm on 19 September, the first charge went off at the first target. The charge seriously damaged several shops and vehicles parked in the street. The Israeli forces immediately closed off the area and barred any vehicles from entering it. The Israeli forces evacuated the area and while they were carrying out their search operation, the other charge went off at 6.50 pm causing human and material losses which have not yet been estimated.

The explosions that took place in Ben Yehuda Street in Jerusalem causing fifty-one casualties, some killed, some wounded, were admitted by the Israeli authorities as the most violent operation carried out by Palestinian commandos over the past eighteen months. This operation by our commandos operating inside the occupied territories confirms some indisputable realities, the clearest of which being the continuation and determination of the struggle of the Palestinian people against the capitulationist treaty of Camp David and the imperialist-Zionist-Sadatist offensive.

This major operation, accompanied by other operations by our commandos, comes at a stage when the attempts to bring our people to submission and to liquidate its cause by means of the 'autonomy' project of the Camp David accords and the one-sided Israeli-Egyptian treaties are being escalated. The Palestinian people inside and outside the occupied territories have rejected the autonomy conspiracy and declared clearly in demonstra-

tions and conferences that the conspiracy will not succeed, and that the PLO is the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. The Jerusalem operation carried out on 19 September comes as one of the answers to this conspiracy.

EXPLOSIVE CHARGE IN TEL AVIV

No. 165/79:

In their eighteenth operation in September, Palestinian commandos set off an explosive charge in the Carmel market in Tel Aviv. The charge went off, inflicting heavy material damage to several shops in the market, and causing a number of Israeli casualties which have not yet been estimated. The charges were set off despite strict security measures inside the occupied territories, and created panic among Israeli settlers who had to disperse from the area. Following the explosion, Israeli security forces evacuated the market and erected several check-points at which a number of Palestinian citizens were arrested on suspicion of involvement in the operation. The unit nevertheless returned safely to base.

FIRE AT LYDD AIRPORT

No. 167/79:

At dawn on September 28, a special commando unit planted a timed incendiary charge inside the warehouses of the Greasco Company at Lydd Airport. At 11.00 am, the charge went off, causing a major fire to break out in the neighboring warehouses, which resulted in as yet unestimated material damage and human casualties. The dozens of fire engines which consequently rushed to the scene were unable to extinguish the fire, which destroyed the contents of the warehouses and threatened the airport installations.

The security forces reinforced their checkpoints at the entrances to the airport, and arrested several Palestinian citizens on the pretext of their involvement in the operation. The commando unit nevertheless returned safely to base.

LAND "PURCHASES" TO SETTLERS



Palestinian farmers defend their land

To mark the first anniversary of the Camp David accords, the Zionist cabinet met on September 16 and escalated their designs for complete annexation of the occupied territories. After reports by Begin, war Minister Weizman (in charge of the military occupation), and Justice Minister Tamir (in charge of settlement of Arab lands), an Israeli cabinet spokesperson announced that Arab lands in the West Bank would be made available for purchase by Zionist settlers.

The plan for the sale of Arab land in the West Bank is a slap in the face to all international conventions regarding the conduct of an occupation force in foreign territory. Under the Geneva Conventions a military occupier is restricted from altering in any way the demographic character of territory held by force. This stricture specifically includes the sale of lands to citizens of the occupying power.

For the Zionists, the land sale announcement has two vicious objectives aimed against the Palestinian people living in the occupied territories. First, is to annex the territories before

the end of the 5-year time limit stipulated for implementation of the Camp David Agreements. The Zionist cabinet has explicitly instructed its negotiators at the so-called "autonomy" talks that any final declaration must include a guarantee for Zionist sovereignty over the occupied territories after 5 years. The second aim of opening up Arab lands for sale to settlers is to drive up the price of real estate in the West Bank as an inducement to Palestinians to sell their lands at a high profit and then evacuate the West Bank. The current Israeli economic crisis has its most devastating effect on the Palestinian people living in the occupied territories who have been cut off from their natural channels of commerce in the bordering Arab countries. Palestinian unemployment is rising; the cost of food and staple goods are affected by inflation in the Zionist economic sector; the Zionist settlement drive and their attempt to control water resources in the West Bank are undermining traditional patterns of Palestinian agriculture. It is the Zionist hope that by artificially triggering a skyrocketing of real estate values in the West Bank, Palestinians will be forced to abandon their most sacred possession, their land, as a means to simply survive the economic catastrophe imposed upon them by the brutal military occupation. But this is a foolish hope. The Palestinian people in the West Bank and Gaza are united as never before in their determination to resist the Zionist occupation and remain vigilant against all schemes designed to alienate them from their homeland.

WEST BANK PALESTINIANS DENOUNCE LAND GRAB

The outcry against this latest move towards Zionist annexation was immediate and vociferous in the West Bank. West Bank lawyer Auton Jasser described the land sale decision as an attempt to give the illusion that Zionist settlements are legal, since they are set up on lands purchased by Israelis. Bassam al-Shaka'a, Mayor of Nablus, stated that the decision unmasks Israel's real intentions and displays the hollowness and falsity of Israeli peace claims. He added that world, Arab and local public opinion should firmly oppose this policy and assert that the national rights of the Palestinian people, including their right to their national state, are the only foundations for peace in the region.



Land "Purchase" Act: a cover for violent aggression

Ibrahim al-Tawil, Mayor of al-Bireh, indicated that in his opinion there will not be any readiness among West Bank Palestinians to sell their lands to settlers. He stated that anyone who tries to violate the Palestinian national consensus and sells land to Israeli settlers should be struck with an iron hand.

WALDHEIM: ISRAELI LAND OWNERSHIP DECISION IS ILLEGAL

On September 19, U.N. Secretary General Dr. Kurt Waldheim criticised the Israeli decision concerning ownership of Palestinian lands. An official U.N. spokesman said that this decision contradicts the U.N. resolutions and the Fourth Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilians in Time of War.

