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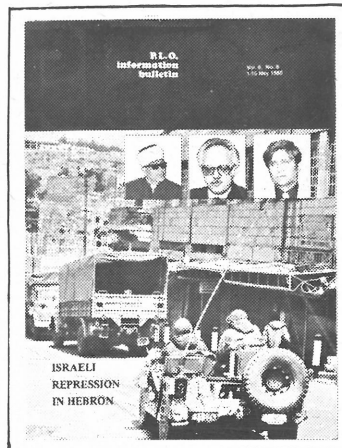
## TO OUR READERS

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

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

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

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## EDITORIAL

# HEBRON — THE ESCALATED ISRAELI TERRORISM

The Israeli occupation authorities are loosing more and more their senses. They are behaving as if they don't belong to our world. Since thirteen years they are embarking upon settling in the West Bank and Gaza-Strip. And since thirty-two years they are occupying the whole country of Palestine. They have driven away two third of its indigenous population while one third is still suffering from the repression of Zionist occupation. The Israelis are behaving, as if they have assumed the role of the Nazis and given the Palestinians the role of the Jews. Their program is: collective punishment, destruction of houses, confiscation of land and properties — of course for "Israel's security reasons" — killing, imprisonment and torture of patriots and expulsion of Palestinian leading personalities etc....

Israeli authorities cannot imagine that a people under occupation will resist or even has the right to do so. The same way thought the Nazis, and they spent all their time subduing the rebellions of the occupied nations of Europe until they were defeated by all these nations.

The recent operation carried out by Palestinian patriots in Hebron (Al-Khalil) was a legal act of resistance against the Israeli-Zionist occupation. At least the Palestinians have the right to develop their means of resistance against the occupation. This was shown clearly in the last operation, which was well-planned and well-implemented. No Palestinian patriot was injured or detained, and this is what makes the arrogant Israelis more nervous and more mad.

In the wake of the successful operation, the

Israeli occupation authorities stepped up their repressive measures against the civilian population of the occupied territories. They detained hundreds of so-called suspected Palestinians. They expelled to Lebanon the Mayor of Hebron, Qawasmeh, and the Mayor of Halhoul, as well as the chief of the religious court of Hebron. Hand-cuffed, with their eyes blindfolded, these men were escorted to the southern Lebanese borders. The Israelis soldiers told them "Go to your Yasser Arafat". As a result of the Israeli repressive measure, a mass upheaval broke out in the West Bank and Gaza. In Jerusalem, Nablus, Ramallah, 'Anabta and other cities and towns, the Palestinian youth launched unorganized demonstrations throwing stones on Israeli vehicles. The Israeli authorities reacted by imposing a curfew on most of the cities. In Hebron (Al-Khalil) itself, the Israeli authorities imposed a curfew of four days. They blew up houses supposed by used by the Palestinian patriots during their operation.

The Zionist settlers of Kiryat Arba used the period of curfew to set on fire more than a hundred houses of Palestinian Hebron citizens. Israeli-settler vandalism also demolished tens of cars owned by Palestinians in different cities of the West Bank. The Israeli authorities are encouraging the Zionist vandals of the Gush Emunim fanatics to carry on with their repressive measures against the Palestinian people.

The Zionist authorities are thinking and behaving as if they are living in the pre-historic ages. But, unfortunately, this will not work in the last two decades of the twentieth century. They have to realize that world has changed.

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## PALESTINE NOTES



### CHAIRMAN ARAFAT TOURS GULF COUNTRIES

In early May, Chairman Arafat toured various Gulf countries. In Saudi Arabia, he had friendly and fruitful talks with King Khaled and in Kuwait with the Ruler of Kuwait, Jaber Ahmad al-Sabah. At a press conference in Kuwait on May 5 attended by numerous Arabs and foreign Journalists, Chairman Arafat said that his talks covered a wide range of issues, focusing specifically on recent developments in the Palestinian and Arab arenas, including the popular uprising currently taking place in the occupied territories.

Arafat said that the intensified U.S. naval presence in the Arab region, the Indian Ocean and the Arabian Sea, was discussed during his tour. He had discussed actions to be taken to consolidate the unity of the Arabs ranks on all levels, and to strengthen relations between the Arab Nation and the Iranian people. Arafat underlined that the Palestinian cause was an inseparable part of the Middle East problem, and affirmed that no peaceful solution can be reached in the region, and in the world in general, without just solution of the Palestine question based on U.N. resolutions, particularly General Assembly resolution

3236, which confirms the Palestinian people's right to return, self-determination and the establishment of their independent Palestinian state.

Arafat stressed that there was no such thing as an European initiative to solve the Middle East problem. "No one has said anything to me about such an initiative", he said. "European states were present when the Palestine question was discussed at the Security Council, but they abstained from the voting on the resolution, which was approved by the Arab and Islamic, the Socialist and Non-Aligned States. Then came the U.S. veto, which was in itself a victory for the Palestinian Revolution since it further isolated the U.S.A. and Israel."

Arafat affirmed that he had asked the PLO representative at the U.N., Zuhdi al-Tarazi, to discuss with the Arab group and the Non-Aligned group and other friendly states the terroristic Israeli practices, such as collective punishment against the Palestinian people in the occupied territories, and demanded that he call for an extraordinary meeting of the U.N. General Assembly, according to a U.N. resolution passed last year on the suggestion of the Committee for the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

### CHAIRMAN ARAFAT COMMEMORATES BIRTHDAY OF LENIN

A massive popular rally was held on April 28 at the Beirut Arab University to commemorate Lenin's 110th Birthday. The rally was attended by Chairman Arafat and representatives of all forces in the Palestinian Revolution and the Lebanese National Movement. Chairman Arafat delivered a speech in which he said: "This anniversary is not a usual one, and it has a different place in the hearts and minds of fighters for freedom and progress the world over and against imperialism and international monopolies. 'How can we, the Arabs, not remember Lenin with gratitude. It is he who uncovered the Sykes-Picot conspiracy and conspirators, and lit the road before this region in its confrontation of the Zionist-imperialist octopus. How can we, the Arabs, not remember the stand which Lenin adopted on Zionism, denouncing it as a racist idea sixty years before the U.N. did? We remember this, and that is why the Palestinian Revolution took a stand with Lenin's revolution, Lenin's ideas, Lenin's socialist state which is the stronghold of freedom and self-determination. We, the oppressed peoples and fighting peoples found in the Soviet Union, established by Lenin, the best shelter and defender of our movements and all movements struggling for the freedom of their oppressed peoples. We consider Lenin a legendary man, who led humanity along the road of salvation and taught them the tactics of struggle against imperialism and colonialism."

### CHAIRMAN ARAFAT SENDS CONGRATULATIONS TO ALI NASSER MUHAMMAD

On April 29, Yasser Arafat sent a message of congratulations to Ali Nasser Muhammad, President of People's Democratic Republic of

Yemen and the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Yemeni Socialist Party. The message, which was delivered by Brig. Abu al-Mu'tasim, member of the PLO Higher Military Council and of the Fateh Revolutionary Council, emphasised the militant relations between the Yemeni and Palestinian peoples and their revolutions, and covered several issues concerning coordination between the PLO and the PDRY. President Ali Nasser Muhammad has expressed his satisfaction with the development of relations between the Yemeni Socialist Party and the PLO, and confirmed his country's support for the struggle of the Palestinian people and the PLO.

### ARAB LEAGUE DELEGATION MEETS INDIRA GHANDI

On April 26, a delegation from the Arab League met with the Prime Minister of India, Indira Gandhi. The delegation, comprising representatives of Palestine, Qatar,



Prime minister Indira Gandhi meeting with Arab League delegation including PLO representative

Morocco and Iraq, discussed with the Indian Premier the current developments of the Palestine cause, in particular after the signing of the Camp David accords and its repercussions on the struggle of the Arab Nation and the Palestinian people. The delegation also met with the Indian Foreign Minister, who said that India will continue its policy within the Non-Aligned Movement, and will support Palestinian rights at all levels. He asserted that the Camp David accords will meet with complete failure because they ignore the basic rights of the Palestinian people.

### NEPAL RECOGNISES PLO

On April 28, the Kingdom of Nepal officially recognised the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. The recognition came after a visit by an Arab League Delegation, including two PLO representatives, which arrived in Nepal after a visit to India, as part of a tour of five Asian countries to explain the Palestine

cause and the means of confronting the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty and the Camp David accords. The delegation also expressed its complete satisfaction with the results of its visit to India, and India's position towards the Palestine cause, and its understanding of the Arab position supporting expulsion of the Egyptian regime from the Non-Aligned Movement.

### PALESTINIAN DELEGATION TOURS QUEBEC

A Palestinian delegation headed by Um Jihad and Abu Khalid, representing the Central Council of Palestinian Popular Organizations concluded on May 1, 1980, a two-weeks tour through Quebec, Canada. The visit of the Palestinian delegation was organized by a number of Canadian trade unions in Quebec. The Palestinian delegation met with representatives of the Quebec Teachers Union, (C.E.Q.), the Quebec Trade Unions, (C.S.N.), the Montreal Workers Union, (C.N.T.U.) and the International Center for Workers Solidarity (CISO). The Palestinian delegation also visited schools, factories, hospitals and other projects. They met with workers and attended rallies in support of the Palestinian people's struggle and the PLO. The Palestinian delegation then met with government officials in Quebec, parliamentarians and party officials.

The delegates reviewed the Palestinian cause and explained the social program undertaken by the PLO and the importance of Palestinian social institutions and their expansion. At a press conference a joint communique between the Palestinian delegation and the CRQ, CSN, CNTU and the CISO was issued. These communique reiterated support and recognition of the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and the Palestinian national rights including



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the rights to self-determination and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. The Quebec Ministry of Social Affairs will be sending medical aid and equipment to the Palestinian Red Crescent Society. A campaign is already under way in Canada to put pressure on the Canadian government to officially recognise the PLO.

### WILLY BRANDT: USEFUL CONTACTS WITH PLO

Former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt said in an interview published May 3 that the ruling West German Social Democratic

Party (SPD) was trying to establish useful contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). "The SPD... is trying hard to establish useful contacts with influential factors in that region — and the PLO certainly is a very influential formation where Palestine, but also where the rest of the Arab world is concerned," he told the Austrian Socialist Party newspaper *Arbeiterzeitung*. Brandt said he was pleased to have taken part in talks with PLO Leader Yasser Arafat and Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky in Vienna last July.

### PALESTINE RED CRESCENT AT WHO CONFERENCE

A PLO delegation headed by

Dr. Fathi Arafat, president of the Palestine Red Crescent Society "PRCS" arrived in Geneva on May 5, to attend the conference of the World Health Organization. The Conference will discuss a report on the health situation in the occupied territories. The Palestinian delegation held talks with the International Red Cross (ICRC) to express their concern over conditions in the occupied West Bank town of Hebron. The Palestinian delegation asked the ICRC to intervene to ensure Israel observed the Geneva War Conventions regarding the protection of civilians, and allow two West Bank mayors and a Moslem religious judge expelled from Hebron to Lebanon to return.



### MAY DAY RESOLUTION

The General Union of Palestinian Workers — Lebanese branch, issued a communique on the occasion of International Workers' Day. The resolution said that May Day this year coincides with the intensification of conspiracies led by the USA and its regional puppets, represented by the Israeli racist regime, Sadat's regime, and all the Arab reactionary forces; while other areas witness the defeat of imperialism and the liberation of peoples, as in Iran, Africa, Afghanistan and Nicaragua. This in itself gives a new impetus to the Palestinian Revolution and increases the number of its friends. The communique affirmed that the Palestinian workers will always be loyal to their revolution under the leadership of the PLO, together with the workers of the occupied territories. The communique also affirmed that Palestinian workers will always stand with the Lebanese working class to defend Lebanon under the leadership of the Lebanese National



Chairman Arafat with trade union leaders at May Day celebration in Beirut

Movement against all enemies. The communique saluted the Arab working class and its role in defending the Palestinian Revolution; and saluted the solidarity of the workers of the Socialist bloc, headed

by the Soviet Union, and the progressive working class in Western Europe which is waging the same struggle with the Palestinian workers against exploitation and Zionism.

## ZIONIST REPRESSION IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES:

## GENERAL UPRISING IN THE WEST BANK

On May 2, Palestinian commandos operating in the West Bank town of Hebron carried out one of the most carefully executed military operations in the history of the resistance in the occupied territories. As a large band of armed Zionist settlers were about to enter a building in the center of Hebron which had been seized a year ago by the settlers, Palestinian fighters attacked the armed group with grenades and machine gun fire. Six of the settlers were killed and as many as 17 were wounded. A PLO military spokesman in Damascus later reported that the Palestinian fighters returned safely to base.

