



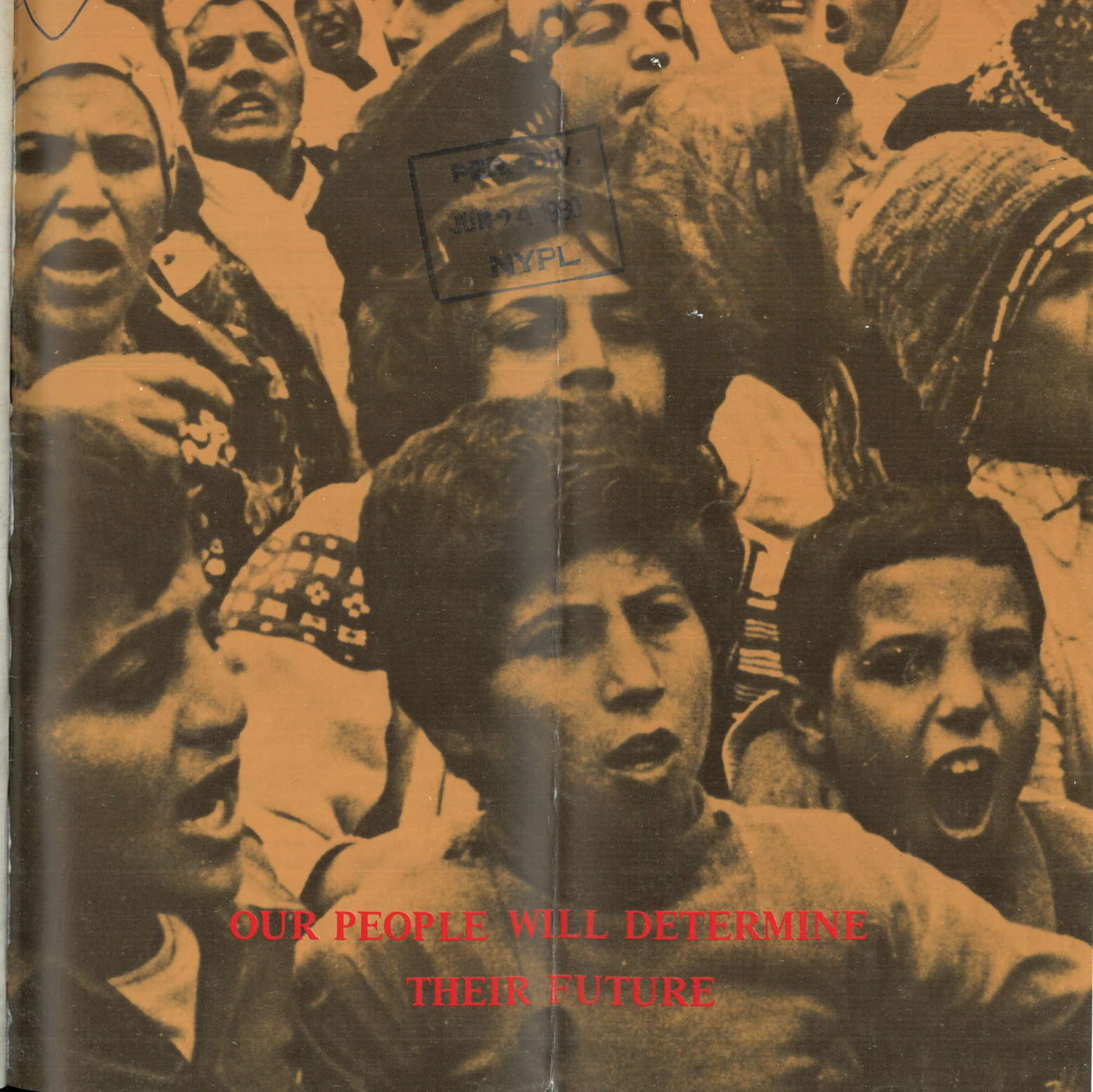
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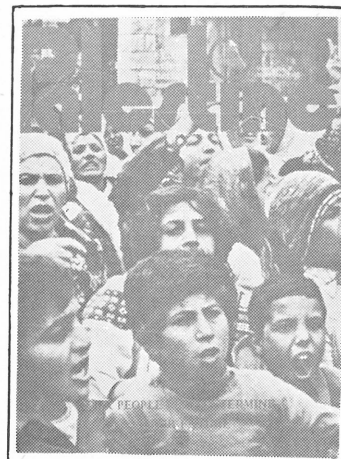
## TO OUR READERS

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

# MAY 26TH AND THE FAILURE

The Western world waited for May 26th. Everybody there expected that the autonomy talks between Sadat and Begin would come to a fruitful end. The autonomy talks were held in Israel (Herzlia) without the participation of the Palestinians. Sadat promised to crown his initiative with a success on the Palestinian issue, even if it is rejected by the Palestinians who absolutely refuse the autonomy project. Sadat threatened to break up the talks, if Begin did not show any willingness to compromise.

The Europeans, who were urged by some Arab states to make a step forward towards the Palestinians, preferred to wait. They did not want to be accused by their American friends of disrupting the autonomy talks or contradicting the Camp David accords. The Arabs were waiting for the post-26th era and gave the Europeans more time.

The Israelis, making use of President Carter's election campaign and his bad need for Jewish votes and Zionist money, can delay any real concessions on the Palestinian issue to buy more and more time for their colonialist policy in the occupied territories. The Israelis disappointed their friend Sadat and declared their refusal to compromise. They still hold their hardline policy and refuse to give the so-called autonomy on the West Bank and Gaza any real legislative authorities. Sadat, who was threatening to break up the talks, contacted his friend Jimmy Carter who advised him to be patient. "There is no place for the Palestinians before the U.S. elections," Sadat was told.

In Israel, the Israeli cabinet faced another crisis. Defense Minister Weizman resigned and Begin took over the defense ministry after trying to convince other Israelis to take over. Begin tried to assign the defense portfolio to the arch-terrorist Shamir who acts now as foreign minister. Weizman hopes that his resignation will push forward the idea of anticipated elections in Israel, and to oust Begin from the government. This would be followed by a Labour Party coalition government including other "liberal" factions.