The U.S. government issued a statement September 18 'condemning' Israel's land sale decision saying that it was "contrary to the spirit and intent of the peace process." The statement was issued two hours after Egyptian and Israeli negotiators had resumed their scheming with U.S. officials in Washington over the so-called autonomy plans for the occupied territories which completely deny Palestinians any exercise of their national rights. At the same time it has been reported that both the Israeli and Egyptian governments are actively imploring the U.S. to increase its direct grants and loans

for new weapons beyond the billions of dollars already earmarked for military installations in the Camp David Agreements. While the U.S. imperialists speak of Israel's violation of the "spirit and intent of the peace process," in substance they have armed the Zionists to the teeth with the most sophisticated weapons imaginable which ensures that Israel will continue its acts of aggression in south Lebanon. The U.S. weapons flow to Israel also ensures that Israel will continue to undermine the Arab character of the occupied territories. The U.S. has never backed up its flowery rhetoric about peace by cutting its military supply line to Israel in order to materially curb extreme Zionist intransigence.

ANNEXATION PLANS LONGSTANDING

Israeli intentions of annexing the occupied territories did not suddenly surface with the announcement of the land sale policy; they are longstanding. A week prior to the signing of the Egyptian-Israeli treaty, Begin promised an extreme right-wing faction of his Likud coalition to establish 10 new settlements in the West Bank within two weeks of the signing. Begin stated that the government interpretation of the Camp David accords was that there would be "full autonomy for the inhabitants" of the occupied territories, but not for the land.

ZIONISTS ESCALATE ANNEXATION PLANS:

LAND PURCHASES TO SETTLERS

On the day the treaty was signed, Israeli Agricultural Minister Sharon and the World Zionist Federation announced a 5-year plan for large-scale settlement operations in the West Bank. This master plan calls for the establishment of 46 settlements, a population transfer of 27,000 Jewish families (or over 100,000 people), and a total investment of over 3 billion dollars. The price tag for this year alone is 1 billion dollars.

SETTLEMENT BLOCKS, WATER THEFT

Simultaneously with the treaty signing Sharon elaborated on the annexation drive: "Settlements will be set up in groups, in regional blocks, with the intention that after a while all

the settlements of the block will be able to merge into a single urban settlement. Settlements will be established not only around the existing Arab towns, but also among them. The slogan now is taking settlement out of the underground, conducting action openly without the cover of fleshing out or enlarging."

To implement the policy of annexation, this summer the Zionist occupation force continued to expropriate scores of dunums of Palestinian land. Pipelines are currently being laid near Nablus to divert the city's water supplies to surrounding Jewish settlements. The practice of demolition of Palestinian homes has escalated. Vigilante squads have assisted the Israeli military in terrorizing Palestinians in the West Bank trying to force them to evacuate their homes.

The Zionist annexation drive has reached such a feverish pitch that after the land sale scheme was announced, the chair of the UN Palestinian Rights Committee, Medoune Fall, stated September 19 that his committee would call for an urgent meeting of the UN Security Council if the decision is implemented.

UNANIMOUS RESISTANCE IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

National figures, organisations and institutions in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip have expressed their rejection and denunciation of the Israeli government's decision to permit the purchase of Arab lands in the occupied territories by Israeli citizens or companies. Muhammad Musa Umar, the Mayor of Doura, said that this new law was a violation of international laws and conventions and of all humanitarian considerations, and called on international bodies to work for its annulment. He added that the best means to confront this law is for all honest Palestinians to abstain from selling any piece of their land, no matter how tempting the offer may be, and to deter by force anybody who might be enticed into selling his land. In Hebron, the Municipal Council of the city issued a statement in which it strongly denounced this implementation of the joint Camp David conspiracy, and added that the will of the Palestinian people shall not be weakened until the Palestinians achieve their complete inalienable rights. Women's organisations in the occupied West Bank issued a communique in which they strongly denounced the law and called on all forces to work against it. The communique added that the law was a violation of the 17th article of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in that the acquisition of territory by force is illegal. The communique called on all Arab and Islamic countries and all countries

which signed the Declaration of Human Rights to move quickly to repeal this law.

ABDEL JAWAD SALEH EXPOSES U.S. COLLUSION

Abdel Jawad Saleh, member of the PLO Executive Committee, declared September 23, that Israel's decision to allow the Zionists to purchase lands in the West Bank and Gaza Strip endangers the future of the occupied territories. He said that the danger is in the political nature of this decision, which means the annexation of these territories to Israel. At the same time, this decision enables Israel to avoid official annexation, which endangers the predominantly Jewish demography of Israeli society, and prevents an increase of the Arab Palestinian minority, which they consider to be a cancer they want to remove. Abdel Jawad Saleh condemned the U.S. collusion with Israel, and recalled Dayan's statement that the decision came after U.S. advice to increase official land confiscation. This decision, he went on, coincided with confiscation of more than 25,000 dunums in the West Bank a few days ago. Abdel Jawad Saleh clarified that this decision is another example of the nature of Israel's administration of the occupied territories, and a shock to those who were misled by the illusion of U.S. "pressure on Israel". He expressed the confidence of the PLO in the alertness of our people under occupation and their capacity to struggle to foil this latest Zionist measure.

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HALT JUDAIZATION OF JERUSALEM

Palestinian residents of Jerusalem have once again appealed to the Arab and Islamic nations to act to stop the Israeli plans to Judaize the city. The citizens issued a communique on September 23 in which they said that the Israeli encroachments on the city's Arab sector are threatening to eradicate the city's Arab and Islamic character. They demanded that the Arab and Islamic world should act to preserve the Arab and Islamic character of Jerusalem. The communique added that the Zionists called the Judaization plans "strategic development" of the Holy City, and the Israeli authorities have spared no efforts during the twelve years of occupation to implement their plans to Judaize the city in the most insidious and brutal campaign ever seen in the city's long history.

ISRAELI OFFICER REFUSES MILITARY SERVICE IN WEST BANK

According to a report from Tel Aviv by the West German "Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung" on September 28, an Israeli reserve officer has been sentenced to two weeks imprisonment for refusing to do service in the occupied territories. Segen Gideon Eshet asserted conscientious objections against participating in annual military exercises in the occupied West Bank. According to the press report, he declared that he was ready to defend Israel, but he was opposed to the occupation of the land of another people — the Palestinians. Eshet also said that it was the first time in nine years that the military authorities tried to force him to do military service in the occupied territories despite his protests.