Hebron has recently been a focus for Palestinian resistance in the West Bank when earlier this year the Begin government announced plans to settle Jews in the center of this large Palestinian town. Already a year ago, fanatic settlers from the nearby settlement of Kiryat Arba had seized the old Hadassah building in the center of Hebron to pave the way for more confiscation of Palestinian homes in Hebron and more settlers. In the past year there have been constant attacks on the Palestinians in Hebron by bands of Zionist thugs from Kiryat Arba. The Palestinian military operation demonstrated the determination of those living under occupation to protect themselves from such attacks and also to lay bare the charade of the so-called Camp David "autonomy" plans.

Immediately after the commando operation, the Zionist government tried to portray the settlers as innocent theological students returning from prayers. Details disclosed later about one of the settlers killed reveals an image of the settlers which is quite different from Zionist portrayals.

Eli Haze'ev, who was killed in the attack, actually held U.S. citizenship. He began his adult life as a terrorist in the Green Berets, which was organized by the U.S. Marines to carry out war atrocities against the civilian population of Vietnam. After fighting in Vietnam, Haze'ev returned to the U.S. and picked up where he left

off by declaring himself to be Jewish, joining up with the fascist settler group of another American — Rabbib Meir Kahane — and eventually settled in Kiryat Arba. Last August Haze'ev's aggressive attacks on Palestinians became an embarrassment even to the Zionist occupation authorities themselves. An Israeli court sentenced him to 10 months in jail for assaults and breaking into Palestinian homes in Hebron. At this funeral his own parents commented on his life: "We loved him, but we deplored his violence."

### ZIONIST ATTACK; BACKDROP TO RESISTANCE

The backdrop to the May 2nd Palestinian commando operation has been a cycle of settler provocations and armed attacks on the Palestinian population on the West Bank. The response has been the emergence of a general uprising of the Palestinians on the West Bank to defend themselves against the violent settler attacks, the increase in land confiscations and the attempt to formalize the Zionist military occupation through the Camp David "autonomy".

On April 21, fanatical settlers from the Gush Emunim organized a 12 km rampage through



Occupation terror: Palestinian houses are blown up in the center of Hebron



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the West Bank north of Jerusalem to mark the Zionist "independence day". The event was intended to spur the Zionist government on to intensify settlement activity in the occupied territories. In the course of the day, Gush Emunim vandals ransacked Palestinian property and destroyed Palestinian crops along the way. To respond to this settler provocation, hundreds of Palestinians from all over the West Bank headed for the town of Ramallah on April 24 for a counter-demonstration. The Palestinian demonstrators included West Bank mayors, representatives of nationalist institutions and trade union members. Zionist military forces set up road blocks to stop Palestinians from gathering in the town. The military governor issued an order banning all meetings. Despite the attempted Zionist obstruction of the demonstration, an ad hoc meeting was held in El Bireh near Ramallah and a call was issued for a general strike in the West Bank to combat settler attacks.

The general strike began the next day. For three days all business and daily life was paralysed in all of the West Bank. Stores remained closed, students boycotted classes and transport between towns was at a standstill. Demonstrations filled the streets of Ramallah, Hebron, Nablus, Bethlehem and Beit Sahour. The Palestinian demonstrators chanted support for the PLO and condemned the aggressive settler attacks, as well as the Camp David "autonomy" scheme.

On April 28, the fascist Rabbi Meir Kahane entered the town of Ramallah with a band of supporters circulating leaflets praising previous settler rampages in the town in which car windows were smashed. The group tried to plaster posters in the town reading: "Arabs go home to Arab countries. Jews come to the land of Israel." Amid the tension of this provocation, Palestinian young people gathered to demonstrate against the settlers. As the demonstration commenced, Zionist military forces moved in and attacked the Palestinians with open gunfire. One Palestinian was killed outright by the Zionist soldiers and 4 were seriously wounded.

The shootings in Ramallah only sparked further resistance in the West Bank and strengthened the Palestinian will to put an end to the occupation. Scores of Palestinian university students were rounded up in Bir Zeit for continuing demonstrations against the occupation authorities' repressive measures and the settler attacks. The Arab Students' Committee of Hebron organized a protest rally in front of the Knesset on



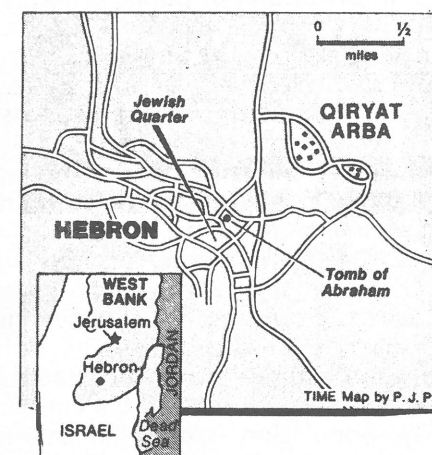
*Under gun barrels: Israeli children are taught how to steal the land of the Palestinians*

April 29. Zionist authorities also arrested a member of the secretariat of the Arab Students' Committee of Haifa University as unrest spread to the Galilee. In the West Bank, there were continuing clashes between Palestinians living in the camps and Zionist army patrols.

On May 1, just the day before the commando operation in Hebron, Zionist soldiers entered a Palestinian school in the West Bank village of Anabta, and opened fire on the students killing Najeh Ismail Abu Aliyeh. Even the initial Zionist military reports described the soldiers entering the school with fingers on their triggers ready to fire. The culmination of all these events was the May 2nd commando operation.

### PALESTINIAN LEADERS DEPORTED

In the wake of the operation, the first reprisal action taken by the Zionist authorities was to deport the Mayor of Hebron, Fahd Qawasmeh, the Mayor of the nearby town of Halhoul, Mohammad Milhem, and Hebron's Muslim religious judge, Sheikh Al-Tamimi. The three were roused from their sleep at 1:00 AM when Zionist soldiers broke into their homes. They were told only that they were wanted at the headquarters of the military governor, but once they were seized, they were forced into a military helicopter which flew them to the fascist Lebanon border strip controlled by the renegade Maj. Saad Haddad. The three leaders were escorted to Beirut by Palestinian fighters and later held a press conference in which they all denounced the Camp David "autonomy" scheme and expressed total support for the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.



*"We will never submit to the occupation"*  
— Palestinian women and children in Halhoul protest the deportation of their mayor

Further Zionist reprisals began with a total curfew on most of the towns in the West Bank. In Hebron, Zionist soldiers began breaking into Palestinian homes only by one, causing property damage in attempts to intimidate the population. Four houses in Hebron were blown up on the pretext that the residents must have abetted the commando attack. Also a number of shops near the scene of the military operation were demolished. Hundreds of Palestinians were arrested in a mass round-up. Additionally, Zionist planes flew increased reconnaissance flights over southern Lebanon and Beirut, drawing anti-aircraft fire from joint Lebanese-Palestinian forces. Palestinian forces in Lebanon stand prepared for an expected Zionist attack on Lebanon.

The expected attacks came on May 7 and 8. In the first attack Zionist soldiers landed at two points 25 km south of Beirut. The attack ended after Palestinian fighters forced evacuation in a 20 minute gun battle near Saksakiyeh. The second attempted incursion was aborted when Zionist troops tried to land helicopters in the suburbs of Beirut and near Sidon. They were warded off by heavy fire by Joint Lebanese-Palestinian forces. The attacks are a diversionary action by the Zionists to draw attention away from the uprising in the occupied territories. PLO information spokesman, Majed Abu Sharar, said of the attacks: "We will face these while escalating our military action within the occupied territories in support of the people's uprising in our homeland."

### GENERAL UPRISING CONTINUES

As of May 8, the spiralling cycle of resistance and repression is continuing in the occupied territories. In Gaza, two Palestinians were arrested by the Zionist occupation authorities on May 8 and accused of throwing hand grenades at Zionist military vehicles in January and February. The homes of their families were bulldozed and dynamited by Zionist soldiers.

A merchants' strike continued in Jerusalem. More than 2,000 Palestinians gathered near the Western Wall in Jerusalem on May 8 to protest the continuing Zionist aggression against Palestinians in the occupied territories. When the demonstrators resisted Zionist soldiers trying to break up the demonstration, 21 young Palestinians were arrested. Another 9 Palestinians were

arrested near the Damascus Gate to the Old City when they confronted Zionist police attacks by throwing rocks. Fourteen other Palestinians were rounded up by the Zionists as they were mobilizing shopkeepers to join the general strike.

A curfew was imposed on the West Bank town of Ein Yashud, north of Ramallah, after a grenade attack on a Zionist military vehicle. Four other towns in the West Bank are still under curfew. Zionist military authorities arrested the Mayor of Tulkarm, Hilmi Hanoun, in further attempts to unsuccessfully crush the leadership of the National Guidance Committee in the West Bank which is coordinating strike activities despite its banning last week by the Zionists. Finally, students in the town of Halhoul continued a strike to protest the deportation of the town's mayor, Mohammad Milhem.



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### THE SHAM OF "AUTONOMY"

The massive uprising in the occupied territories has demonstrated in the most concrete manner possible the unified Palestinian rejection of the U.S.-Egyptian-Israeli schemes for imposing a permanent military occupation on the Palestinian people and a scheme for bypassing the only representative of the Palestinian people, the PLO. It is no mistake that the uprising in the territories coincides with the nearing of the Camp David "autonomy" talks' deadline of May 26. The Begin government has also forcefully demonstrated the hollowness of what the Zionists consider to be "autonomy": deportation of Palestinian leaders tied to the popular aspirations of the people; escalated land seizures; more settlers; and above all a brutal military aggression to try and subdue the natural resistance of an oppressed people. Reports circulating on May 2 indicated that the Israeli cabinet was ready to undertake the largest single land seizure in the history of the occupation — some 30,000 acres of Palestinian owned land. Defense Minister Weizman has dropped his "good-guy" façade

and announced a new "tough policy to crush any attempt at disruption of public order."

But the whole Camp David process is in a totally bankrupt state which has immobilized all three parties in their attempts at the impossible: to impose a settlement on a unified, determined Palestinian population. This situation has added to the spiralling crisis for the whole Zionist undertaking, already beset by the disaster created by its artificial inflationary economy. Zionists are now more than ever wondering about how their aggression against the Palestinians can bring any solution to the crisis. The military governor of the West Bank surprised, stated after the beginning of the uprising and the commando attack: "The population is now determined to defy the army." And Knesset member General Matti Peled despaired of any solution coming out of Camp David in the context of recent events, stating that a "solution will never come from Israel, even under a Labor administration."

The answer, as the current uprising in the West Bank makes clear, is that there will never be an imposed solution that goes against the national will for self-determination of the Palestinian people. No political solution can be arrived at without the participation of the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people — the PLO. The popular uprising in the West Bank is continuing and growing. (see box p. 9)

QAWASMEH, MILHEM, AL-TAMIMI

## "THE U.S. GIVES THEM EVERYTHING THEY WANT"

On May 3, the Zionist occupation authorities arbitrarily deported three West Bank Palestinian leaders to Lebanon: Mayor Fahd Qawasmeh of Hebron, Mayor Muhammad Hassan Milhem of Hebron, and Sheikh Rajab Al-Tamimi, Hebron's Muslim religious judge. Upon arrival in Beirut, the three Palestinian leaders held a press conference in the offices of the Palestinian news agency WAFA. Below are excerpts from the statements of Mayors Qawasmeh and Milhem:

### MAYOR OF HEBRON, FAHD QAWASMEH:

..."We have been deported outside. Who must be deported outside? We as the Palestinians who are the owners of the land? Or, the foreigners who are coming from the United States? This is our land. Why do they deport us outside? What mistake have we made? Nothing! Because we are trying to struggle to achieve our freedom, to achieve our rights for self-determination in an independent Palestinian state. What mistake have we made in that? Any population under occupation has the same right — to struggle until they are alive, to achieve their aims. Who must be deported? Mr. Begin who decided to settle in Hebron? Or, Mr. Qawasmeh, Mr. Milhem and Sheikh al-Tamimi who refuse these settlements. Who must be deported? They must be deported outside, because they are making the trouble in the Middle East; they are deciding to settle; they have decided to take our land by force and give it to others who are not the owners of that land. "We announce to the world, we say to them everywhere, everywhere, and in every newspaper, on every TV, in every broadcast in all the world, we are speaking about human rights, our Palestinian human rights for freedom. But they are not listening, they are only listening for their own



Qawasmeh, Milhem, al-Tamimi  
(from left to right) together with Chairman Arafat

power. Because the United States gives them everything they want. While the United States says that the settlements are illegal, at the same time the United States gives them \$3 billion to build settlements on our land.

The United States says that the Palestinians must get their human rights and at the same time the United States gives them the bombs, rockets and airplanes, to kill our population. "What mistake have we made? Really, they are Zionists. They don't want peace, but they want war. (Because in the "peace" they are making), they are laughing at the whole world, they are laughing at the European countries, they are laughing at everyone. They are speaking about peace, but they know they are calculating war.