Aware of the pre-historic mentality of the Zionist, the Palestinians have no hope for a change of the Israeli stance towards the Palestinian cause. Some enlightened Zionists feel that Begin is pushing Israel more and more into isolation. Begin, who is a real representative of Zionist ideology, exposes the ugly face of Zionism in a clear way. Begin has caused the loss of friends of Israel all over the world. A new Labour government would help trying to restore the "peaceful and humane" image of Israel in the Western world.

The Europeans have no reason to wait for the U.S. to move. The Europeans are asked now, more than at any other time before, to recognize the rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination and statehood. They should free themselves from Zionist and U.S. blackmailing and take a separate stand in support of justice and peace in the Middle East

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# PALESTINE NOTES



Chairman Arafat addressing session of International Palestinian Solidarity Secretariat

## ARAFAT: CREEPING U.S. INVASION COVERED AS "PEACE TREATIES"

The International Secretariat for Solidarity with the Arab people and their Central Cause, the Palestinian Problem, on May 14 held a meeting which was attended by Chairman Yasser Arafat and representatives of Liberation movements and progressive and democratic forces in Asia, Africa, Europe and Latin America.

Chairman Arafat delivered a speech at the inauguration ceremony in which he expressed his appreciation for the holding of such a meeting in support of the Arab people and the Palestinian cause, particularly during these difficult circumstances confronting the Arab Nation and the world in general. Arafat expressed his confidence that the Egyptian people who sacrificed 86,000 martyrs and wounded not only for Egyptian land but for Palestine and the

whole Arab nation, will not give up the struggle.

The U.S. abortive rescue mission in Iran, he said, used bases on Arab land, specifically bases in Sinai, Egypt. He called this a clear example of the creeping U.S. invasion of the region through military facts masquerading as peace treaties. Arafat confirmed that the Camp David accords are not only aimed against the Palestinian cause, but against the whole Arab region and against all that is free and honest in the world. Concerning international developments, Arafat said, "What is happening in the Caribbean and Central America Cannot be dissociated from events in the Arab world, as the onslaught of imperialism in one part of the world is integral to the wider conspiracy against the progressive and democratic forces of the world."

## DELEGATION OF ITALIAN SOCIALIST PARTY

Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the PLO Executive Committee and General Commander of the forces of the Palestinian Revolution, on May 12 received a delegation from the Italian Socialist Party. The delegation, headed by Claudio Signaroli, discussed with Chairman Arafat the latest developments of the Palestine cause and relations between the Italian and Palestinian peoples.

## DELEGATIONS FROM GUATEMALA AND EL SALVADOR

Abu Jihad, member of the Fateh Central Committee and of the General Command of the Assifa forces, on May 13, 1980 received a delegation from the Command of the Guatemalan Popular Army. The delegation was comprised of Georgina Torres and Jorge Sanchez. During the meeting, they discussed the latest developments in the Middle East and Latin America, in particular the situation in Guatemala, bilateral relations, and the necessity to strengthen the joint struggle against imperialism and Zionism.

On May 11, Abu Jihad had previously met with a delegation of the Revolutionary Coordination Committee in El Salvador. The meeting dealt with the situation in occupied Palestine and the resistance of the Palestinian people there. The situation in the Lebanese arena and the militant relations between the PLO and the Revolution in El Salvador was also discussed.

## PALESTINIAN-INDIAN COMMITTEE BEGINS TALKS

The Palestinian-Indian Joint Committee began on May 13 the first of a series of meetings to discuss economic cooperation between India and the PLO. The Palestinian Committee is headed by Dr. Ahmad Sidqi al-Dajani, member of the PLO Executive Committee.

The Indian delegation expressed its eagerness for complete cooperation between the PLO and India in the fields of industry,

technology, sciences and research. The Joint Palestinian-Indian Committee was formed following PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's visit to India in March.

## ARAFAT CONGRATULATES PRESIDENT MIJATOVIC

Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the PLO Executive Committee and General Commander of the Forces of the Palestinian Revolution, on May 15 sent a cable of congratulations to Cvijetin Mijatovic, on the occasion of his election as President of the Yugoslav Collective State Presidency. Chairman Arafat said that the election of Mijatovic, who struggled side by side with the late President Tito against Nazism and Fascism, came as a reassurance that Yugoslavia will continue to follow the policy of Tito, who was a good friend to the Palestinian people and consistently defended their rights, and was a staunch supporter of all militant peoples and liberation movements in the world.



PLO delegate addresses ITU seminar in Istanbul.

## PLO ATTENDS ITU SEMINAR IN TURKEY

On May 14, the International Telecommunication Union, ITU, a UN specialized subcommission for development and progress held a seminar in Istanbul, Turkey. Several delegates from Europe and the Arab countries attended the seminar which discussed issues of development and cooperation in the field of telecommunications. The PLO delegate to the seminar expressed the significance of such international meetings. He gave a briefing of the Palestinian people's

determination which was not discouraged by the hardships which the Palestinians experienced for more than 32 years. He pointed to the skill and qualification of the Palestinian technicians, engineers — and instructors, and asked the ITU for more help and cooperation to be extended to the institutions of the PLO. He finally thanked the people and the government of Turkey for hosting the seminar. He expressed his hope of extending the PLO observer status at the ITU full membership and kindly requested the ITU for more help and cooperation for Palestinian engineers and technicians.



May 15th solidarity rally for Cuba attended by Chairman Arafat.

## ARAFAT: MAY 15 DAY OF PALESTINIAN-CUBAN SOLIDARITY

At a time when the U.S. is stepping up aggressive maneuvers in the Arab Gulf, directed mainly against revolutionary Iran, and in the Caribbean Sea against Socialist Cuba, the Palestinian Revolution and the Lebanese National Movement held on May 16 a rally

in solidarity with Cuba against the U.S. plots and provocations. The rally was attended by Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the PLO Executive Committee and General Commander of the Forces of the Palestinian Revolution, leaders of the groups of the Palestinian Revolution and the Lebanese National Movement, the Cuban Ambassador in Beirut, the Ambassadors of the Socialist

countries, and large numbers of Palestinian and Lebanese citizens.