Israeli destruction of Palestinian homes in the Old City of Jerusalem

SETTLEMENT CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

The Head of the Settlement Department of the Jewish Agency, Meir Rublin, announced on September 16 that six new settlements will be established: Rihan 'B' in the Jenin area, near the new town of Yahud, created specially for Caucasian Jews; Dotan, East of the town of Arraha, also in Jenin district; Qarnei Shamron 'C', between Nablus and Jenin; Qarnei Shamron 'D', also near Nablus; Alhana 'B', between Nablus and Ramallah, to be inhabited exclusively by Russian Jews, and Nevi Tsuf 'B', near Deir Balut village. Rublin announced that these six settlements will accommodate six hundred Jewish families.

BEGIN'S ADVISOR: ARM ZIONIST SETTLERS

Premier Menahem Begin's "anti-terrorism" advisor, Raphael Eytan, publicly recommended that every Israeli entering the Israeli-occupied territories, including East Jerusalem, should be armed. "Every citizen who enters the (occupied) territories, even in the Old City," he told an Israeli newspaper on September 18, "should carry a weapon and should know how to use it." This, he said, "would allow Jews to defend themselves whenever necessary," but should not lead to greater crime. The statement, coming close on the heels of the Knesset's real estate decision, should be read as follows, "Any Israeli who intends to buy a plot of land in the

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West Bank or Gaza must first make sure he will have enough left over to buy a private arsenal". Also, the suggestion, which is a recipe for the escalation of West Bank and Gaza violence should be read in the light of the many recent incidents in which armed settlers have fired on demonstrating West Bankers armed only with stones.

LUDVINA JANSSEN: ZIONISTS SEEK TO LIQUIDATE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

Ludvina Janssen, a Dutch woman released on September 21 after 3 years imprisonment in Israeli jails, in a press conference held in Amsterdam, said that Israel is striving to liquidate the Palestinian people morally and materially. She added that the torture she had undergone in Israeli prisons for three years had not changed her conviction of the justice of the Palestine cause. Ms. Janssen was arrested by the Israeli authorities three years ago on charges of collaboration with the Palestinian Resistance Movement.



Zionist "security": Every Israeli civilian to be armed

ISRAEL BANS "PEACE NOW" DEMONSTRATION

On September 17, the Israeli authorities prohibited members of the "Peace Now Movement" from entering the city of Hebron by establishing road blocks on the roads leading to the city. The members of the "Peace Now Movement" intended to stage a demonstration in the city in protest against the attempts of the settlers at the Qiryat Arba settlement to seize twelve apartments in the city, and against the Zionist alterations to the Ibrahimi Mosque aiming at turning it into a synagogue.

ISRAELI AUTHORITIES DESTROY HISTORIC TOWER OF JAFFA

The Israeli authorities on September 12 destroyed the historic tower of the city of Jaffa, which is considered one of the city's finest historical monuments. The Israeli authorities claimed that the tower is a danger to public safety since people were climbing it to watch matches being played in the city's stadium. In this context, it is worth noting that the Israeli authorities' policy since the beginning of their occupation of Palestine has been to suppress, and where possible to eliminate, aspects of Palestinian culture.

Meanwhile, the Israeli Income Tax Department has frozen the deposits of the Islamic Awqaf at Barclay's Bank in Jerusalem, amounting to IL 814,130. This amount has been allotted for repairs to the Aqsa mosque and other mosques in the West Bank.



Torture, strangulation, murder: Begin government considers Arab blood "cheap"

PINTO-AFFAIR:

ISRAELI CHIEF OF STAFF: KILLING AN ARAB IS A NEGLECTABLE CRIME...

Israeli Crime Minister Begin and War Minister Weizman are supporting Israeli Chief-of-Staff General Eytan in his stand for reducing the 12-year sentence of the Israeli war criminal Lt. Daniel Pinto, the boyfriend of the daughter of another high army official, Maj. General Danny Matt, the governor of the occupied West Bank. Former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin also announced that he has absolute confidence in General Eytan.

According to a report published in the "International Herald Tribune", September, 14, 1979, "In 1978, after the Israeli Army invaded southern Lebanon, Lt. Daniel Pinto, acting commander of an infantry company, tortured and killed by strangulation with a nylon cord four Lebanese peasants. Two enlisted men who helped him were sworn to secrecy. The peasants' bodies, bound hand and foot, were dumped into a well." The incident

happened after a cease-fire was arranged and the fighting had stopped. When other officers learned about the incident, "two of the bodies, showing signs of torture and no bullet wounds, were recovered from the well." Eventually a court-martial convicted Lt. Pinto on two counts of murder to 12 years in prison late last summer. However, due to high-ranking pressure, a second military court reduced the sentence to eight years, after which Chief-of-Staff Eytan, 'reviewing' the case in June 1979, reduced the sentence to two years. Now, Pinto is set to be released in early November 1979.

Details of the trial were suppressed by Israeli censorship restrictions, until they leaked to the foreign press. The published accounts raised international outcries of indignation. Recently, the case was brought to the Israeli Knesset by a civil rights activist and became the basis of a no-confidence vote initiated by Mr. Avneri and his Sheli Party. The Begin government defeated the vote.

Avneri and many other people

are also calling for the resignation of Eytan. Before the scandal leaked to the foreign press, the only information on the case had come from an interview Eytan gave to "Yediot Aharonot" claiming that the incident had happened in the "heat of the battle". According to Avneri, "In the interview, the Chief-of-Staff took Pinto's version, which judges in two instances had found to be totally false, and presented it as if it were proven truth. He did that full well knowing that censorship, which is under his command, would prevent publication of any other version."

ANOTHER SCANDAL

Following the Pinto scandal, a new case involving the murder of

Lebanese civilians by an Israeli officer came to light on September 26, in an open letter signed by 150 university lecturers. The letter, sent to War Minister Weizman, charged that Army Chief-of-Staff Eytan had also remitted the sentence of a senior army officer convicted of killing civilians during the Israeli aggression in Lebanon in 1978.