They know how to wage war. They know more about war than peace, because they will never accept a Palestinian state, and all the money from the United States goes for the army.

"Yesterday at 1:00 AM when we were sleeping in our houses, they captured us in our houses and took us to the military governor. They tried to frighten us. They said that the military governor of the West Bank wanted to see us. Then they took us by helicopter to south Lebanon and from there we came here. Really, no one would speak to us. No one would meet with us. No one told us what mistake we had made. What mistake did we do? And they deported us outside our land. We were democratically elected by our population. And they deport us outside our land for what reason? But believe me, I am sure we will go back. We will go back tomorrow. If not tomorrow, after tomorrow, but we will go back."

### MAYOR OF HALHOUL, MOHAMMAD MILHEM:

"... Last year in my town in the occupied West Bank there was a peaceful demonstration. The soldiers faced the demonstration and started shooting. Two students were killed. That was a year ago last March. Those who killed them were identified later and they were taken to prison. But then they were released, because they allegedly acted in self-defense. With their sub-machine guns they acted in self-defense. Against whom? Against our students who had nothing with them. The world knew about this. A week ago, 150 cars were smashed and destroyed in

### SECURITY COUNCIL CONDEMNS DEPORTATION

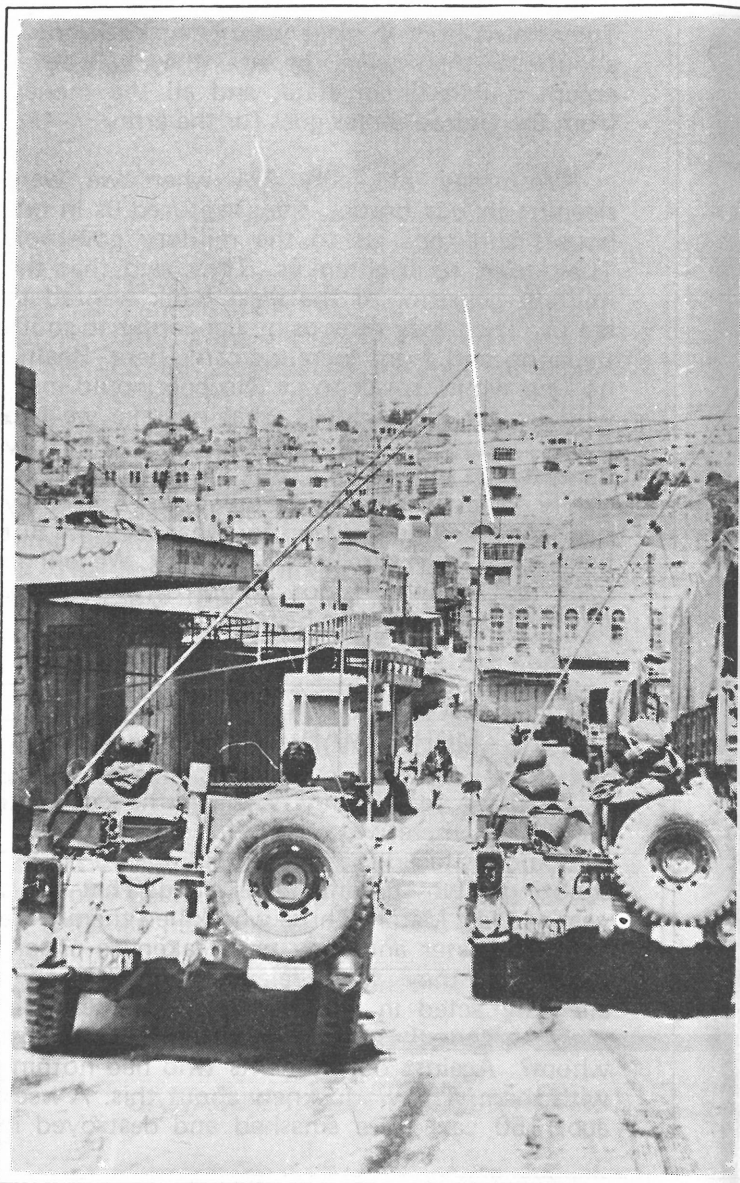
On May 8, the UN Security Council passed a resolution calling on Israel to return two West Bank mayors, Fahd Qawasmeh and Mohammad Milhem, and Hebron's religious Muslim judge, Sheikh al-Tamimi, who had been deported on May 3. The vote on the resolution was 14-0 with the U.S. abstaining against this universally recognized violation of international laws governing the treatment of victims of the military occupation of a foreign power.

The resolution states that the Security Council, recalling the Geneva Convention and "deeply concerned" at the expulsions, "calls upon the government of Israel as the occupying power to rescind these illegal measures and to facilitate the immediate return of the expelled Palestinian leaders so that they can resume the functions for which they were elected and appointed."



Palestinian and Lebanese masses demonstrate in Beirut in support of deported West Bank leaders





Israeli troops impose curfew on Hebron streets

Ramallah. A month ago, 42 cars were smashed and destroyed in Halhoul. The doers were identified and arrested, but later they were released. Nobody knows which town comes next, whose car is going to be smashed. Those, as I told you, were identified. They are settlers who have come to spread "security". For whom? For their cars, for their people? And where is *our* security? Aren't we human beings? Aren't we qualified to talk to the world? We have one ground all over the world. I know that we have friends all over the world, but there are some people still — not the ordinary people like us — but the official line of the governments in the West: they are still acting under illusions, they are still following the Zionist propaganda which doesn't speak to facts. "After the boy and girl were killed in Halhoul and the killers were released, a bunch of settlers were marching into the town. I saw them from my office. I thought that some of the boys may

have thrown stones at them and they might retaliate by shooting. I want to stay alive. Everybody does. I drove my car and parked in front of them. I told them, "Look," (honestly, word by word I am repeating), "you are guests in my town, but you have chosen the wrong day. Could you please come back another day." You know, one of them answered me and said, "But we are not guests here; this is our homeland." It is not security they are after; they are after land. It is not for security that they pitch settlements here and there, not for security. They are fooling the world by the word "security". In the age of rockets and atomic bombs, where is security? Is it in the Indian Ocean? Is it in the Pacific Ocean? There is no security if there is no mutual understanding between the peoples of the world and mutual coexistence. These people do not want to coexist. These people are a foreign body in the Middle East and they insist upon remaining as a foreign body. "Honestly, as a Palestinian, we have been telling them: "Look, the eternity of Begin in annexing Jerusalem, the eternity of Begin for the security of the coming generations of the Jews — is a big lie. It doesn't exceed 40 or 50 years." Nobody will make the effort to throw you into the sea, but you will throw yourselves into the sea. And I do pity them. I don't like to see Jewish children, Muslim children, Christian children or Buddhist children to be killed anywhere in the world. Don't believe the big lie that the Palestinians are terrorists. What is a terrorist? A terrorist is a born murderer, a born killer. The persons who are terrorists in any nation anywhere don't exceed one percent. But if 99% of the Palestinians are said to be terrorists, there is a big question mark. There is a big mistake about it. This will have to be answered by the whole world who have been dragged into believing that Palestinians are terrorists. I want to tell the world that it is high time to return to your senses before it is too late. I want to remind the whole world that the Palestinians are fully qualified. Look at me I have reason just as my colleagues here. We have 70,000 Ph.d.'s all over the world. We are qualified. We have tens of thousands of engineers — Palestinians — not in war, but in peace, in engineering, in medicine, in education. This is our nature, this is the structure of Palestinian society. "They are inviting us to "autonomy" as if I invited you to an empty pot. I say "Please, eat." And you say, "But it's empty." There is nothing in it.

If we had the sense of being invited to something substantial, we would say yes. But the wolves are inviting us to "autonomy". What is "autonomy"? Go back to the dictionary of politics: it is the rule of a minority within a state. We are not a minority within a state. We are the people who in 1948 owned 95% of the land...."

PERES VISITS WASHINGTON:

## MORE ATTEMPTS TO REVIVE CAMP DAVID

While the United States is increasing its aggression against Arab progressive forces and the Iranian Revolution on the one hand, it is trying to "save" the Palestinian autonomy talks which have come to a dead end. President Sadat of Egypt from his side has expressed his readiness to accept any suggestion to promote what he calls "complete self-rule" for the Palestinians. Moreover, he extended an invitation to Shimon Peres, the opposition party leader in Israel, to visit Egypt. This call came after Peres accepted Sadat's proposal to implement "autonomy rule" in the occupied Gaza Strip first, which is directed against the unity of the Palestinian people and its sole legitimate representative, the PLO.

Israeli Prime Minister Begin is ever intransigent towards Palestinian legitimate rights and is stepping up his expansionist colonial policy in the occupied Arab territories. But the Likud government is facing a critical situation both internally and abroad due to its economic, social and political policies, which have caused an evident split in government coalition ranks. The Israeli Interior Minister and head of the ministerial committee for the "autonomy" talks stated openly that "if the current situation continues, there is no way but to go to early elections." The Israeli Defence Minister earlier disclosed his "differences" with Begin and made no secret of his willingness to become Prime Minister or join a Labour-controlled government. His declarations were received with "astonishment and fury" by the Likud-Herut circles, especially as Begin was still in Washington. To profit from the opportunity, the Carter Administration invited Peres to Washington just after Carter's talks with Begin.

### ZIONIST WINDOW DRESSING

Before leaving Israel, Peres stressed a three-point program on which his party agreed with



Peres will neither solve Camp David deadlock nor save Sadat

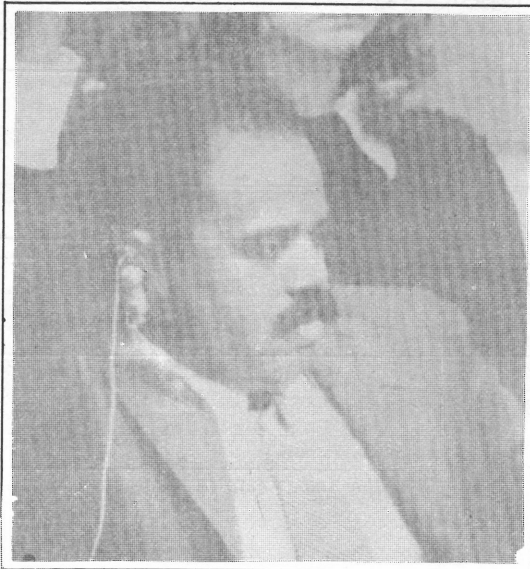
Begin's government: the unity of Jerusalem "Israel's capital", rejection of an independent Palestinian state and refusal to negotiate with the PLO. However, Peres tried to brand himself as a "moderate". He claimed that the difference between the Labour and the ruling Likud is that while Begin regards the West Bank as Israel's by God-given right, the opposition believes there is room to negotiate "withdrawal" from parts of the area. Talking in an interview with the Israeli TV on April 15, Peres presented his political programme as: changing the present settlement policy on the basis of avoiding the establishment of settlements in densely-populated Palestinian areas, applying "self-rule" first in the Gaza Strip and approaching Jordan to join the current "autonomy talks".

Arriving in Washington April 24, Peres described the plan offered by Begin to maintain Israeli control over the West Bank and Gaza strip as "faulty". He admitted that the 'trouble' is that there is no negotiating partner to speak for the "territories", i.e. there is no Palestinian who accepts the Camp David conspiracy. Peres



## MORE ATTEMPTS TO REVIVE CAMP DAVID

reiterated his refusal of an independent Palestinian state and called for demilitarizing the areas which Israel would 'hand over' to Jordan, declaring that there should be some Israeli settlements for defensive purposes along the Jordan River. He stated that Jews should have a right to live on Arab land even after it reverts to Jordanian control. He also disclosed that Carter inquired about the "differences" the Labour party has with the Likud on the political future of the Palestinian people.



U.S. ambassador Donald McHenry raises his hand to veto Palestinian resolution

### AT THE U.N.:

### U.S. VETOES PALESTINIAN RIGHTS; BLOCKS PEACE

On April 30, 1980, the U.S. once more demonstrated its hostile stance towards the Arab world and its opposition to Palestinian rights and aspirations. One week after its abortive invasion against Iran, the U.S. vetoed a U.N. resolution submitted by the U.N. Committee on Palestinian Rights via the Tunisian delegation to the U.N. Security Council. The resolution affirmed the Palestinians' right to statehood. Ten members of the Security Council voted in favour of the resolution, while the European states of Britain, France, Norway and Portugal abstained under the pretext that the time has not come for such a resolution. In fact they are still betting on the U.S.-sponsored Camp David agreements.

## CARTER THE ISRAELI

Commenting on Carter's views, Peres quoted Carter as saying he feels like an Israeli on several issues: a determination to keep Jerusalem "united," not to recognise the PLO and to keep to the Camp David agreements in spirit and letter.