Yasser Arafat, who delivered the main speech at the rally, said: "Our people in the occupied territories are fighting the Zionists, while at the same time the Israeli forces attack South Lebanon daily. We in the Palestinian-Lebanese Joint Command are ready to defend the Cuban people and revolution, because our defence of Cuba is a defence of the Lebanese and Palestinian people."

We are fighting in South Lebanon in defence of the Arab Nation. We believe in fighting alongside all democratic and progressive forces in the world against imperialism, Zionism, racism and fascism. Cuba is under pressure in the Caribbean and here we must be on the alert. They cannot harm the Palestinian Revolution. Also they cannot harm Cuba, which stands beside the African and Arab peoples in their struggle against imperialism, fascism and oppression."



## PALESTINIAN UPRISING CONTINUES

The occupied West Bank remains in a state of general uprising marked by daily incidents of military resistance to the intensified repression by the Zionist occupation forces in the aftermath of the May 2nd Palestinian commando operation in Hebron.

The extreme curfew measures, settler attacks, demolition of houses and rampaging army

patrols have all served to forge an unprecedented unity among Palestinians in the West Bank to defend themselves and heighten the resistance against the occupation. The determined eagerness of Palestinians to confront directly the Zionist military presence is a new stage in the history of the West Bank resistance and clearly has the Zionist authorities taken aback. Reports of open attacks on army patrols have risen in frequency.

On May 17, an Israeli military spokesman reported that an army vehicle was attacked with molotov cocktails in the West Bank town of Bethlehem. The day before, another military vehicle was attacked with molotov cocktails near Nablus. These were two of the more noteworthy attacks reported by Israeli Radio, but added to this are the daily incidents of school children attacking the Zionist military patrols with mere stones.

More alarming to the Zionist military authorities has been the growth of the underground resistance to the occupation. The *Jerusalem Post* of May 12 reported that Palestinian commando cells and organizations were greatly increasing in number, improving in technique and training, and operating in the most secret manner. The *Post* article stated that informed military sources,

"expressed concern at the growing politicization of the Palestinian residents. Because of their growing identification with the aims of Palestinian nationalism, it has become increasingly difficult for the security services to find people willing to cooperate with them, causing obstacles to obtaining intelligence." Several days before the *Post* article, *Yediot Aharonot* also took note of the increase in commando operations inside the occupied territories.

### ATTEMPTED NEWS BLACK-OUT

The Zionist authorities have tried to impose a total news black out in the occupied territories to cover up the extreme acts of repression being undertaken in attempts to quell the general uprising. On May 13, the Zionist military authorities closed the West Bank town of Nablus to journalists as Mayor Bassam Shaka'a was about to hold a press conference to condemn "the coercive measures in the area, especially in those zones under curfew." A new military order declares that journalists must obtain prior permission from the military governor before interviewing any Palestinian in the occupied territories. Added to this has been stepped up acts of military aggression against Lebanon through attempted naval landings and bombing of southern cities and villages. The Zionists hope to draw international public attention away from the West Bank uprising while the so-called "autonomy" scheme witnesses its final death throes with the decomposition of the U.S. directed Camp David process.

But the news of the brutal repression in the occupied territories is leaking out and provides the answer to the growth in the military resistance. Acts of repression against Palestinians living in the occupied territories have reached a new peak since May 2. Rampaging army patrols have been randomly breaking their way into Palestinian homes in towns under curfew. Refugee camps and the villages of Anabta and Ein Yabrud were put under curfew for two weeks.

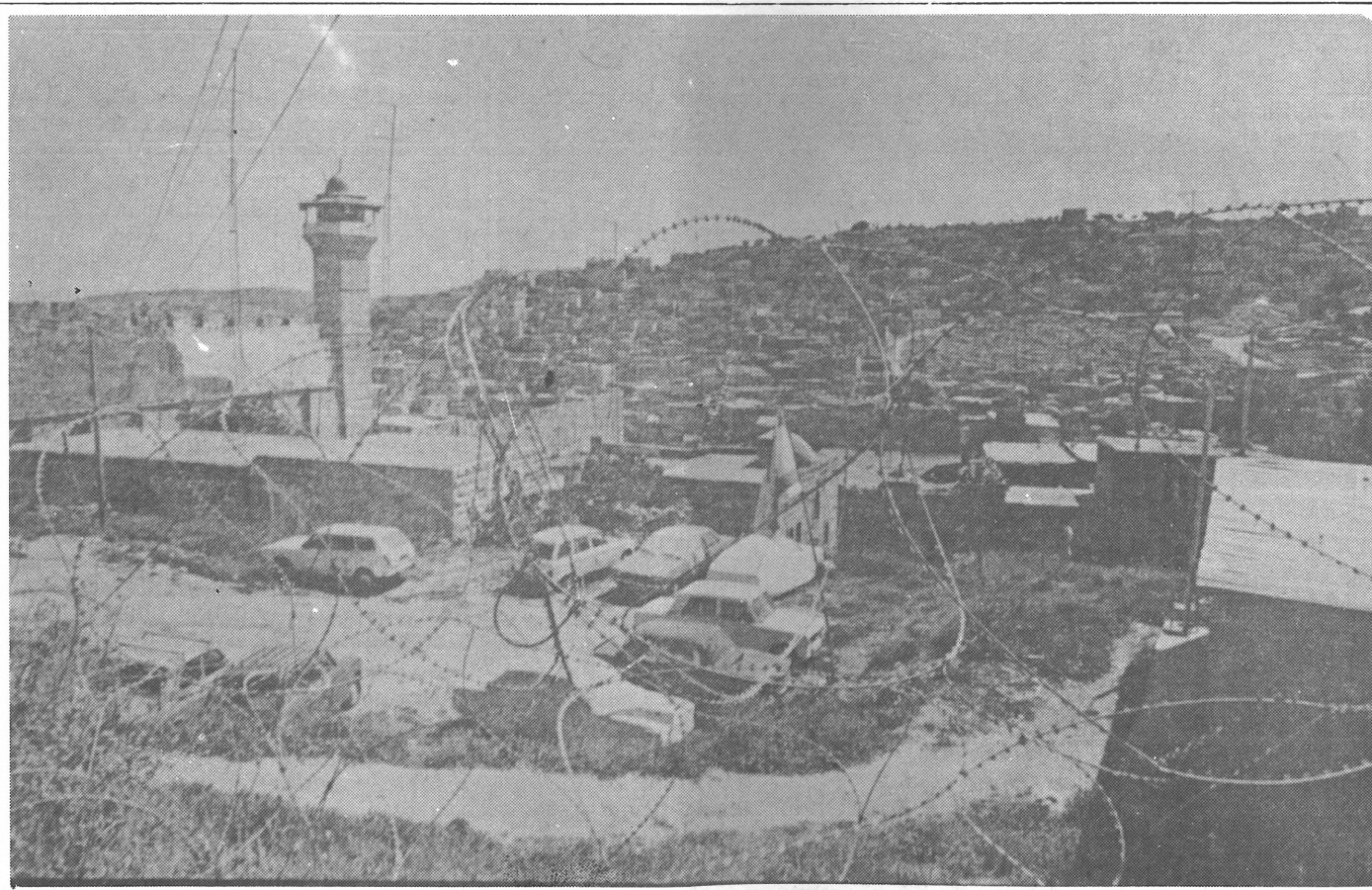
The large city of Hebron is still currently under curfew and reporters are barred from entering the city. Palestinian towns not under curfew have set up food committees to try and transport vitally lacking staples to the stricken residents of Hebron. Zionist military forces have stopped all food from reaching the city. This situation has caused two Knesset members Avnery and Pa'il to denounce these measures on May 13 stating in a press conference that 100,000 Arab citizens of Hebron and other areas now under curfew are being kept "under conditions of deliberate starvation in which they are denied the possibility of obtaining food."