In a new interview with "Maariv", September 17, General Eytan declared that he had no intention of resigning. "I'm still at peace with myself" and "I enjoy the support of the minister of defense", the Israeli Chief-of-Staff said. The "International Herald Tribune", September 14, observed: "The undercurrent of criticism against Eytan suggests that he believes that killing Arabs is a negligible crime."



Drawing by Burhan Karkutli

ONE YEAR AFTER CAMP DAVID: ANYTHING BUT PEACE

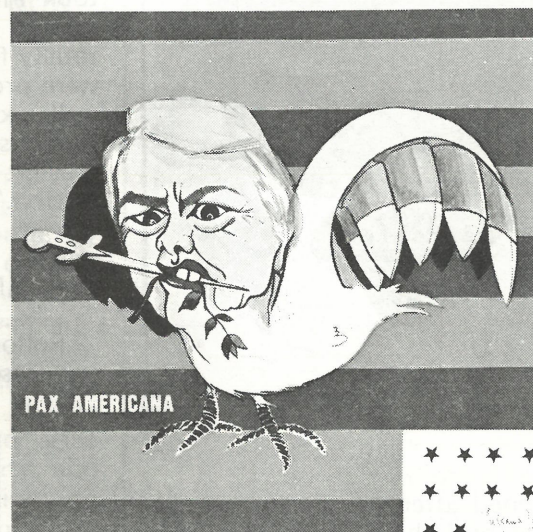
A year after the signing of the Camp David accords and the declaration of "peace" in the Middle East by Egypt, Israel and the USA, Egypt and Israel have informed the U.S. that they each need a multibillion dollar infusion of economic and military aid to maintain the "momentum" of the accord.

Israel's U.S. Ambassador Ephraim Evron called on U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance on September 12 to formally present to the Carter Administration Israel's request for \$ 3.4 billion in military aid for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 1980. This is over and above the \$ 1.8 billion that has already been granted to Israel for the same fiscal year. This request was followed by Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizman's visit to Washington on September 14. Upon his arrival there Weizman met with U.S. Defence Secretary Harold Brown and discussed the possibilities of Israel co-producing the next generation of U.S. fighter aircraft, including a land-based version of the F-18.

WEAPON PROCUREMENTS SOARING

These Israeli requests come at a time when Israel is already armed to the teeth, and when it is escalating its open and under-cover aggression against the PLO and Arab national forces, especially in Lebanon. In its August 1979 issue, "Middle East" magazine reports that a year ago, at the time of the signing of the Camp David accords, the CIA affirmed that Israel's military power had increased since the 1973 war, and much more rapidly than did the power of the Arab countries. The CIA estimated that Israel would be able to defeat all the Arab armies at one go at least until 1982. Israel one year ago already had 50 per cent more warplanes than it did during the 1973 war, 55 per cent more warships, 50 per cent more tanks, 100 per cent more artillery and 100 per cent more armored vehicles. In contrast, Arab military power was at best equal to 1973 levels. In addition, one-third of Syria's military power was (and still is) stationed in Lebanon, tied down in policing duties.

With the departure of Egypt from the Arab front because of the Camp David accords, the military balance of power in the Middle East



has swung decisively in Israel's favor for the foreseeable future. This being so, why does Israel need \$ 3.4 billion more in military aid? The answer is to be found in the accords reached at Camp David, which aim at anything but peace in the region.

The State of Israel, which came into existence in the Arab Middle East to safeguard imperialist interests, is still perceived by Pentagon strategists as the spearhead of U.S. forces in the region. Israel will intervene in any part of the Middle East if U.S. dominance over oil and other area resources is threatened. In return for this potential service to US imperialism, Israel has acquired advanced security systems and arsenals to step up aggression against Palestinian refugees and Palestinians under occupation. With these it can continue to deny the national rights of the Palestinian people.

Egypt, though not as powerfully armed as Israel, is also expected to play a role in the region in service to U.S. imperialism. President Carter himself spelled it out when speaking last February to a gathering of editors and broadcasters at the State Department. He pointed out that "Egypt has five divisions or more facing

Israel. If a peace agreement were to free those forces they might well be used to preserve peace."

STEPPED UP ACTS OF AGGRESSION

Now these "peace" forces have been "freed." The USA, Israel and Egypt announced on September 19 that they had reached agreement on a peacekeeping arrangement for Sinai that calls for American monitoring and surveillance. According to Vance, who chaired the disengagement talks, "Americans will continue to man electronic listening posts in Sinai and we will increase reconnaissance flights." The "freed" Egyptian forces have already been sent to Oman, Sudan and Zaire. More such "peace" moves made possible by Camp David are to be expected in the future.

With the continued war of aggression against South Lebanon and Palestinian refugees, with the stepped up acts of provocation against Syrian forces in Lebanon, with the empty time-buying tactics of the "self-rule" talks and the continued denial of the national rights of the Palestinian people, whose cause constitutes the core of the Middle East conflict, one can safely conclude that a year after Camp David it has become obvious that the accords aim at anything but peace.



(By the West German newspaper "Deutsches Allgemeines Sonntagsblatt")



Sadat inspecting his newly-arrived U.S. arms (F-4 Phantom jet fighters)

TASS: "U.S. SUPERVISING ITS PUPPETS IN SINAI"

The Soviet news agency "Tass" has strongly criticised moves by both the Sadat regime and Israel, which it indicated were the result of the "policeman" role which both are fulfilling on behalf of the United States. In a comment on 19 September, "Tass" said Israel was "seeking armed detachments there, allegedly to control the evacuation of its troops in accordance with the separate agreement of Camp David." It criticised Sadat's policy of "continuing to concentrate troops on the Libyan border and extending its military co-operation to Sultan Qabus of Oman's reactionary regime by sending it forces to fight against the patriots of Dhufar."

The United States, "Tass" added, was "supervising its puppets which are to assume the functions of policemen." It said the proposed "peace-keeping" force in Sinai would be the basis for "a regional security system in the Middle East which the Pentagon is in the process of installing," and the Arab peoples are aware that "the tripartite alliance will only aggravate the situation in the Middle East."