In spite of the bitter criticism from the Likud circles to the Peres-Carter meeting, which they claimed would "weaken the state of Israel", the meeting illustrated that Carter endorses the Israeli view regardless of who his Israeli counterpart is. His main concern is to maintain a powerful Israel able to enforce the American-Zionist schemes in the area. Realizing the deadlock in the Camp David accords, and engulfed with many other crises such as do-

Commenting on the American veto, Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the political department of the PLO, said: "The U.S. is the main obstacle in the way of peace in the Middle East.... We hold it responsible because of its neglect of Palestinian national rights, and because it continues to block any attempt by any state or by the Security Council to reach a just solution." He added that the U.S. is still conducting acts of aggression in the region. The abortive American mission in Iran is clear evidence that the U.S. is still employing force and violence to preserve its interests and presence in the Middle East.

Soviet Ambassador Kharlamov commented: "The American veto proves the intention of the United States to ignore the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, and shows their unconditional support for Israel and for its policy of aggression and territorial expansion. The U.S. is striving to maintain this region of the world in a state of instability and tension, so as to step up its political and military influence there."

This is not the first time the U.S. has blocked a resolution supporting the Palestinians' legitimate national rights. On March 1, it retreated after voting in favour of a resolution denouncing Israeli settlements in the occupied Arab territories. The U.S. remains determined never to say a word in favour of the Palestinians, and never even to listen to anything which is not pro-Israeli. President Carter, the "human rights" advocate, fired Andrew Young as America's United Nations ambassador for merely talking to the PLO observer at the U.N. Moreover, he said he "felt like an Israeli" following his recent meeting with Israeli opposition party leader Shimon Peres. Thus he continues to prove himself a "sincere friend of Israel" and a "true supporter" of Israeli-Zionist-Imperialist ambitions and aggressions against the Arab world and the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples.

mestic inflation, the Iranian revolution and the American presidential elections, Carter turned once again to a policy of buying time through focusing on Israeli internal affairs.

## IMPLICATIONS

No doubt the Carter Administration realizes the impasse which Begin's government policies have reached. Begin's policies have unmasked Sadat as the most enthusiastic American agent in the Middle East. The U.S. wants to use the threat of Israeli elections to pressure the 'prodigal son', Begin. Such elections could be a cover under which the U.S. could funnel more aid to Israel's sick economy. The U.S. wants to buy time for Israel to escalate American-Israeli aggression against the Arab world in general and the Palestinian people in particular. The U.S. wants to obtain more concessions from the capitulationist Sadat. This time the Americans are trying to introduce Peres as a "moderate" in contrast to the "extremist" Begin. Moreover the U.S. is worried about the Israeli economy. Israel suffers a budget deficit of about 15 billion dollars. Inflation has reached 115% annually and many Israeli citizens are leaving the country. It was revealed recently that Begin asked Carter to set up restrictions on Jews emigrating to the U.S. The Americans feel that Begin's prestige as an Israeli Prime Minister is deteriorating both inside and outside Israel. They also shoulder Begin with the responsibility for worsening U.S.-Israel relations. Carter aims to beautify the warmongering Israeli image and to preserve America's position as the patron of Israel. In adapting himself to the new American scenario, Peres has made contact with the National Religious Party, Israeli Defense Minister Weiz-



man, and with Sadat to pave the way for a comeback.

Even if the game goes on to its end, Peres will have to learn — as the Camp David partners must realize — that nobody can bypass the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and their sole legitimate representative.

## CAMP DAVID "A FARCE BASED ON A TRAGEDY"

The Soviet weekly *News from Moscow* published at the end of April a comment on the situation of the Palestinian people in relation to Camp David. It says in particular:

"In the Palestinian refugee camps it is forbidden to construct a permanent roof on top of the huts, since these camps were considered temporary. However, this 'temporary' condition has already lasted more than 30 years. By June 1977, the camps alone accounted for 1,706,000 refugees. An entire generation of Palestinians has been born, has grown up and has lived without knowing what it is to have a roof over one's head.

"A people of 4 million, with ancient roots, finds itself today in exile. It is denied the right of having its own state. Apparently the Camp David trio does not take notice of this fact, just as they do not recognize, and continue to ignore, the authorized leadership representing the Palestinian people: the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), recognized at present by more than 110 states.

"It was not long ago that Carter was lavishing praise on Sadat and trying to wheedle Begin. Carter was counting on a miracle which would help him during the American presidential primary elections. Counting entirely on Carter, Sadat displayed his 'generosity' towards Israel, while hinting that Begin lacked this quality. As for Begin, he rejected the very idea of a compromise, even a feigned one, well aware of the accommodating character of Sadat, the vulnerability of the American president in an election year and the power of the pro-Israel lobby in the U.S. It looks as if Begin is worried less by Sadat or Carter, for the time being, than by some members of his own cabinet, such as Ezer Weizman.

"Consequently, the Camp David trio came to the understanding that, for the next 40 days, Egypt and Israel would pursue intensive preparatory talks on, essentially, nothing. This would be a farce, if it were not based on a tragedy: the tragedy of the Palestinian people deprived of their homeland."



## OCCUPATION DIARY

### LABOUR DAY: ISRAELIS TRY TO BAN ALL CEREMONIES

As part of their arbitrary measures against the Palestinian people in the 67-occupied territories, the Israeli authorities announced on April 29 their decision to ban all May Day celebrations out of fear that they would lead to renewed popular uprisings against the Israeli occupation. In Nablus, the Israeli authorities notified the General Union of Palestinian Labor Syndicates of their decision to ban the May Day festivals. In Jerusalem, the employees of the Jerusalem Electricity Company decided to stage a hunger strike at the Union's headquarters in protest against the hostile measures adopted by the Israeli authorities in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The Union's administrative body also decided to hold a political seminar on the rights of Palestinian workers and employees. In Bethlehem the Israeli military governor of the region notified the Mayor of the decision to ban all May Day festivals and warned that

harsh measures would be taken if these ceremonies were held.

### ISRAELI TROOPERS KILL AND WOUND

The Israeli occupation forces on May Day shot one young Palestinian dead and wounded two others in the village of 'Anabta, between Tulkarm and Nablus. At 8 a.m., the Israeli soldiers directed submachine gun fire at a demonstration staged by the students of 'Anabta secondary school, who had gathered in the school yard to mark May Day and protest the mounting Israeli oppression of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories. One student, Nader Najeh Ismail Abu Aliyeh (17 years), was killed, and two other students were wounded: Mohammad Khairi al-Qabih (18 years), and Jamal Abdel Aziz Abdel Qader (17 years).

The Israeli force which stormed the school was headed by the Israeli military governor of the Tulkarm region. The Israeli authorities refused to hand over the corpse of the martyr to his parents. The authorities alleged that the student was wielding a knife and attempting to take a pistol away from an Israeli officer escorting the military governor. Students at the school have refuted this allegation. They say that the Israeli officer killed the student after having manhandled him. In the wake of the killing, the municipal council of 'Anabta held a meeting despite the curfew imposed by the Israeli authorities. After the meeting, the council issued a communique pointing out that no Israeli soldier was injured and no military vehicles had suffered the slightest damage. The Israeli soldiers came to the village, the communique went on, with the express purpose of intimidating and brutalising the Palestinian students. "Is this the way they want to convince the world that we consent to the occupation?" the communique asked. "Is



this the way they seek to gain our approval for the 'autonomy' talks going on in Herzlia? We are prepared to sacrifice all that we have for our national rights and for the independent Palestinian state under the leadership of the PLO."

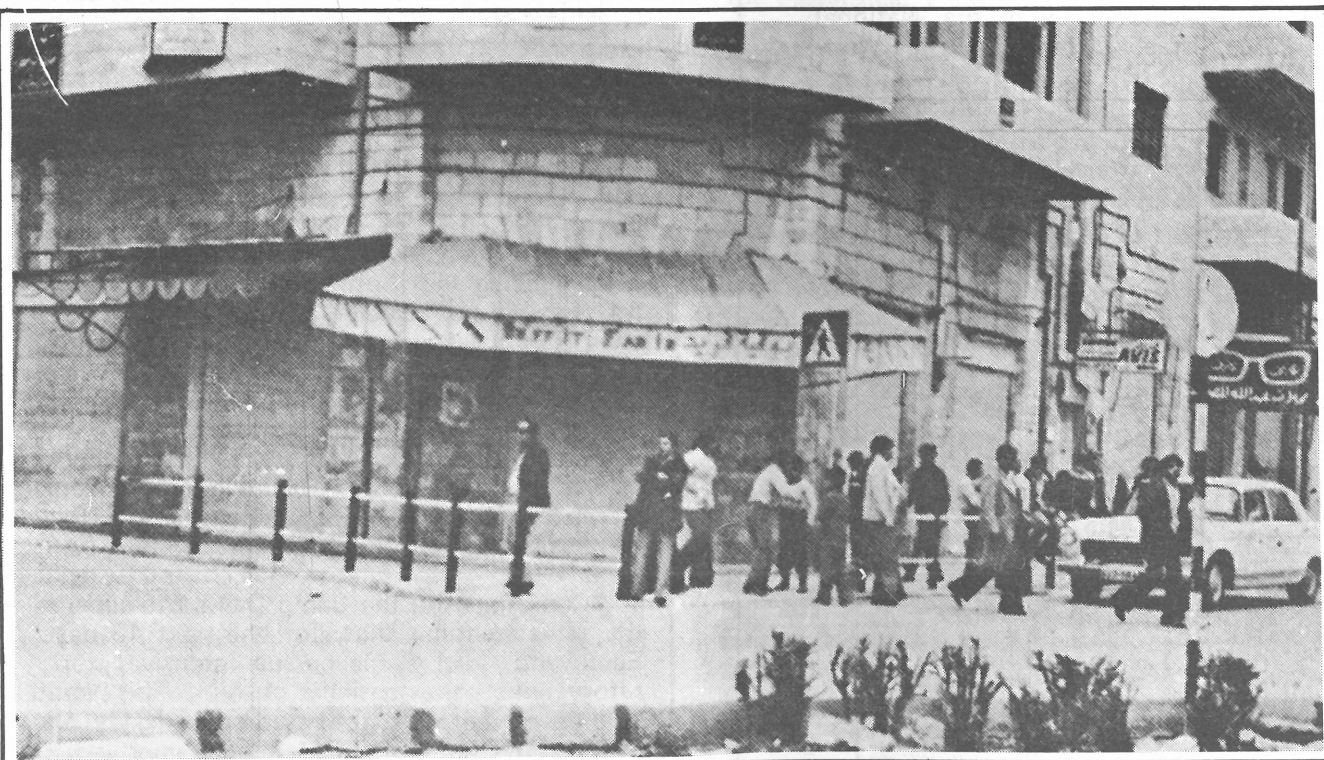
Following the killing, the West Bank was extremely tense, and the mayors and members of municipal councils in the West Bank headed to 'Anabta to protest the killing and to express their solidarity. The Israeli authorities had already imposed a curfew on the village and erected checkpoints at its entrances, however, thus preventing the mayors from entering. The West Bank mayors issued a communique denouncing the crime and stressing that this aggression and others like it can only strengthen the attachment of the Palestinian people to their right to defend their freedom and their national rights. The West Bank mayors sent cables of protest to the Israeli War Minister and to the Military Commander of the West Bank. Dozens of cables were sent to 'Anabta by the various national and popular bodies in the West Bank.

### 15,000 ATTEND CELEBRATIONS IN NAZARETH AND KFAR YASSIF

The regions of Palestine occupied in 1948 witnessed huge popular rallies on May Day celebrating labor day. In a rally in Nazareth, attended by 8000 people from all over the region, Emile Habibi, editor-in-chief of the Haifa daily *al-Ittihad*, delivered a speech in which he praised the achievements of the Palestinian people for the realisation or their national rights under the leadership of the PLO. He added that the long years of struggle have proved the determination of the Palestinian people to abort all conspiracies concocted against them. The other speakers denounced the Israeli crimes committed the same day against the inhabitants of 'Anabata, specifically the killing of Nader Najeh Ismail Abu Aliyeh, and the Israeli aggressions against the Palestinian people, especially the seizure of Palestinian land. Another massive festival was held in Kfar Yassif, which was attended by over 7000 people.

### GUSH EMUNIM AGGRESSION AGAINST RAMALLAH

Commenting on the vandal attack carried out by Gush Emunim thugs on vehicles and houses in Ramallah and al-Bireh on April 24, Nablus Mayor Bassam al-Shaka' said: "The attack, which took place under the protection of Israeli police, represents an integral part of Israel's official policy in the West Bank, and is indivisible from the cornerstone of this policy incarnated in the establishment of Israeli settlements in the occupied Arab territories." He added that the attack provided an illuminating example of the Israeli understanding of "principles of coexistence" and "the freedom of Palestinian citizens." Mayor Shaka's statement was issued as tensions ran high in Nablus following the distribution of inflammatory pamphlets in the town by Zionist settlers from Deir al-Hatab. Meanwhile, Ramallah Mayor Karim Khalaf confirmed the Palestinians' determination to resist attacks and violations committed by the Zionist gangs of Gush Emunim.