During the curfew in Duheisha camp near Bethlehem, the Zionist army walled in the entire camp leaving now only one entrance linking the camp with the main road. In one senseless act of criminal brutality, Zionist soldiers demolished the houses of two Palestinian families from Beit Sahour near Bethlehem and from Balata Camp near Nablus after the random arrest of their teenage sons. One of the boys, Tariq Shomali, was stopped at a roadblock while riding his bicycle and brutally beaten by Zionist soldiers. He is still hospitalized with severe internal bleeding. The two families were exiled to an abandoned refugee camp near Jericho, which has remained empty since the 1967 war. The families have since gone on a hunger strike to protest the imprisonment of their sons and their forced removal from their homes.

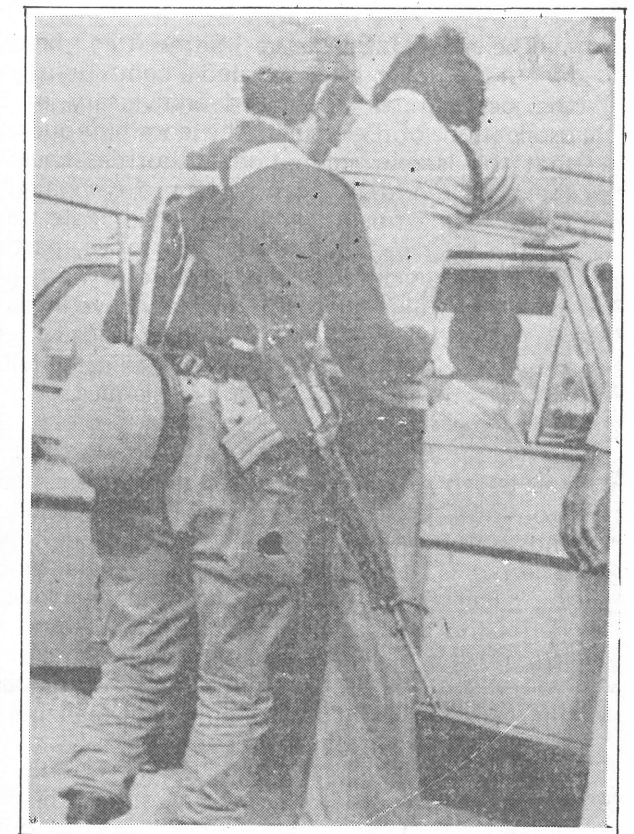
### ARMY RAMPAGE AGAINST CIVILIANS

More insidious than the curfew measures, has been the teaming up of fanatical Zionist settlers and the army to carry out a wave of armed attacks on the entire Palestinian population of the West Bank. The attacks have included attempts at random executions of Palestinians by Zionist soldiers.

On May 3, a Palestinian taxi driver in East Jerusalem was shot in the head by two soldiers



Hebron under curfew.



Zionist soldier harasses Palestinians in Ramallah.



## PALESTINIAN UPRISING CONTINUES

he picked up near the Damascus Gate. The driver didn't die and managed to get to a hospital where he was able to confirm that the two men who shot him were in army uniforms and armed with a Uzi machine gun and a pistol.

But the murder campaign has been more systematically organized by settlers and the Zionist army. On May 7, settlers in the West Bank held a meeting and decided to form "regional security committees" to "obtain arms, train settlers and collect information on Arab riots." One Gush Emunim leader Hannan Porat urged that violent clashes be provoked to "prove that Jews and Arabs cannot coexist" and would hopefully "lead to the expulsion of all Arabs." He added that, "Children who throw stones should be beaten up and soldiers should have more freedom to shoot."

The Zionist army has already taken the lead in these Gestapo measures without the urging of

fanatical settlers. As was the case at the Hadassah building in Hebron where the May 2nd Palestinian commando operation took place, elements of the army have been using so-called religious schools as a cover for storing arms caches to be used on attacks against Palestinians. One such arsenal was uncovered by students at a "religious school" in Jerusalem and the Zionist authorities were unwittingly forced into arresting the two soldiers (one an acting officer) for stockpiling the arms, the second week of May. Both soldiers were stationed in the occupied West Bank and arms cache of hand grenades, grenade rifles and explosives came from a Zionist base near the Dead Sea. The *Jerusalem Post* of May 12 intimated that the two had links to the Gush Emunim "security service".