LEBANON: RIGHTIST EXTERMINATION WAR AGAINST ARMENIAN CHRISTIANS



The victims: Armenian Christians in Eastern Beirut

The true "Christian" nature of the rightist "Lebanese" Front, collaborating with and instructed by Zionist Israel, became more apparent once again during the recent bloody attacks of the Lebanese Front against the Armenian Christian community in East Beirut. It was a deliberate barbaric aggression following a long period of blackmail and provocation. The strategy of the Lebanese rightists supported by Israel aims at the subduence, forced removal and extermination of the tens of thousands of Armenian families who live in Bourj-Hammoud, Antelias, Sin el-Fil and the eastern sector of Beirut. It is becoming more obvious that what is happening is in fact a planned strategy organized mainly by the rightist Phalangist military leadership under the auspices of Bashir Gemayel. The political leadership of the Phalange is trying now to settle the intentionally provoked conflict at the expense of the Armenians' dignity, rights and interests.

Tensions between the rightist parties and Armenian sections of the population started in 1975. At that time, the rightist leadership blamed the Armenians for not joining their so-called Christian militiamen in helping carrying out the Lebanese civil war plotted by the CIA and Zionism. While the Armenian community is Christian, during the civil war they preferred not to join in the fighting on the side of the Phalangists.

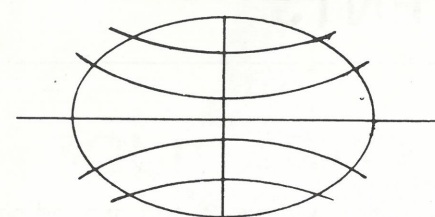
BLACKMAIL

After the 2-year civil war, the Maronite rightist leadership launched a political campaign

accompanied by threats and military pressure to force the Armenians to pay tribute for having been "neutral". At the end of open warfare, the fascist leadership demanded that the Armenian community pay 30 million Lebanese pounds to both the Phalangist and National Liberal parties. This blackmail was called "tax for not defending Lebanon and the Christian sectors." At first the Armenians refused to pay. But as Armenian citizens were assassinated and their homes and shops were destroyed, the Armenians responded to the demand. However, the rightist plan did not stop after the blackmail and tension spread throughout the Armenian areas of eastern Beirut.

On September 17, the situation became worse. Clashes between isolationist gangs and Armenian citizens renewed. The two neighborhoods of Bourj-Hammoud and Nabaa were the scene of fierce clashes between Phalangist and National Liberal militiamen on the one side and the Armenian Tashnag party of the other. Scores of gumen were out into the streets and gunfire was heard in the area. The rightist gangs even used artillery fire. After several days of heavy fighting and massacres against civilians, a shaky cease-fire was arranged in late September. It is evident that this war waged against the Armenian Christians aims at forcing them to leave their areas or Lebanon entirely and to force those who remain to submit to the rightist leadership whose aim is — in full accordance with Israeli strategy — to liquidate all patriotic Arab forces, to establish fascist rule over Lebanon, or in the alternative to partition the country.

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EVENTS

SOUTH AFRICA BOMBS ANGOLA

The racist minority settler regime in South Africa has carried out yet another attack on southern Angola. On September 26 four French-built Mirage bombers struck a furniture factory at Lubango in Huila province, while six others bombed and machine gunned a school, fish shop and houses at Xangongo in Kunene province. 60 people are known to have died and 126 were injured. The purpose of such acts of aggression against Angola is part of South Africa's policy to destabilize Angola, destroy its revolution by bombing production centers, and blackmail it into not supporting the South West African People's Organization, who are fighting to liberate Namibia from illegal South African occupation.

ANOTHER BANTUSTAN DECLARED "INDEPENDENT"

The minority settler regime of South Africa has announced the formation of yet another bantustan, "Venda". Pretoria's declaration of "independence" for the Venda bantustan is a part of a continuous process designed to split the African population and to perpetuate the Apartheid system. As pointed out by the U.N. Security Council president Paul Lusaka of Zambia, "The formation of the Venda bantustan after the Transkei and Bophuthatswana bantustans was aggravating the situation in the region and obstructed international endeavours for just and lasting solutions." The Security Council held a brief session on September 21 and called on all governments to



South African mass murder in southern Angolan village

refuse the so-called independent bantustans any form of recognition and relations.

FRANCE REPLACES EMPEROR BOKASSA BY COUSIN DACKO

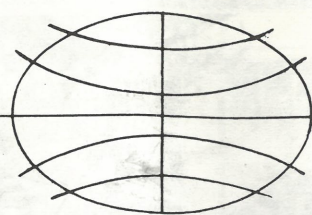
The self-proclaimed Emperor Jean Bedel Bokassa I of the Central African Empire has been replaced by his cousin and chief advisor, David Dacko, with the help of French troops. Col. Bokassa, a former sergeant in the French army, came to power in a French-inspired coup on January 1, 1966 after overthrowing Dacko.

Bokassa, who became notorious for his dictatorial and inhumane acts, proclaimed himself Emperor in December 1976. On December 4, 1977, he crowned himself in a 50 million dollar Napoleonic ceremony. All the bills of his extravagant coronation were covered by French aid, including expenses for gold coaches, white horses, golden thrones and millions of dollars' worth of jewels and cars.

To the dismay of the French government, reports from the

Empire after the coronation of the dictator confirmed that Bokassa had personally participated in the massacre of over 200 school-children. The French government sent its African affairs adviser, Mr. Rene, to discuss the issue with Bokassa. The Emperor was reported by the French press to have struck the envoy with his French-made Imperial cane. When President Giscard d'Estaing telephoned to protest, the Emperor slammed down the phone. Thus Dacko, the Emperor's chief advisor and the former president, was summoned to Paris. Upon Bokassa's departure for a visit to Libya Dacko, together with 500 French troops, landed in Bangui and declared Bokassa overthrown.

Dacko, who became prominent for his pro-French declarations in the 1950's when he was a deputy in the French-organized Territorial Assembly, was appointed president after independence in 1960. During his presidency the country's wealth was drained by French businesses which in turn led to the 1966 uprising. That was when Col. Bokassa, then commander of the army, moved in to quell the uprising against France.