General strike in Ramallah in protest of Zionist provocations





## ARMED RESISTANCE

The Israeli occupation forces are escalating their terror and armed provocations. Palestinians in Hebron, Jerusalem, 'Anabta, Ramallah and Jalazoun have been attacked by armed Zionist gangs. The Palestinian people and fighters respond by escalating their resistance on all levels. Our people reject the Camp David plot and the brutal occupation and land theft which must be ended by all means.

### MILITARY VEHICLE ATTACKED IN HEBRON

No. 46/80:

On the night of April 29, a militant belonging to the martyr Dhahir al Awawdeh unit threw a hand grenade at an Israeli military vehicle in front of the al-Dubwiyah building in the centre of Hebron. The grenade exploded, injuring a number of the members of the Israeli patrol and damaging the vehicle. The Israeli security forces immediately cordoned off the area and conducted a thorough search, arresting several citizens on suspicion of involvement in the operation. However, our militant returned safely to base.

### SOLDIERS IN TEL AVIV ATTACKED

No. 47/80:

On April 30 a Palestinian militant belonging to special commando unit "K" operating inside the occupied territories launched a hand grenade attack on a group of Israeli soldiers in Tel Aviv's central bus station on upper Yasoud street,

causing a large number of casualties. The militant made a successful escape and returned safely to base. The Israeli security forces and border guards immediately encircled the station and the surrounding area and conducted a thorough search, arresting a large number of Palestinian citizens who happened to be in the area on suspicion of involvement in the operation.

### MOLOTOV COCKTAIL IN JALAZOUN CAMP

No. 48/80:

A Palestinian militant operating inside the occupied territories on the night of April 30 threw a molotov cocktail at an Israeli military vehicle patrolling the streets of Jalazoun camp near Ramallah. The incendiary device exploded inside the vehicle, injuring the five Israeli soldiers who were in it. The vehicle was set ablaze. The Israeli forces

### ISRAELI MANUFACTURED EXPLOSIVES

Radio Israel reported on April 24 in its Hebrew language broadcast that a grenade exploded in the occupied town of Lydda on the night of April 23. The report added that the inhabitants of the Ramat quarter informed the Israeli authorities of the explosion, and added that the Israeli explosives expert who arrived at the site of the explosion found shrapnel from a grenade believed to be of Israeli manufacture. The report said that there were no injuries or losses as a result of the explosion.

which have been surrounding Jalazoun camp for the last three months immediately burst into the camp and arrested a large number of Palestinian citizens on suspicion of involvement in the operation. However, the militant returned safely to base.

### HAND GRENADE AGAINST ISRAELI VEHICLE

No. 51/80:

Acting on orders, a militant from special unit 'A' operating inside the occupied territories on the morning of May 6 attacked the vehicle of an Israeli military patrol with hand grenades while it was parked in the central square of the Duheisha Camp, near Bethlehem. The attack injured a number of the members of the patrol and destroyed their vehicle. The Israeli soldiers fired their machine guns at our militant, and the area was cordoned off by a massive Israeli force stationed in the camp. The Israeli forces began a wide-scale search in an attempt to arrest him, but our militant was able to withdraw from the scene of the operation after successfully executing his mission.

### EXPLOSION INSIDE SECURITY OFFICE

No. 52/80:

A group of our militants operating inside the occupied territories on the evening of May 5 planted a timed explosive charge inside the Israeli security office in the Hebrew University near Jerusalem. The charge went off as planned, injuring a number of Israeli security personnel attached to the office, and inflicting some material losses in the building. Israeli police and civil guard patrols immediately rushed to the scene of the explosion, and combed the University building in search of other charges, arresting a number of Palestinian students on suspicion of their involvement in the attack. The unit returned safely to base.

## AN EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT:

## THE UGLY FACE OF THE ZIONIST OCCUPATION

[This was written by a friend of the Palestinian people who visited occupied Palestine in February and March, 1980.]

When I visited the West Bank and Gaza Strip, tensions were running high and suspicions were pervasive. The Zionist military occupation of the West Bank and Gaza is a harsh reality. Five-man squads of fully-armed Israeli soldiers patrol the towns and cities. Israeli "civilians" walk arrogantly through the *suqs* of Jerusalem, M-16s dangling from their shoulders. Soldiers stop and search Palestinians at will on the sidewalks and streets. Checkpoints stop Arab cars and buses and their passengers are searched by the side of the road. Summary arrests and detentions of Arabs are indiscriminate and frequent. Zionist repression is ubiquitous, a fact underscored by the Begin government's decision in February to implant a Jewish settlement in the heart of the Arab city of Hebron.

### SOLIDARITY AGAINST ZIONISM

The Palestinian reaction to this new act of Zionist aggression was swift and unambiguous. A series of strikes closed shops throughout the occupied territories. Mass demonstrations and



The Jewish Pole Begin in search for "his God-given land" in the Palestinian West Bank

protest marches were held in major Arab towns and Palestinians from every walk of life reaffirmed their solidarity against Zionism.

The Palestinians' unwavering unity and the new tone of militancy in their statements was clear for all to see. Mayor Fahd Qawasmeh of Hebron took up the call for continuing mass demonstrations and strikes, because "prisons can't scare us any longer." The people of Hebron plan to boycott the settlers by refusing to sell them goods and services and by stopping Arab laborers from working inside 48-occupied Palestine. The latter move could seriously disrupt Israel's already shaky economy. An attack on four buses that were on their way to pick up Arab workers for 48-occupied Palestine may be a harbinger of things to come. Clearly the resistance in the occupied territories has entered a new phase. As Halhoul Mayor Muhammad Milhem put it, "There is nothing left to cry about.... It is time for the lamb [the Palestinian people] to confront the wolf."

### SETTLER PROVOCATIONS

Trouble in the Hebron and Halhoul area began years ago when Qiryat Arba settlers came into Hebron as policemen (the settlement itself



## ISRAELI OCCUPATION IN THE WEST BANK

is built on 1,200 dunums of Arab land) and began to harass and arrest the young men of the town. Palestinians would be taken to the settlement and forced to dig gardens or pick up the trash, or would be humiliated by being forced to bark like a dog. They would be released late at night and have to walk the long way back home.

In 1976, a car full of settlers sprayed a volley of machine gun fire in the streets of Halhoul, wounding five people. When Arab youths responded by throwing stones at other Qiryat Arba cars, the military governor ordered mass arrests,

giving government support and protection to the settlers' actions.

Both Mayor Qawasmeh and Mayor Milhem believe that the provocations became more systematic after that. In addition to suffering physical brutalities and humiliations, residents of Hebron and Halhoul had to put up with Hebrew signs and graffiti which appeared around the towns, claiming "This is our land." When I walked around Halhoul much of this was still evident. The sign welcoming visitors to Halhoul remains painted over.

### INCREASED REPRESSION

But settler violence took a quantum leap with the shooting deaths last year of a Palestinian boy and girl in Halhoul by Qiryat Arba settlers. In January 1980 an Israeli soldier from Qiryat Arba was killed in Hebron in retaliation. The military governor clamped a 22 1/2-hour curfew on the entire town for 11 days, while soldiers searched houses. Arab men were frequently forced out into the streets for inspection during the freezing winter nights. Qiryat Arba settlers nonetheless sought their own vengeance, destroying a Halhoul supermarket and beating up four people,



Armed provocateurs of the Gush Emunim roam the streets of Ramallah

including a village mukhtar. In March, 40 cars in the Hebron/Halhoul area had their windows smashed and tires slashed. It is in this setting that the Begin government has decided to put Jewish settlers in the heart of Hebron.

### THE WIDER CONTEXT

The violence in Hebron and Halhoul is symptomatic of the wider repression that has intensified since the signing of the Camp David accords in 1978. The Mayors of Hebron, Halhoul, Ramallah, Bethlehem and Nablus all agree that the Israeli authorities have increased indiscriminate arrests, collective punishments of entire villages and towns, and heavy monetary fines for student demonstrations. The willingness of armed Gush Emunim thugs to enter Arab towns to intimidate and terrorize the residents — as they recently did in the village of Bir Zeit — is seen as a real threat. Judicial repression has accompanied Zionist bullying. Progressive Israeli lawyer Felicia Langer has said that Israeli judges have decided to pass 10 and 20 year sentences on Arabs convicted of moderate infractions because "lighter sentences have not deterred Palestinian political resistance."

Land confiscation and construction of settlements, perhaps the most inflammatory issues on the West Bank, have also risen. In the Begin government's three years of rule, it has founded or legalized 36 settlements, or four more than the Labor government established during the first ten years of the Israeli occupation (1967-1977). Israel has thus expropriated roughly one-third of the total area of the West Bank. At least 14 of the Begin government's settlements have been established since the Camp David summit, underscoring how meaningless the entire Camp David formula is for the Palestinians.

### "WE WON'T BE THROWN OUT"

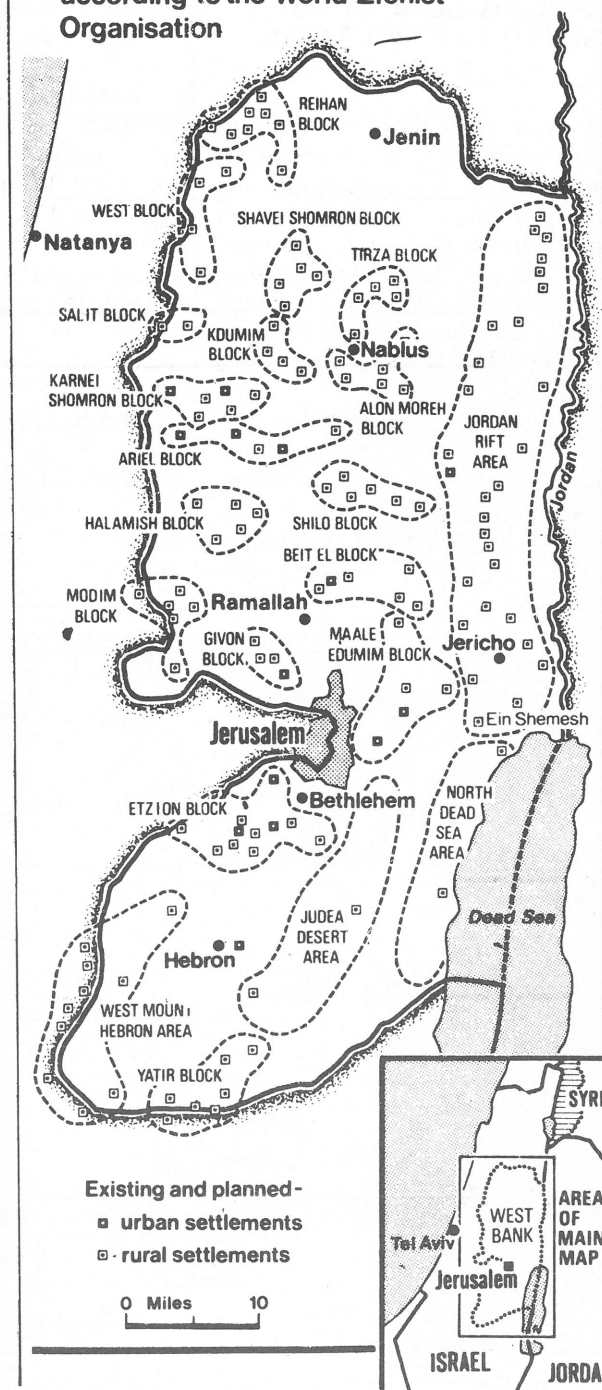
Yet the controversy around the the Begin government's Hebron settlement decision, Mayor Qawasmeh continuously argues, does not revolve around the question of whether Jews can live in Hebron. They can, anytime they want, he says. What the Palestinian people object to is that the decision is not reciprocal. Qawasmeh asks, "If they can move here, why I can't I return to my home?" A second objection is that the Gush Emunim does not want to live in Hebron, but to settle in it. The distinction is important. "To live here means simply to work, side by side, in peace with your neighbors and to accept the way of life here," Qawasmeh explains. "But to settle means to reject what we have here and to change the attitudes and conditions. The settlers want to establish their own exclusive colony and then expand it. They

want to turn Hebron into something else, just like they did to Jerusalem."

But, he concluded emphatically, "we won't be thrown out of the West Bank!"

[Editor's Note: One month after speaking these words Mayor Qawasmeh was indeed thrown out, along with Mayor Milhem and a Hebron religious leader, by the Israeli occupation authorities.]