News of direct terroristic orders given to soldiers enforcing the curfews on the West Bank was released by Knesset member Avnery on May 20. He released testimony of some new army recruits who stated: "During our stay of one week in this village in the West Bank we witnessed events that shocked us. Clubs were handed out to us and we were sent to a neighboring village to impose a curfew. Upon

## PLO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMMUNIQUE

The PLO Executive Committee held a meeting on May 14 and issued a communique on the occasion of the 32nd anniversary of the usurpation of Palestine. The communique said that the Israeli occupation authorities have for the past ten days been waging a campaign of terror and hostility against the Palestinian people inside the occupied territories, particularly in Hebron, Nablus, Jerusalem, Ramallah, Halhoul, Tulkarm and Gaza. They have imposed curfews on these cities, which led to dire shortages in food supplies and medical services, and to a threat of famine and epidemics.

These inhuman measures, implemented by the Israeli military command under clear orders from the terrorist Begin, are a violation of the most basic international laws and human ideals. The aim is to spread confusion and terror among the Palestinian citizens as a step towards deporting them and confiscating their land and property. Moreover, is Israeli plan is in harmony with the declared Zionist goals based on settlement and expansionism, of realizing the Zionist dream in the Arab region.

In view of these Israeli measures, the PLO Executive Committee urges world public

opinion to immediately take a stand against, and put an end to, Zionist terrorism against the Palestinian people both inside the occupied territories and outside. While appealing to international public opinion to halt these Israeli measures, the PLO Executive Committee stresses that the Palestinian people are determined to resist the occupation and to go ahead with their just struggle, under the leadership of the PLO, to achieve their inalienable national rights as approved by the UN, particularly in resolutions 3236 and 3237.

The Palestinian people hold the USA fully responsible for what is currently taking place in the occupied territories, because the USA condones and encourages the Zionist terrorist leaders and supplies them with the weapons of destruction which are today aimed against the defenceless population of occupied Palestine. The US Administration moreover encourages Israel to ignore international resolutions by using its political and diplomatic influence and its power of veto at the UN.

The PLO Executive Committee finally appeals to the international conscience, to the peoples of the world and to all national and democratic forces, to stand beside the Palestinian people in their just struggle against the Israeli occupation and forces of fascism and racism.

arrival, a high officer gave us the following instructions: 'Beat up all those who are outside their houses. Hit everywhere except the head. Don't be afraid. Break their bones. First beat, later on explain. If you meet a child, get the family to come out. Line them up and beat up the father in front of the children. This is an order. They don't understand any other language!' Avnery stated that most Zionist soldiers willingly complied with such orders.

## GENERAL STRIKE IN WEST BANK AND GAZA ON MAY 15TH

A general strike was observed in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to mark the 32nd anniversary of the usurpation of Palestine and the establishment of the state of Israel, and in protest against the Israeli Knesset's decision enshrining the annexation of Jerusalem in the state's law. The Zionist occupation authorities took the occasion to step up acts of intimidation against the Palestinian population.

In *Jerusalem*, Israeli troops were deployed in force in the streets, at the gates and public squares of the old city and at the main entrances to the town. Meanwhile, police and border guards patrolled the streets, attempting to reopen closed shops, taking down the names and licence numbers of the shopkeepers.

In *Hebron*, because of the curfew clamped on the town by the Israeli occupation authorities as a collective punishment, the town was totally

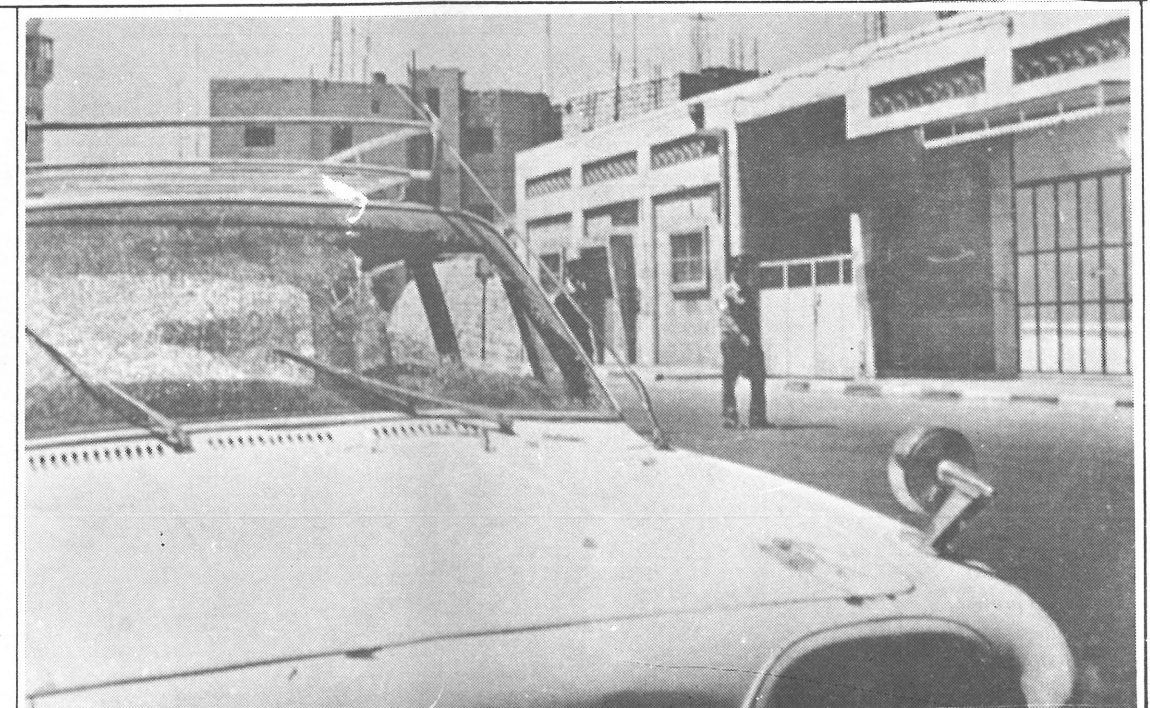
cut off from the rest of the world and subjected to a complete news black-out.

In *'Anabta* Palestinian citizens from Nablus and Tulkarm marched to 'Anabta cemetery during the two hours in which the curfew, in force since May 1, was lifted. The participants in the march laid wreaths and flowers on the tomb of martyr Nader Najeh Abu Aliya, who was murdered by an Israeli officer during an anti-occupation demonstration. In another move, the Israeli military governor of the Tulkarm region informed 'Anabta Mayor Wahid al-Hamadallah, that he is confined to the town's limits and forbidden from delivering any statement whatsoever. The military governor threatened to impose further collective punishment on the town if the mayor disobeyed these orders. The Israeli authorities on May 14 closed the two secondary schools until further notice.