U.S. IMPERIALISM IN PRACTICE

The triumph of the Nicaraguan people over the Somoza regime and its repercussions on other dictatorially ruled countries in Central America have caused alarm among the leading quarters in the United States, the influential Mexican paper "El Dia" said. It reported that U.S. enterprises directly or through subsidiaries possess forty per cent of agricultural acreage in Central and Latin American countries, three quarters of mining, half of all transport, two thirds of industry, more than half of bank capital and sixty per cent of trade and the services. One dollar invested makes three dollars profit. United Nations figures have put the Central American peoples among the most destitute in the world due to the ensuing cruel conditions of exploitation, "El Dia" stressed. 75 per cent of the peasants have no land, and over 35 per cent of able-bodied people are unemployed. Seven out of ten Central Americans are starving. A mere 750 children out of one thousand reach the age of five. Three quarters of the population are illiterates.

GROWING UNREST IN ARGENTINE

Widespread labour unrest and strikes, dissension within the ruling military junta and an increase in armed resistance activities by the Montonero Peronist Movement mark the scene in Argentina. Facing the open failure of the junta's economic policy and the growing public protests, exponents of the fascist wing within the military threatened another desperate coup at the end of September. Meanwhile, an armed attack was launched on the minister of economy, Jose de Hoz, who with the backing of U.S. multinational monopolies has been trying to intensify the junta's collaboration with racist South Africa. In another

clash in Buenos Aires, Horacio Alberto Mendizabal, a Montonero military commander, who also visited the PLO in August 1978, fell in battle. To cope with the economic and political crisis of neoimperialism in Argentina, fascist circles again resort to a wave of terror, kidnapping and torture. On September 13, Regino Adolfo Gonzales, a former Montonero representative in Africa and the Middle East, was kidnapped together with his Spanish wife and his little daughters. According to estimates of international organisations, over 5,000 people were killed and 20,000 disappeared since the junta's takeover, with the number of political prisoners being 20,000.

POPULAR PROTEST AGAINST SALVADORIAN DICTATORSHIP STEPPED UP

Demonstrations, strikes and armed resistance have become a part of daily life in El Salvador where General Humberto Romero's dictatorship continues to deny basic human and democratic rights to the Salvadorian people. The military dictatorship, which emerged after a 1932 popular uprising was crushed by army generals with orders from the USA, has resorted to torture and acts of genocide to maintain itself in power. On September 24 alone, Romero's National Guard opened fire on unarmed demonstrators in San



Salvador killing 3 and wounding many more.

Workers have resorted to strikes and have been marching through the capital demanding the resignation of the dictator. The protesters include members of the Revolutionary People's Bloc (RPB), the broadest opposition group in the country. According to RPB official spokesperson Julio Flores, the Bloc now has a membership of 100,000.

Meanwhile, the Revolutionary People's Bloc held its third national congress in mid-September and has worked out a strategy for popular struggle against the dictatorship. According to Mexican press reports, armed anti-regime forces have launched attacks against National Guard institutions near Seyapango and Santo Tomas not far from San Salvador.

CASTRO DENOUNCES U.S. CAMPAIGN

The U.S.-incited campaign over the presence of Soviet military personnel in Cuba was lacking any foundation, said Fidel Castro, Chairman of the State and Ministerial Councils of Cuba, when addressing a press conference in Havana on September 29. Mr. Castro said, for seventeen years there has been an instruction centre in Cuba, under a Cuban-Soviet agreement, where Soviet military personnel were instructing Cuban officers and men. During this period the nature and the extent of this institution had not changed. The U.S.-initiated campaign was obviously targeted against ratification of the Salt-2 treaty, and against the Cuban presidency of the Non-Aligned movement. While the U.S. was intensifying its campaign against Soviet military personnel in Cuba, it was maintaining, against the will of the Cuban people, its military base in Guantanamo in that country, Dr. Castro said.

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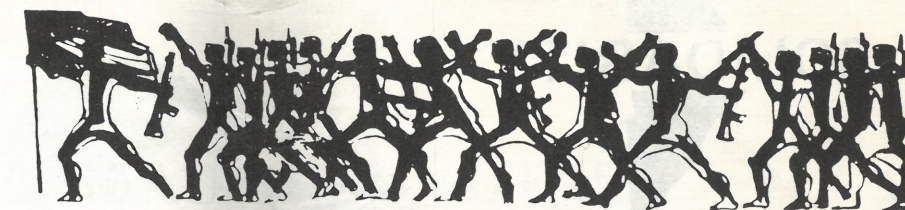


INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON PALESTINE IN ROME

On September 24, 1979, the International Seminar on the "National Rights of the Palestinian People and Peace in the Middle East" started in the Italian Parliament building, organised by the Italian Committee of Solidarity with the Palestinian people. Representatives of Western European and Socialist States, and Progressive Jewish personalities participated in the seminar. Among them were the Italian MP and former Deputy Foreign Minister Sana, the French Senator Biterlin, President of the Society for Arab-French Friendship and the British journalist Michael Adams.

In the first session of the Seminar, the head of the Palestinian delegation to the Seminar Ahmad Sidqi al-Dajani, expressed the PLO's appreciation of the Seminar, which included different European political movements, united in their support for the Palestinian struggle, their right of return, self-determination and establishment of their independent state. He also underlined the humane Palestinian attitude towards the Jews in Palestine. He repeated the PLO's rejection of the Camp David agreements because they do not lead to a just peace but rather constitute a conspiracy against the Palestinian people.

Coming from occupied Palestine, Tawfiq Touby, a member of the Israeli Communist Party (Rakah), praised the international support for the Palestinian people's struggle, and stated that the Camp David agreement has led to a new explosive situation in the area resulting in



the intensification of Israeli attacks on the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples. Regarding the administrative autonomy plan, Touby described it as a cover for the perpetuation of the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and the Gaza strip, while the Israeli authorities' new law legitimising private Israeli purchase and ownership of Arab land means an increase in arbitrary Israeli measures to seize more Arab land.

Various participants from European countries and political movements presented studies and papers to the Seminar exposing the racist nature of the Zionist regime and supporting the inalienable national rights of the Palestinian people including the right to establish an independent state.