### Israeli settlement in the West Bank according to the World Zionist Organisation





## ZIONISM IN PRACTICE

### ARABS WILL BE 44% OF PALESTINE POPULATION BY YEAR 2000

Statistics published recently in Israel showed that the population of the Arabs in the occupied territories is growing at such a rate that in twenty years they may outnumber the Jews. The Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics pointed out on April 24 that the total population within the 1948 frontiers will have expanded by 54% by the year 2000, bringing the population to six million. The growth rate in the Palestinian territories occupied in 1967 will be greater, and by the year 2000 the Bureau estimates that the population of the West

Bank and Gaza Strip will have more than doubled, and will have reached 2.5 million. Thus, the Bureau said, the population of Arabs in Israel and the lands occupied in 1967 will become 4% of the total by 2000, instead of the present 36%. The population of Arabs inside Israel, the Bureau said, will climb from 16% to 20% by the end of the century.

### NEW ISRAELI FIGHTER PLANE WITH AMERICAN ENGINE

Israeli Defence Minister Ezer Weizman disclosed on April 30, upon returning to occupied Palestine from Washington, that he had concluded an agreement with the Americans to receive engines from General Electric Motors for the new Israeli jet fighter, the Lavie. The Lavie, which is to be smaller and faster than Israel's Kfir jet, is slated to become the principal bludgeon of the Israeli air force by the end of the 1980s. Moreover, Weizman boasted that Israel is now free to sell its Kfir wherever the United States sells arms. Heretofore Israel was only allowed to sell arms to



U.S.-Israeli military cooperation to be stepped up (here: handover of F-16 war planes)

reactionary regimes which the U.S. had declined to supply itself for public relations purposes. Weizman added that this opportunity "should open new avenues to us," especially in the field of Israeli-U.S. military cooperation to bolster puppet reactionary and racist regimes the world over.

### UNIFIL COUNTRIES: END ISRAELI SUPPORT FOR HADDAD GANGS

All countries with troops in the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) have called on Israel to cease its support for Saad Haddad's gangs, and have asked all parties to cooperate fully with UNIFIL. The call came at a meeting held in Dublin on May 2 to discuss the situation of UNIFIL troops following stepped-up aggression and harassment against UN troops and positions by Haddad's militias. The militias' attacks climaxed on April 18, resulting in the cold-blooded murder of two unarmed Irish UN soldiers whom the Israeli-directed militiamen had abducted. Following the Dublin meeting, the UNIFIL countries issued a joint communique stressing that Haddad's militias have resisted efforts to extend UNIFIL's control, and declaring that Israel's extensive support of its puppet Haddad "has been the key factor enabling these forces to act as they have done."

### ISRAELI-AMERICAN MILITARY MANEUVERS

Israeli television reported on April 19 that the Pentagon is considering the possibility of joint American-Israeli maneuvers. The report added that this possibility was discussed between Israeli Prime Minister Begin and President Carter during their April summit meeting in Washington. The extent and date of the maneuvers was not specified, but observers indicate that this move follows an Israeli and Egyptian offer to provide military facilities to U.S. troops to facilitate imperialist aggression against progressive and nationalist forces in the Middle East.

### THE SHARETT DIARY:

## ISRAEL'S SACRED TERRORISM

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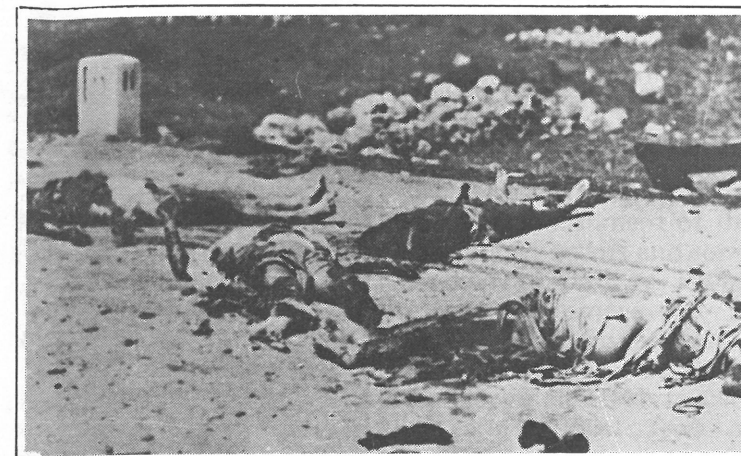
The recently published Personal Diary of Moshe Sharett, Israel's first Foreign Minister (1948-1956) and second Prime Minister (1954-1955), offers an authoritative demystification of many Zionist myths including "Israel's security", the "Arab threat", and "Israel's commitment to save Lebanon's Christians". Livia Rokach's translation and commentary reveals the following:

### THE ARAB "THREAT"

1. The Israeli political/military establishment never seriously believed in an Arab threat to the existence of Israel. The "Arab threat" was an Israel-invented myth which, for internal and inter-Arab reasons, Arab regimes could not deny, though they constantly feared Israeli preparations for new wars.

2. The Israeli regime tried to provoke the Arab states into military confrontations in order to shift the balance of power permanently in favor of the Zionist State. To achieve this objective, large and small-scale terrorist operations were launched against civilians across the armistice lines in the West Bank and Gaza to demoralize the Palestinians, to destabilize the Arab regimes, to secure new territorial conquests in pursuit of "Eretz Israel", to weaken Palestinian claims to Palestine through further dispersion and displacement, to dismember the Arab World, and to defeat the Arab nationalist movement and create puppet regimes which would align themselves with a regional Israeli power.

Sharett's Diary deals a deadly blow to a number of interpretations regarded by Zionists and American establishment scholars as "self-evident truths", such as:



Deir Yasin was just a beginning: a deliberate Zionist program of terror

1. That the Suez war of 1956 was caused by Nasser's nationalization of the Canal. Sharett tells us that a major war against Egypt was contemplated by Ben-Gurion and Dayan as early as the autumn of 1953, prior to Nasser's assumption of power in Egypt.

2. That the Israeli occupation of Gaza and Eastern Palestine (West Bank) was a defensive act against Arab "threats". Sharett offers unequivocal evidence that this occupation had been on the Israeli agenda since the early fifties, and that American Zionist leaders were informed about the plan in 1954.

3. That Israel intervened militarily in Lebanon in 1978 in order to punish Palestinian "terrorists" and save Lebanon's Christians from genocide. Sharett's Diary provides the entire documentation of Ben-Gurion's plan to partition and subordinate that country to Israel, some fifteen years prior to any Palestinian armed presence there.

4. Ben Gurion's plan of sowing dissension between Christians and Muslims in Lebanon and establishing a puppet Maronite State is amply documented by Sharett. That these were the objectives since the early fifties, at least, has long been known but could not be proven until the publication of the first translation of the Sharett Diaries by the Association of Arab-American University Graduates this month.

Ben-Gurion's and Dayan's Lebanese policy is described thus by Sharett:

According to Dayan the only thing that is necessary is to find a Lebanese officer, even a major will do. We should either win his heart or buy him with money to get him to agree to declare himself the saviour of the Maronite population. The Israeli Army will enter Lebanon, occupy the necessary territory and create a Christian regime which will ally itself with Israel. The territory from the Litani



A step to implement  
the program of Zionist  
expansion:

Israeli "Good Fence"  
policy in southern Lebanon



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southward will be totally annexed to Israel. [Dayan] recommends that this be done immediately, tomorrow.

This was not written in 1978, when Israel invaded southern Lebanon and when Dayan was Foreign Minister, but in 1953. Now Ben-Gurion is dead and Dayan is in retirement, but their policy is alive and well; and in Maj. Saad Haddad ("even a major will do") Menachem Begin found his puppet.

The use of Israeli terrorism to create the appearance of an "Arab threat" to Israel's existence was effective. It was summed up by Sharett thus on June 3, 1955:

I have been meditating on the long chain of false incidents and hostilities we have invented, and on the many clashes we have provoked which cost us so much blood, and on the violations of the law by our men — all of which brought grave disasters and determined the whole course of events and contributed to the security crisis.

The creation of a siege mentality in Israeli society was complementary to the prefabricated myth of the "Arab threat". Not only was it designed to secure a defensive cohesiveness on the part of the society, but was also calculated, according to Sharett, to "eliminate the moral brakes" and set aside the ethical codes which underlie Jewish life. Moshe Dayan emphasized the value of the so-called "reprisal actions" thus:

[They] are our vital lymph. They are necessary... to maintain a high tension among our population and in the army... It is necessary to convince our young people that we are in danger.

The following testimony of a soldier (*Davar*,

Sept. 6, 1979) who participated in the occupation of the Palestinian village of Duiema in 1948, is a sad commentary on the extent of adherence by the Israeli military, under Ben-Gurion and Dayan, to the moral precepts of Judaism:

... Killed between 80 to 100 Arabs, women and children. To kill the children they fractured their heads with sticks. There was not one house without corpses... one commander ordered a soldier to bring two women into a house he was about to blow up... another soldier prided himself upon having raped an Arab woman before shooting her to death. Another Arab woman with her newborn baby was made to clean the place for a couple of days, and then they shot her and the baby. Educated and well-mannered commanders who were considered "good guys"...

Terrorism and blind revenge were now to be glorified as the new moral and even sacred values of Israeli society. The resurgent militarism no longer rested on the "socialist" varnish of a Palmach; the military symbol was now unit 101, a gang of assassins led by Arik Sharon and rationalized by Menachem Begin and Itzhak Shamir of the Irgun Zvi Leumi and the Stern gangs, the "heroes" of Deir Yassin and the King David Hotel, liberators of Judea and Samaria and prosecutors and executioners of Count Folke Bernadotte and Lord Moyne.

Livia Rokach's study is as potentially devastating to Zionist propaganda as the Pentagon Papers were to the American politico-military establishment in Vietnam. As such it is necessary reading for all who would like to cut through the tissue of Zionist lies and falsehoods and learn the truth about the character of the Zionist project in Palestine.

ANOTHER VICTIM OF ZIONISM:

## SEPHARDI JEWS IN ISRAEL

There is a large gap in Israeli society between well-off Jews and poor ones, corresponding to the Ashkenazim (Jews of Western origin) and the Sephardim (Jews of "Oriental" origin). Not only do Arabs suffer from discrimination and poverty in Israel, but the Sephardim are also discriminated against.

When Zionist immigration into Palestine started at the end of the last century, most of the Jews in the country were Sephardim. The Ashkenazi-dominated Zionist movement showed very little interest in Sephardi immigration into Palestine, regarding these Jews as "primitive" and rejecting their humane attitude towards the Palestinians. But after the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, Zionist agents and some Western diplomats worked to destroy Jewish communities in Arab lands and remove them to Israel. The mass immigration that ensued increased the percentage of the Sephardim from about one-third of Palestinian Jewry in 1947 to over 70 percent by the early 1960s. Jews of European origin have today sunk to a mere 20 percent of the population of occupied Palestine (i.e., both the '48 and '67 occupied territories combined).

The Zionist establishment regarded both Sephardim and Arabs as inferior to European Jews. Sephardim were put in Maa'barot immigration transit camps, where they often stayed for ten years or more, suffering material deprivation and cultural oppression, living in tents or one-room tin huts. At the same time,



Israeli police crushes demonstration of Oriental Jews in Jerusalem





Zionist settler armed with a submachine gun threatens group of Oriental Jews demanding better living conditions instead of settlements

hundreds of thousands of Ashkenazim who came from European countries or America were immediately placed in pleasant residential areas and were given jobs commensurate with their qualifications. Thus Sephardi immigrants became little more than a cheap labor pool for the Ashkenazim to exploit.

### EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS

Studies about education in Israel have shown that three-quarters of pupils with a Western background pass the entry examinations for secondary schools, while two-thirds of the pupils of "Oriental" background fail it. Doris Bensimone-Donath, in her book *North African Immigrants in Israel*, reveals their cultural and educational problems. She shows that the Zionist establishment's rejection of Arabic or Judeo-Arabic, the mother tongue of at least two-thirds of the North African Jews in Israel, is one of the main reasons for the deep schism between family life and school which affects Jewish North African children. Many North African Jews in Israel have changed their names because they are ashamed of their origins.

Oriental Jews have had limited opportunities, and are unable to ensure decent education and training for their children. Schools have been used to inculcate in children a strong sense of the inferiority of the Arabs, and by extension of

those who come from Arab countries. By 1962, a leader of the North African Jewish community complained that there were more North African professors at the Sorbonne than North African Jewish students at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Bensimone-Donath's book also has the following data: *Percentage of Oriental Students in Israeli schools and universities:*

Oriental Jews are 56.6 percent of the general population (i.e., Jews and Palestinian Arabs living in '48 occupied Palestine).

Oriental Jews are 61.8 percent of elementary school pupils.

Oriental Jews are 46 percent of pupils in the first year of secondary school.

Oriental Jews are 23.8 percent of pupils receiving secondary school diplomas.

#### Higher education

Oriental Jews are 19.4 percent of first year students.

Oriental Jews are 15.4 percent of post secondary students.

Oriental Jews are 9.4 percent of students preparing advanced (PhD) degrees.