In *Nablus*, Nablus Mayor Bassam al-Shak'a and Sheikh Wasif 'Abdo al-Qadi, religious judge of the Nablus region, on May 14 protested against the desecration of the Hanbali Mosque in Nablus by Israeli soldiers, who, accompanied by settlers, stormed the Mosque, throwing dirt inside it and smashing ornaments, ripping up holy texts and smearing the walls with provocative graffiti, claiming, among other things, that the Mosque is an ancient Jewish shrine.

In *Ramallah and al-Bireh*, the directors and teachers of the Ramallah and al-Bireh schools held a meeting attended by the education authorities in the region to demand that the Israeli authorities release the director and 17 teachers of the Beitunia schools near Ramallah

Zionist settler gangs  
destroy Palestinian cars  
after the May 2nd curfew  
is imposed on Hebron.





## PALESTINIAN UPRISING CONTINUES

who were arrested on charges of failing to prevent school children from stoning Israeli troops. In a related development, the Israeli occupation forces stormed the King Ghazi Secondary School in Badou village near Ramallah and arrested a number of students because stones had been thrown at Israeli military vehicles in the vicinity. The Israeli authorities reinforced their troops positioned in the two towns. A large number of Gush Emunim thugs were also patrolling the streets, and police dogs were being used to further harass the citizens.

In *al-Am'ari camp*, Israeli soldiers on May 14 stormed the camp and smashed the windshields of several cars, arresting a number of citizens on charges of stoning Israeli forces.

In *'Ain Yabroud*, Israeli forces on May 14 arrested a number of youths of the village, smashed the windshields of cars and broke windows in several houses.

### STONES WILL TRIUMPH OVER LETHAL WEAPONS

Against the wave of Zionist repression and

brutality, Palestinians in the occupied territories have employed multiple forms of resistance to defend themselves. In the camps and towns Palestinian youths have spontaneously confronted the Zionist army patrols and settler attacks with mere stones. Merchants have closed their shops in a series of general strikes. Nationalist leaders have defied military injunctions against public statements and have continued to meet and issue press statements to rally the unity against the occupation and the Camp David aggression against Palestinian self-determination. Women, students and workers have mounted daily sit-ins and demonstrations to proclaim support for the PLO and denounce the repression. And from their jail cells Palestinian political prisoners have joined with the rest of the population in resisting the occupation by staging hunger strikes and demonstrations. Resistance to the Zionist attacks is a matter of survival for the Palestinian people.

The May 3 deportation of the mayors of Hebron, Halhoul and Hebron Muslim judge have drawn the link between the uprising inside the occupied territories and the struggle of the Palestinian diaspora to return. Speaking at a Beirut rally for the 3 deported West Bank leaders on May 5, Fateh Central Committee member Abu Jihad brought this point home by stating: "All the lethal weapons will not bring our people to their knees. The stones they use in resisting the occupiers will triumph over the U.S. military machine; for our people are determined to achieve their right to return."



Palestinian women in Halhoul confront Zionist troops to protest the deportation of Palestinian national leaders.

## OCCUPATION

### HEBRON MUNICIPALITY PROTESTS ISRAELI COLONISATION

The municipality of Hebron, in a communique issued on May 16, strongly denounced the settlement policies of the Israeli authorities in the occupied territories. The communique, issued following a meeting to discuss the matter, declared that these policies aim, among other things, at strangling Palestinian towns; this has been blatantly the case with Jerusalem, whose encirclement is almost complete. As regards Hebron, the communique went on, the process is going on apace, with the settlement of Kiryat Arba overlooking the town like a feudal castle, and government condonation of the fanatical Gush Emunim settlers' claim to the 'right' of settlement in Hebron.

The communique drew attention to the ongoing occupation of the al-Dibwiyeh building and the incessant desecrations of the Ibrahim Mosque, both in Hebron.

It also outlined the developments that took place inside Hebron following the May 2 commando operation there and the consequent deportation of the town's Mayor, along with the other Palestinian leaders, the imposition of a two week old curfew and the complete isolation of the town. The communique called for the following:

1. The return of the three deported leaders.
2. Lifting of the curfew, halting all settlements inside of Hebron, and its outskirts, and returning of all confiscated land.
3. Putting a final end to aggression and other harassments by Israeli settlers.