CHICAGO DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST EXTRADITION OF PALESTINIAN

Hundreds of Palestinian students currently studying in the U.S.A. and American citizens took part in a demonstration on September 28

outside a federal court in Chicago to protest against the court's decision to turn over the Palestinian student Ziad Abu Ain to the Israeli authorities. This decision came after a request for Abu Ain's extradition by Israel which claimed that he had planted a bomb in the market place at Tiberias, killing two settlers and wounding thirty-six others on May 14 of this year. The counsel for the defense contested the order, pointing out that Abu Ain's alleged act was of a political and not a criminal nature, and that therefore the court did not have to turn him over to Israel. Moreover, the defense counsel went on, the accusation against Abu Ain was based on a confession extracted under torture from another detainee. Federal police in Chicago arrested one of the demonstrators, but the demonstration went on regardless.

PALESTINIAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON: CALL FOR RECOGNITION OF PLO

The Conference for the Defence



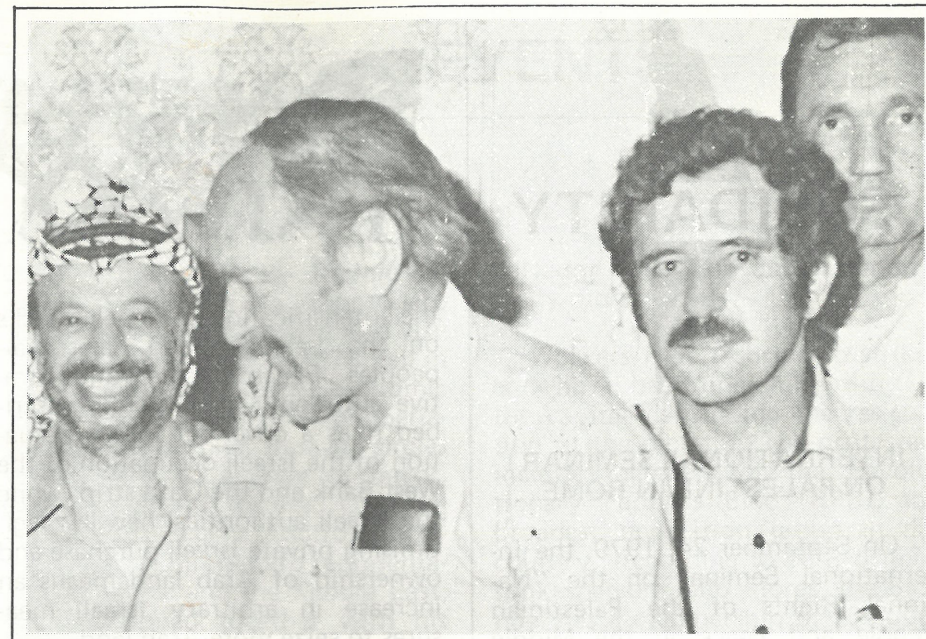
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of Palestinian Rights convened on September 24 with the participation of five hundred Palestinian-Americans and other concerned individuals. The Mayors of Ramallah and Hebron, Karim Khalaf and Fahd al-Qawasmeh, respectively, both of whom are attending the conference, announced their refusal to conduct any negotiations with President Carter or other American officials. They confirmed that the USA should negotiate with the PLO concerning the Palestine question.

Karim Khalaf said that he and Qawasmeh represent the West Bank Mayors and not the Palestinian population. He said that they had refused to meet with Robert Strauss, Alfred Atherton or Harold Saunders during their visits to the Middle East, and added that before discussing the future of the Palestinian people, the Americans have to take note of the results of the use of their destructive weapons on the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples. Khalaf went on: "We came to expose, on the international level, the fascist nature of the Israeli occupation, its aggressive aims and the sufferings of the Palestinian people under occupation; we want to tell the American people that the only terrorist is Begin, who is opposing real peace in the Middle East, and not the Palestinian people, who are fighting for their own rights."

CLARK AND FINDLEY CONDEMN ZIONIST AGGRESSION, CALL FOR RECOGNITION OF PLO

Speakers at the conference included Republican Congressman Paul Findley, former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Rev. Joseph Lowery, who had just returned to the U.S. from a visit to the PLO, Jewish progressive lawyer Felicia Langer and former



Participants in Washington Conference:
Editor Dave Dellinger (first to the right of Chairman Arafat)
and former Attorney General Ramsey Clark (third to the right), during PLO visit in summer 1979

official of the American Consulate in Jerusalem, Alexandra Johnson.

Findley affirmed that the U.S. should start negotiations with the PLO and that Arafat wants a state for his people. He strongly condemned Israel's barbaric aggressions against South Lebanon, which led to the death of more than 194 and the wounding of 993 persons. He confirmed that the Camp David agreement cannot be a basis for the solution of the Palestinian problem, and demanded that Carter forbid Israel from using lethal armaments, which are paid for by American citizens. Findley concluded by laying stress on the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people.

Ramsey Clark, a former Attorney General, talked about his recent visit to Lebanon, and said that "the shelling of South Lebanon cannot be justified; advanced technology should not be used to destroy human life." Clark added that "Lebanon has gone through and is going through a great tragedy, and the time has come to put an end to its suffering." Clark went on to say that those killed in South Lebanon have not hurt Israel and that "Israeli attacks cannot be justified, neither can the shelling and the bombs and planes, because when people are killed, peace cannot be established." Clark added that "the whole world should cry

out in the face of Israel demanding that the shelling cease, and the U.S. should stop its arms supplies to Israel." Clark went on to say that he "discovered that everybody in Lebanon knows that without the U.S. all this could not have happened." Clark then revealed that the results of his visit to Lebanon were not published by the American press "despite the fact that the delegation held a press conference at the end of August to talk about Israeli shelling of Lebanon."

Alexandra Johnson, who was dismissed from the U.S. State Department after publishing reports on the torture of Arab prisoners in Israel, talked about this subject and enumerated the torture cases that she investigated during her stay in Israel as a U.S. consular official. Johnson said that "those who were tortured were not terrorists but students and youths who expressed their opinions. If they had done the same in the U.S., they would not have been tortured nor considered criminals. Rather it would have been said that they were practicing their right to express their opinions."