### REASONS FOR THIS DISASTROUS SITUATION

North African immigrants are usually housed in "development towns" where economic and cultural underdevelopment is strongly evident. Lodgings are overcrowded; an average of eight to ten people live in one — or two-bedroom flats of 30 to 40 square meters. (Today a family of three immigrants from the Soviet union receives a three-room flat of 80 square meters!) In these overcrowded dwellings the pupils do not have even a tiny corner to themselves.

Schools in "development areas" have poorly qualified teachers. Too often women soldiers teach in the development towns, and they are inexperienced and leave as soon as their military service is over. The civilian teachers do not stay either. This situation has caused bitterness and rioting, and the government has been forced to use its brutal border police to crush demonstrators. Because a great number of Sephardi youth were deprived of an education, they are now unemployed. Thus they find themselves within a vicious circle, leading inevitably to a life on the streets, to displays of aggression and to delinquency.

It is clear that Muslim and Christian Arabs are not the only victims of Zionist racism. Jews who do not belong to the "master race" of Ashkenazim also suffer.

## U.S. AGGRESSION AGAINST IRAN

The United States has carried out yet another military intervention, this time in Iran, in a flagrant violation of the basic principles of international law. The U.S. military operation in Iran, carried out under the pretext of "freeing American hostages," is yet another manifestation of the hostility of the Carter Administration to peace and security in the Middle East.



Another failure of U.S. military adventurism

The U.S. policy vis-a-vis Iran cannot be separated from other U.S. activities in the region and the world at large. This policy has revealed itself in America's overall military buildup, particularly in the Indian Ocean. The U.S. has also concocted the Camp David "peace" swindle to destabilize the region. This foreign policy of aggression reflects the internal political pressures of American society. The aggressive military-industrial complex, personified by Zbigniew Brzezinski and other so-called "hardliners", has overwhelmed the so-called "moderate" group represented by Cyrus Vance and his State Department colleagues.

The struggle for influence over the President between the "moderates" and the "hardliners" has been going on for some time. In the spring of 1978 Brzezinski urged the President to back Zaire militarily and to impose sanctions against Angola because of alleged Cuban involvement in the Shaba revolt. It was only after European leaders intervened that the State Department made prevail its view that the Shaba revolt was of local rather than of global significance, putting an end to U.S. military intervention in Zaire. After the conclusion of the Camp David agreements in September 1978, Brzezinski rejected all the State Department's warnings about the significance of the Palestinian factor for





Lots of Iranian currency were found in the crashed U.S. planes

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genuine peace in the region. Instead he advanced the motto "Bye Bye PLO." These are just two of several examples.

With regard to Iran, Brzezinski had called on the President to back the Shah whatever the consequences, against the advice of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and the State Department. In response to the Iranian people's legitimate demand for the return of the Shah and the property he stole from the people, Brzezinski advocated military moves to subvert the revolution in Iran. Thus the "rescue operation" fiasco occurred.

### THE AMERICAN PLAN

After the failure of this military operation it



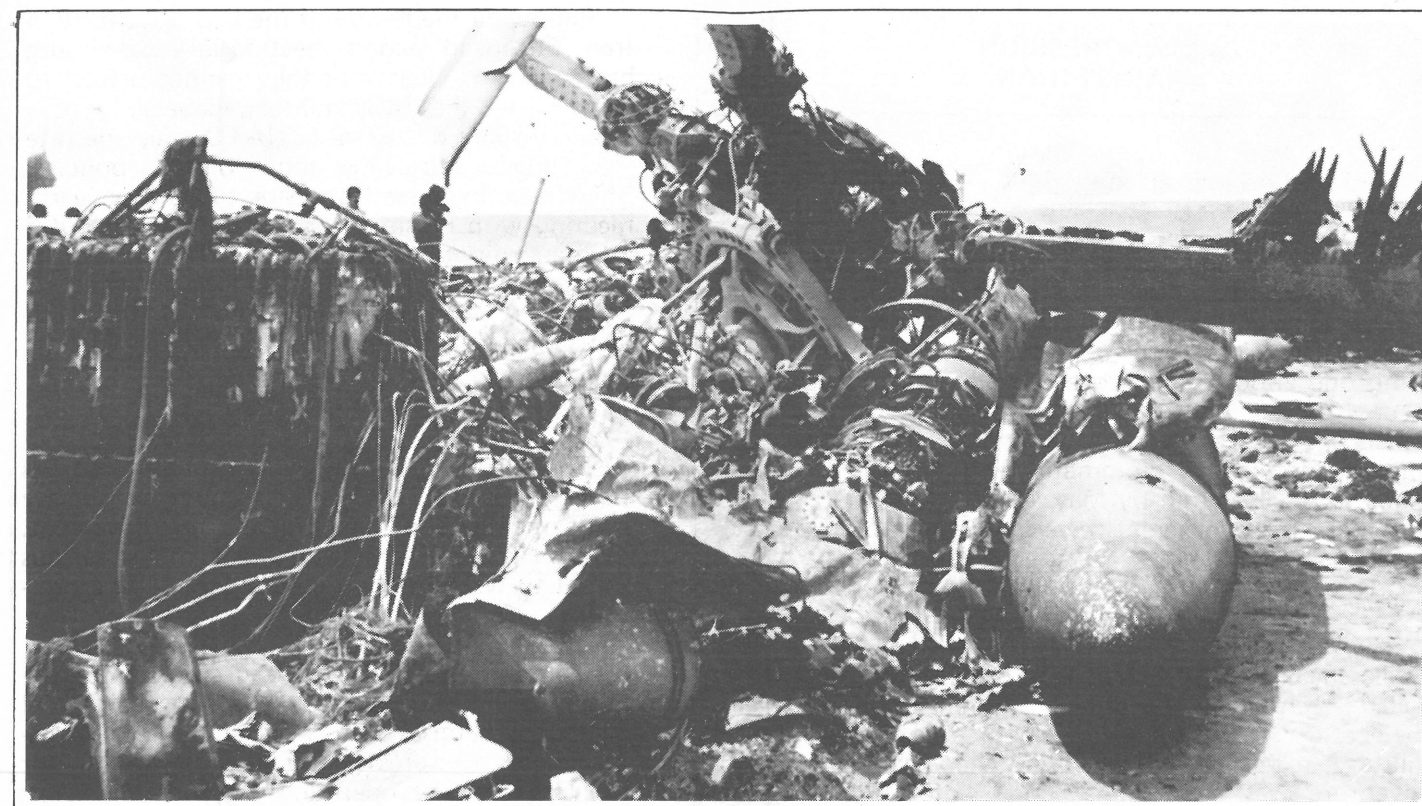
Carter with his Joint Chiefs of Staff

became apparent that the U.S. had planned, under the guise of "freeing the American hostages," to strike at the Iranian Revolution and to bring Iran under American control. The Chairman of the Islamic Revolutionary Tribunals in Iran, Sadeq Khalkhali, who is in charge of analyzing the maps, documents and other evidence left behind by the American commandos, revealed that the aims of the operation were not confined to rescuing U.S. personnel, as Washington claims. The plan was to land at an abandoned airfield south of the religious center of Qum. Altogether 14 landing sites for helicopters had been marked on the Americans' maps of Tehran, as had hospitals, parks and the university. A special commando unit was to storm the house of Ayatollah Khomeini. Tehran newspapers write that many circumstances indicate that the involvement of a counter-revolutionary fifth column in the capital was planned. This fifth column was to spread confusion, terror and insecurity to spark a pro-American coup.

### EXIT VANCE

The operation led to the resignation of the "moderate" Vance, moving the British *Guardian* to comment on April 29 that "the irony is that on the morrow of President Carter's desert fiasco, the man who resigned is not the one who recommended it but the one who advised against. This is just one more example of how much wood the phenomenal Brzezinski can peck, and goes on pecking."

Vance's exit indicates that U.S. aggression is to continue. This policy is encouraged by the requirements of the American presidential elections, wherein President Carter must act tough to be admired. Thus U.S. warplanes have stepped up their harassment of Iranian planes in the Gulf of Oman. The U.S. aircraft carrier *Constel-*



Crashed U.S. planes: A comprehensive aggression was planned

lation has been rushed to the Indian Ocean with six escort ships to reinforce American naval units cruising off the Iranian coast, bringing the U.S. military presence there to a record 34 naval vessels.

Following the desert fiasco, Brzezinski appeared on American television to warn: "Do not scoff at American power. Do not scoff at American reach." In other words, expect more American military operations.

### AMERICAN WARMONGERING

To President Carter, Brzezinski and the aggressive military-industrial complex backing them, international law and the sovereignty of non-aligned nations are not worth a damn when American power, spheres of influence and profits are at stake. Carter is not afraid to risk the lives of U.S. citizens living in Iran by attempting to reverse the revolutionary achievements of the Iranian people. If the White House had its way, the entire world would have to submit unconditionally to U.S. interests. To attain this end, Washington seems prepared to launch any provocation, even if it leads mankind to the brink of a disastrous war.

For some time now European allies of the United States have been brought under continuous pressure to back U.S. aggression against world peace and security. More U.S. nuclear

weapons have been stationed on their territory against the better judgement of many Europeans. More U.S. troops are being stationed on European territory. According to an April 29 release from the West German press service "Politik und Wirtschaft," 74 airfields are being upgraded in Western Europe to enable the U.S.

### PLO OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON US AGGRESSION ON IRAN

An official spokesman for the PLO issued the following statement on April 25: "The Palestinian Revolution has been observing with concern the military moves made by the United States in the region, culminating in yesterday's ill-conceived and aborted aggression against the Iranian Revolution. The naval concentrations, the decision to form a rapid intervention force, the planned or actual establishment of military bases in Egypt, Oman, Somalia and Kenya, and finally the military attack under the pretext of rescuing the hostages, are developments of dangerous dimensions which threaten grave consequences. The Palestinian Revolution stresses its firm stand on the side of the Iranian Revolution against U.S. aggression, and strongly condemns the operation."



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air force to station an additional 25 air squadrons there.

Regarding Iran, the White House has been threatening Europeans that if they do not adhere to U.S. policy, they will ultimately be drawn into a war since the U.S. is willing to bring one about. In the face of such blackmail, leaders of the European community were compelled to pass a resolution calling for the implementation of diplomatic and economic sanctions against Iran by May 17 if, as they put it, "there is no progress towards the release of U.S. hostages."

### CARTER'S BETRAYAL

To the dismay and surprise of most European leaders, the Carter Administration exploited their compliance to go ahead with a unilateral military aggression against Iran. The American adventure was launched 20 days before EEC countries were to take diplomatic and economic moves in accordance with professed White House desires. The question most Europeans are asking in private deliberations is why Carter resorted to military action when there were still diplomatic and economic options to exercise. The answer is that even though diplomatic and economic measures could still be enacted, the Carter Administration is aware that such measures could not halt the Iranian revolution and bring about Iran's subordination to U.S. imperialism.



Sadat and his "family": Hoping for another try

Following the failure of the U.S. adventure in Iran, European leaders meeting in Luxembourg have made it clear that they cannot afford to respond to the U.S. military debacle with a public display of dissent in NATO ranks, despite their private misgivings about Carter's policies. They have expressed a desire to hold an early meeting with President Carter to hammer out a new coordinated allied policy. The extent to which peace and detente will be affected if European countries further follow the U.S. down the warpath remains to be seen.

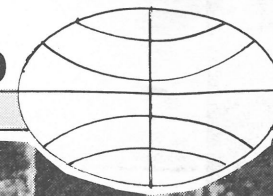
### THE PAWNS REJOICE

The American military adventure in Iran has been denounced by socialist countries and by most members of the non-aligned movement. Critics of the intervention point to the serious threat to world peace posed by the U.S. aggression.

On the other hand, strong support for the U.S. move has come from London, Cairo, Tel Aviv and Pretoria. British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher expressed her great admiration for the U.S. military operation. Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, in whose country part of the American invasion force was based, sent a cable to Carter praising his courage and condoling him upon the deaths of the U.S. servicemen. The Israeli government and the opposition have been unanimous in praising Carter's move. Both Egypt and Israel have once again offered to welcome U.S. intervention forces in their territories to facilitate further aggression in the region.

What else could be expected from the pawns of imperialism?

## WORLD EVENTS



At huge demonstration in Havana the Cuban people voiced their protest over the U.S. maneuvers in the Caribbean

### CUBA: "LET THE SCUMS GO"

Consecutive U.S. administrations have been trying their utmost to subvert the victorious Cuban revolution, with the ultimate goal of bringing about Cuban submission to U.S. imperialism. The failed attempts, as admitted by the CIA, varried from economic sabotage to assassination plots against Cuban President Fidel Castro. In line with the infamous U.S. tradition of subversion, the Carter Administration has been putting the blame on Cuba for the awakening of Latin American peoples. Following the Sandinista victory in Nicaragua the U.S. carried out military maneuvers at the Guantanamo base in Cuba, and threatened Cuba if it continued to "meddle in Central America."