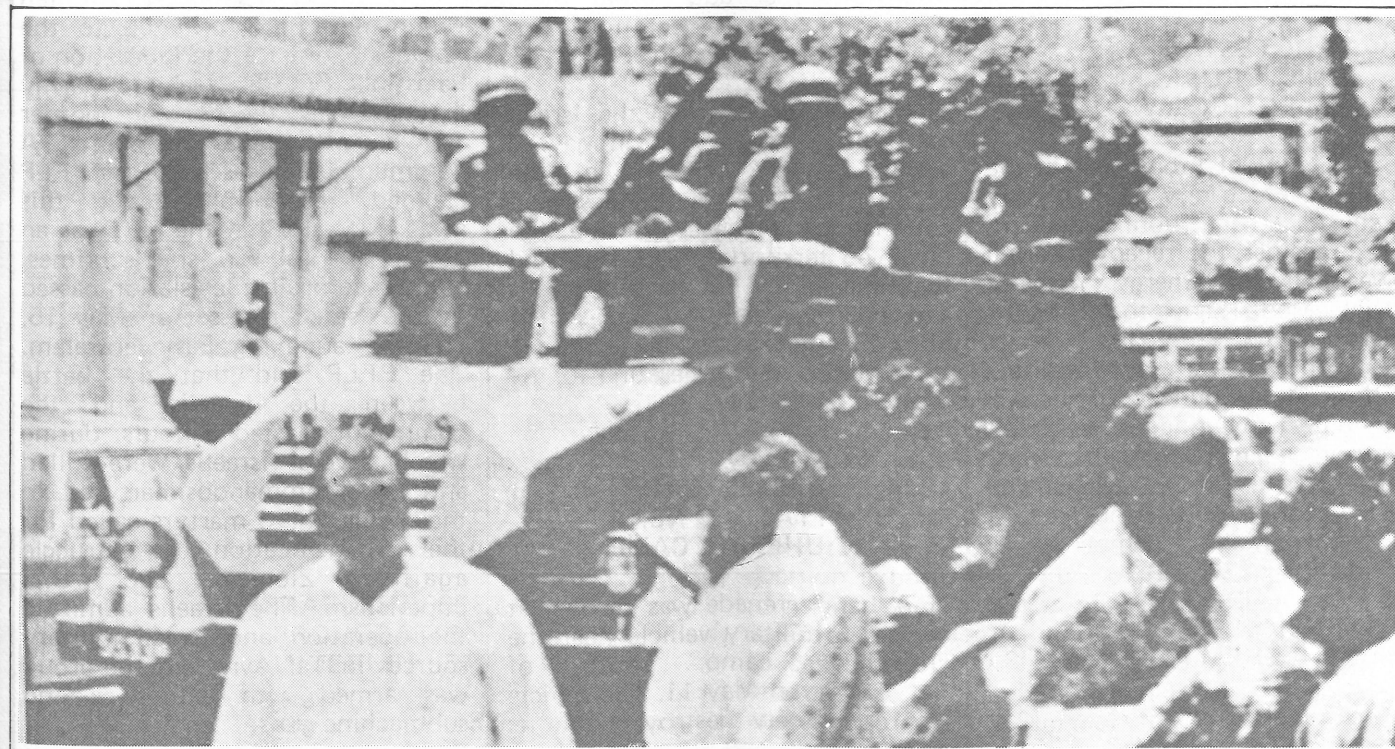
The communique expressed the Palestinian people's total rejection of the Camp David accords and the so-called 'self-rule' scheme. It also

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expressed the Palestinian people's rights to self-determination and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. A copy of the communique was sent to U.N. Secretary General Dr. Kurt Waldheim, the International Red Cross and the foreign consulates in the occupied territories.

### I.L. 50,000 BAIL ON 95 BETHLEHEM STUDENTS

The Israeli occupation authorities in the Bethlehem region have imposed I.L. 50,000 bail on ninety-five students from the area, and have forbidden them to attend their schools and universities. They are charged, with demonstrating against the Israeli occupation. The Israeli authorities summoned the students and their parents to sign these bails, but they refused. The Israeli authorities arrested four students, Khader Awad, Kamel Ahmad, Daoud Alyan and Naji Khalif.



Zionist troops enforce terror in Nablus



## OCCUPATION

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### THREE PATRIOTS SENTENCED TO LIFE

An Israeli military court in Tel Aviv on May 14 sentenced Jamal Yassin, Nadia Ahmad al-Khayyat and Hanan Nakhleh Massih to life imprisonment; and 'Itaf Ahmad Youssef to twenty years imprisonment; all on charges of membership in the Palestinian Revolution and executing a number of military operations against Israeli targets.

The Israeli forces arrested the three Palestinian girls on June 4, 1979 and destroyed their homes. According to reports from the occupied territories, the trial turned into an anti-occupation demonstration, as the four militants entered the courtroom chanting revolutionary slogans. When the Israeli judge asked the Palestinian militant 'Itaf whether she wanted to appeal, she raised her hand in a victory sign. Israeli soldiers, who surrounded the court building attacked the Palestinian militants and the gathering masses witnessing the trial with the butts of their rifles.

### PROTEST STRIKE IN JERUSALEM ELECTRICITY CO.

The Union of Employees in the Jerusalem Electricity Co. on May 14 staged a one hour strike in protest against the recent meeting between Israeli Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i and the Director General of the Company, Anwar Nuseibeh. The company's Administrative Council had decided in its latest meeting to reject all invitations to meet with the Israeli Minister, as a protest against the Israeli authorities decision to take over the Arab company in Jerusalem.

### TENSION ESCALATES IN BETHLEHEM AND NABLUS

The Israeli authorities on May

18 imposed a curfew on Bethlehem following the damaging of an Israeli military vehicle by a Molotov cocktail. Israeli troops encircled the town and closed all its entrances, preventing the citizens from leaving or entering. Several units of the Israeli security forces raided houses inside Bethlehem, making

numerous arrests. As we go to press, the curfew on Bethlehem is still in force in the Ras al-Ghoteis and al-Nejmeh Square quarters, and all shops were reported closed.

The Israeli forces on May 18 escalated also their campaign of terror in Nablus, following the damaging of an Israeli military vehicle by a Molotov cocktail and the distribution of pamphlets calling for the escalation of the popular upheaval.

## ARMED RESISTANCE

### ISRAEL ADMITS INCREASE IN COMMANDO OPERATIONS

*Yediot Aharonot* admitted on May 11 that there had been an increase in commando operations in the occupied territories in the past few weeks. The newspaper reported that more than thirty operations were executed in March and April, in addition to thirteen operations during the first ten days of May. The newspaper added that there were thirty-six operations in January and February, 1980.

In addition to this, the Israeli daily the *Jerusalem Post* on May 13 admitted an increase in the effectiveness of Palestinian commandos operating inside the occupied territories. The daily said that Palestinian commando cells and organisations were increasing in number, improving in technique and training, and operating in the most secret manner.

### ISRAELI CAR ATTACKED NEAR DUHEISHA CAMP

A hand grenade was thrown at an Israeli military vehicle near the Duheisha camp, south of Bethlehem, on May 11. The vehicle was completely destroyed and its

passengers killed or wounded. The Israeli authorities admitted the attack, which was launched by the Duheisha dwellers. The camp has been under a twenty-two hour curfew for over a week in the wake of an earlier grenade attack on Israeli occupation forces.

### ISRAELI ARMY BARRACKS ATTACKED IN HANITA SETTLEMENT

On May 15, a Palestinian Commando unit affiliated to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) attacked an army barracks near the northern border farming settlement of Hanita. A communique released by the PFLP claimed responsibility for this attack. It said that the raid was an act of reprisal for Israel's crimes, and aimed against legislation passed by the Israeli Knesset on May 15, formally annexing East Jerusalem. The PFLP said that the battle between the Israelis and the commandos lasted 3 hours, during which several Israelis were killed and the 3 commandos martyred. In their wills, the 3 martyrs called for the intensification of struggle against Zionism and U.S. imperialism. The Israelis admitted the operation and Israeli military sources in Tel Aviv said the group was armed with explosives and submachine guns.