Rev. Joseph Lowery discussed the results of his visit to Lebanon with a U.S. Black delegation, and talked about the support of Black Americans for the cause of peace and justice in the Middle East.

"THE MOST BEAUTIFUL MOTHER"

By Hassan al-Abdallah

*The mother who awaited her son is the most beautiful mother.
And he returned... martyred.
She cried two tears and a rose;
But she did not retreat into mourning clothes...*

*The war did not end, but he returned:
His rifle withered,
His hands neutralized...
He is falling like a bird,
With the wind blowing in his heart.*

*Asa'd returned martyred...
Open your door of sorrow, enter his moon-like smile.
The birds pluck the wheat from his hands,
And the sweet boxthorn.*

*Asa'd returned martyred...
O, homeland swaying under gunfire, waiting for us, lean on his grave
Wait til we return without our rifles,
Without our painful victories,
Without an ember in the ashes of our pale graves.
Asa'd is leaving his death behind him,
Going forward in a trench,
Armed with his love for pine trees and the sun,
Marching towards finality.*

The mother who awaited her son is the most beautiful mother.

*And he returned.
Her eyes do not sleep,
Always watching a star
Hovering over a corpse in the dark...
The most beautiful mothers are those who wait,
Armed with their sorrow's steel,
Digging trenches in their hearts,
Resisting, between windows and dead stars in the darkness of death.
With you,
With your longings,
With your sorrows,
We shall strike in every land, at every moment
Wiping away the night, composing the face of day.
Let Asa'd be calm,
We shall not retreat from his blood rushing forward through the earth.
From our love for the mountains
Which drank his soul to grow trees
Running toward the fields of summer,
We shall not retreat.*

*We are here withstanding
Near this magnificent destruction;
Terror flashing in our hands,
Fidelity's branch blooming in our hearts.
We are here withstanding,
Facing the last wall,
But we shall not retreat.
They shall not stop the passing of our blood
And we shall not retreat.*

(Hassan Al-Abdallah is a Southern poet from al-Khiam, a town in South Lebanon which was levelled by the Israelis and their Haddad gang. The rightist militiamen massacred 72 old men and women who refused to flee their village. The village is now deserted. The poem is taken from Al-Abdallah's book: "I Remember that I Fell in Love," Dar al-Awdah, Beirut.)

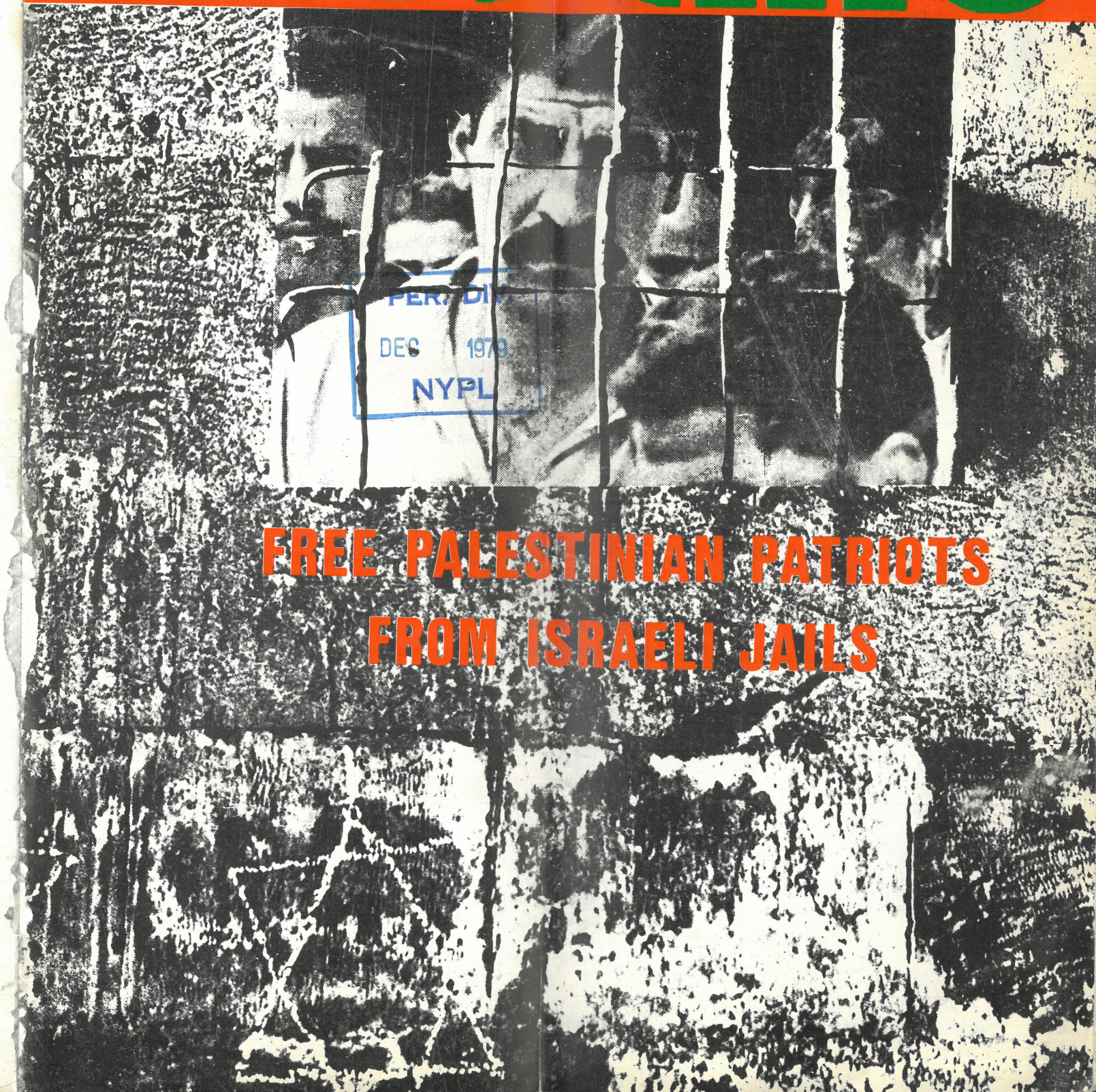


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