Lately the U.S. administration, in coordination with Batista followers in the U.S., has been instigating anti-social groups in Cuba to leave the country in a futile attempt to discredit the Cuban revolution, which has become a symbol of resistance in Latin America and the

Caribbean. To the surprise of U.S. instigators, Cuban President Castro declared in a characteristic expression of confidence that "those who want to leave can do so." Reports circulating even in the Western press reveal that it is mostly delinquents and anti-social elements who have chosen to flee to Florida and Costa Rica. The Cuban people know who these "refugees" are and what they represent. Every day over a million Cubans appear on the streets of Havana to demonstrate their indestructable unity with, and unswerving support for, the party and state leadership headed by Castro. The people have been demanding the dismantlement of the American base at Guantanamo and the eradication of the U.S. espionage center there. They are calling on the Cuban government to "let the scums [the 'refugees'] go!"

The support of the Cuban people for their revolutionary leadership and their adherence to their revolution has struck a blow against the U.S. conspiracy. It is clear that Cubans must remain vigilant lest the United States concoct yet another scheme to attack the Cuban revolution.



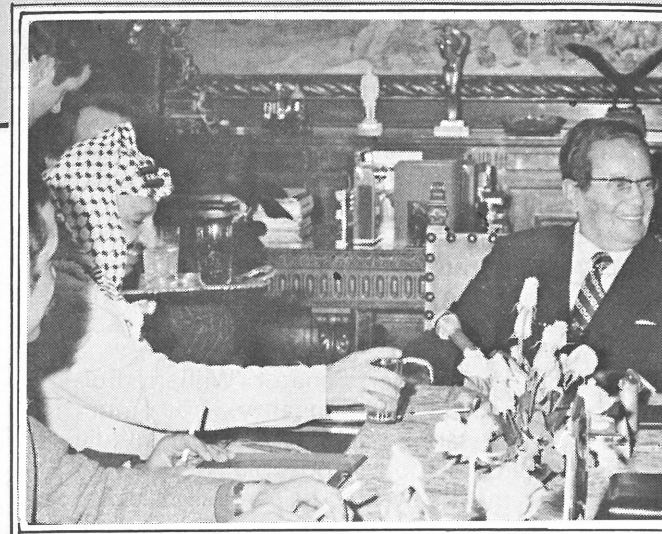


*The late President Tito*

## THE WORLD MOURNS THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT TITO °

The Yugoslav nation, although prepared for the death of Marshal Tito because of his desperate battle to survive since last January, still felt his death as a profound shock. On May 4, the Yugoslav Communist Party Central Committee announced with grief and sorrow to the Yugoslav people and working class the death of Marshal Tito after 113 days of medical treatment in the clinic of Ljubljana. The Committee also paid tribute to Tito's contributions to the working classes and in particular to the national liberation struggle in Yugoslavia and in the Yugoslavian League of Communists. They added that Tito had overseen the creation of a new Yugoslav society and had inscribed it into the annals of world history. He is truly a great historical figure.

Hundreds gathered in Ljubljana to pay a farewell tribute to Tito, as his body was brought back to Belgrade to lie in state at the Federal Parliament until his funeral on May 8. The



*A defender of the Palestinian cause:  
the late President Tito with Chairman Arafat*

overwhelming majority of Yugoslavs have never known any other ruler than the tough World War II partisan who fought so bitterly against German and Italian fascist occupation and came to be regarded as the founder of modern Yugoslavia. With the death of the 87-year-old presi-

dent, Yugoslavia's new leaders have reaffirmed their pledge to follow his policies of non-alignment and his unique socialist system of workers' self-management in economy and politics.

### GREAT HISTORICAL FIGURE

Josip Broz (known as Tito) was born in 1892 on May 25, in Komrovikin in Croatia, which was then a part of the Austrian Empire. In 1922, he entered the Yugoslav Communist Party and was a very active member. He was an active fighter for peace and unity in the struggle against imperialism and colonialism, and he was one of the founders of the non-aligned movement, as well as being a great figure during the World War II in the defeat of fascism. Marshal Tito is succeeded by two collective leadership bodies — the nine-man state presidency and the 24-member presidency of the Communist Party. Tito instituted this elaborate political mechanism for his succession to ensure that each of the Yugoslavia's eight regions had an adequate say in the running of the country.

Heads of state, government, leaders and top officials from nearly every nation in the world have expressed their sorrow and sent messages of condolence to the Yugoslav government. Personalities from all over the world attended Tito's funeral on May 8.

### ARAFAT PLO CONDOLES

Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the PLO Executive Committee and General Commander of the forces of the Palestinian Revolution, sent a cable of condolence on May 4, to the Yugoslav leadership on the death of Marshal Tito. The cable said that the Palestinian people and fighters have lost a great friend who had supported their struggle. He had resolutely defended the just rights of the Palestinian people and consistently abided by his revolutionary principles. Arafat went on to note that the non-aligned movement had lost a prominent leader who had defended just human causes and had supported militant peoples around the world in their struggle for liberty and dignity. Similar cables of condolence were sent by Farouk Kaddoumi, Head of the PLO Political Department, and Khaled Al-Fahoum, President of the Palestinian National Council, to the Yugoslav leadership.



*He led his people's war of liberation from the fascist occupation*



## SOLIDARITY

### DELEGATION OF IRANIAN ARABS

On April 20, the PLO representative in Teheran, Hani al-Hassan, received a delegation from the Islamic Organisation of Iranian Arabs, who were visiting the PLO office as a gesture of solidarity. The delegation expressed support for the Palestinian Revolution and the Palestinian people in their just struggle to regain their national rights, and sent their best wishes to Chairman Yasser Arafat.

### OSPAAL SOLIDARITY MESSAGES

On April 24, Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the PLO Executive Committee and General Commander of the forces of the Palestinian Revolution, received a solidarity cable from Abdel Rahman al-Sharqawi, Secretary General of the Organisation of Solidarity between the Peoples of Africa, Asia and Latin America (OSPAAL). The cable expressed OSPAAL's concern at the murder of two Irish soldiers by thugs answerable to Sa'ad Haddad, and held the Israeli authorities, who back Haddad, responsible for the incident. OSPAAL's Secretary General also sent a message of solidarity to the Third Conference of the Palestinian Writers and Journalists Union.

### NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES URGES PLO RECOGNITION

A special panel of the National Council of Churches in the United States, on May 7 passed a resolution urging the U.S. to "open a dialogue" with the PLO. The panel also called for recognition by Israel of Palestinian national rights. "The PLO functions as the only organised voice for the Palestinian people," the resolution said.

### NAAA: AGGRESSIVE U.S. POLICIES OBSTACLE TO M.E. PEACE

The aggressive policy of the U.S. is the principal obstacle in the way of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East. This was the conclusion drawn by the participants in the congress of the National Association of Arab Americans which ended its meetings in Washington on May 3, 1980. In the course of the congress vigorous criticism was directed at Washington's policies.

American policy in the Middle East is identical with complicity with the Israeli aggressor, declared former Senator James Abourizk. While relying on Israel, the U.S. was hedging imperial aspirations over the oil riches of the Middle East. America is working on plans to imbile them with the help of military force.

According to former Senator William Fulbright, a renowned personality, maximum efforts are necessary to achieve a global Middle East settlement as soon as possible. In order to reach it, one must solve the Palestinian problem and put an end to the occupation of Arab territories. Fulbright also stressed that the Soviet Union had to participate in the search for peace in the Middle East. This was the only way to make real progress towards solving the problem. Other speakers at the congress remarked that the joint Soviet-American Middle East declaration of October 1977, whose provisions have not been put into effect by Washington, could serve as a good basis for constructive actions.

The final document of the congress reflected the growing anxiety related to the real danger posed by U.S. military adventures in the Middle East. The document pointed out that "attempts to solve the political problems by military means cannot be crowned with success." It is necessary, says the declaration, to liquidate the consequences of the Israeli aggression and to satisfy the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, including their right to create their own independent state. Only by acting in this manner could one ease the Middle East conflict, thus making an invaluable contribution to global peace.

### UNITED NATIONS SEMINAR ON PALESTINE

The PLO office at the United Nations organized a seminar on Palestine at the United Nations Church Center on April 28. The seminar was attended by 200 people, including UN diplomats, scholars and PLO supporters. Among the speakers at the successful seminar were the Ambassador of Senegal to the UN, who spoke on the Palestinians' right to self-determination, and Dr. Fuad Mughrabi, who spoke on U.S. foreign policy and Zionist pressures. The PLO UN representative, Zuhdi Tarazi, expressed thanks for the solidarity of the friendly delegates. A UN film on the Palestinian people was also shown during the seminar.



RASHID HUSSEIN:

### "I COME FROM ASIA"

*I am from Asia,  
The continent of love, blood, and inspiration,  
Of men rebellious against the procrastination of time,  
Of raging fire, of rebels against their masters,  
Who yesterday saw not my hungry, tired and deprived people,  
But only my precious treasures,  
And today they have to recognize the dignity of Asia.*





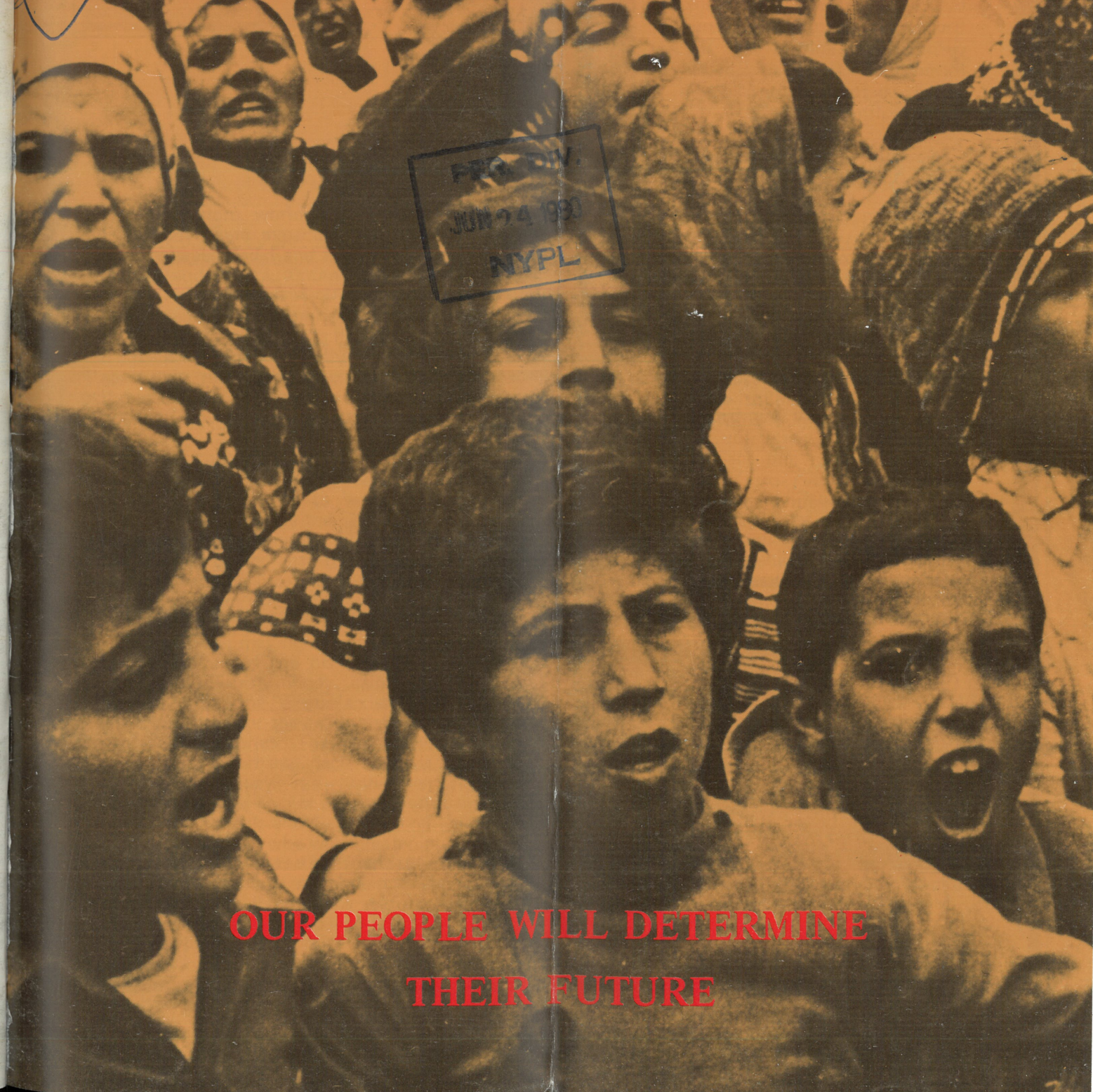
Josip Broz Tito (1892 - 1980)

**A GREAT MAN AND FRIEND  
PASSED AWAY**

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