HOW A U.S. DROPOUT AND VIETNAM VETERAN  
COMES TO HIS "GOD-GIVEN" LAND IN HEBRON:

## 'CRAZY JIM' — A "JEWISH" SETTLER KILLED IN HEBRON

The Zionist Pole Begin and his ilk never get tired of abusing the Bible in order to "justify" their common land theft in Palestine, and the genocide carried out against the indigenous Palestinian people. Time and again they evoke the terrible holocaust of the European Jews, so as to show how dearly they supposedly feel about "Jewish" blood, which should "never again be shed cheaply", as Begin likes to say. Zionist minds are not disturbed, however, that the Palestinians might die by the tens of thousands and be made homeless by the millions as a consequence of Zionist aggression.

But let us look, then, at one of Begin's "persecuted Jews", who "escaped the holocaust" to finally be rescued and to settle down in the "God-given land of his forebears."

James Mahon, Jr. is one of the six "Jewish" settlers who were killed in the center of Hebron on May 2, 1980, by a Palestinian resistance

operation. These settlers, armed to the teeth, for over a year have been harassing and provoking the civilian population of the Palestinian town of Hebron in the occupied West Bank. Under the protection of the Israeli occupation troops, the Zionist outlaws have been illegally occupying a building in the center of the city, have turned it into a fortified outpost, have attacked people in the streets, have stoned Palestinian cars, demolished Palestinian shops and have shot wildly with their guns, all under the pretext of eventually Judaizing Arab Hebron.

### FROM "THE VIPERS" TO VIETNAM

But by virtue of what right and by what means was James Mahon, Jr. directed and enabled to do so? James Mahon, Jr. was not born in Palestine. He owns no land there. He has no relatives there. He was not persecuted as a Jew anywhere in the world. As a matter of fact,



Zionist troops stalk Arab Jerusalem  
with guns and dogs.

### ISRAELI KNESSET PROVOCATION IN JERUSALEM

On May 14, the eve of the 32nd anniversary

of the usurpation of Palestine and the expulsion of its Arab inhabitants, the Israeli Knesset passed a bill declaring that Jerusalem, including its Arab eastern sector, would remain under Israeli sovereignty as Israel's "unified capital forever." The bill was approved by a huge majority after being supported by the government and the opposition Labor party.

The Israeli decision was a slap in the face for Sadat, who likes to boast of his Camp David accords. The decision reveals that Sadat is still pursuing his illusions regardless of Israel's systematic consolidation of its occupation of Palestinian and Arab territories, and the ongoing Judaization of every part of occupied Palestine.

In its reaction to the Israeli decision, the Executive Committee of the PLO said that the decision exposes the nature of the Zionist state of Israel along with its aim of depriving the Palestinian people of their lands and properties. It called upon Arab, Islamic, Christian and international public opinion to halt this step and contain its dangerous repercussions.



## "CRAZY JIM" - A "JEWISH" SETTLER KILLED IN HEBRON

James Mahon, Jr., the heir of the "Chosen Jewish People", was not even born a Jew.

James Mahon, Jr. comes from Virginia. He was a Christian-born U.S. citizen, son of a U.S. Air Force colonel of Irish origin. The "Washington Post" of May 7, 1980 (see also "Jerusalem Post" May 8) revealed the way which a U.S. citizen became a "Jewish" settler and became entitled to citizenship. He was arrested a decade ago in the shotgun slaying of a fellow-member of a Washington motorcycle gang, known as the "Vipers". He was initially charged with second-degree murder. But the charges were later reduced to possession of a prohibited weapon, and were then dropped entirely on December 15, 1970. Instead, "Crazy Jim", — as he was known locally at that time — served out his time in the U.S. war of genocide against the people of Vietnam. There he served two tours of duty with the 101st U.S. Airborne Division.

### "HE LIKED TO GO TO WAR"

He had boasted that he was "the point man



'Crazy Jim', the "Jewish" settler

on the squads which went into the underground tunnels looking for the Vietcong," according to a Virginia neighbour interviewed by the "Washington Post". "He liked to go to war", said the neighbour. "The idea of violence and weapons appealed to him. One day in his back yard he suddenly started spraying the leaves, as if he had a machine gun in his hands. Once he got to war I don't think it mattered who was on the other side..."

After his return from Vietnam to the States,

James Mahon Jr. found no chance for a job and a happy life in U.S. society. Frustrated, he joined Rabbi Meir Kahane's fascist gangs, "converted to Judaism" and called himself "Eli Haze'ev". According to the "Law of Return" of the Zionist state of Israel, this act automatically entitled the U.S. war desperado and dropout to Israeli citizenship and the "right" to settle in Begin's "Eretz Israel". It entitled him to go to Palestine, harass, terrorize and shoot the people there and steal their land. Also it entitled him to profit from all the many special allowances U.S. emigrants to Israel are granted by U.S. and Israeli funds, not to speak of the billions the U.S. government is diverting to finance the Zionist state, its settlement projects and crimes.

Thus James Mahon Jr., alias Eli Haze'ev, finally turned up amongst Begin's shock troops in Hebron to terrorize the Palestinian population under occupation and to try to make them leave their country. Finally the violence which he spread eventually engulfed himself.

### "HE LOVED TO KILL"

Even the "New York Times" of May 14, 1980 admitted that the "violence (in Hebron) is the inevitable fruit of a policy of provocative settlement and annexation in the region.... James Eli Mahon turns out to have been a sad and dangerous figure who loved to kill, particularly in a cause that fulfilled the religiosity

and aggressive anti-Communism to which he was reared. Not content with a full measure of killing in Vietnam, he finally turned up in Israel as Eli Haze'ev, changed his religion and gravitated to the most fanatic and violent fringe groups that encouraged his stalking the West Bank in search of new victims." However, the "New York Times" should know, even if it is not allowed to say so, that it is no "fringe group" which lets this derelict of U.S. society join in the schemes aimed at turning the occupied West Bank into a Zionist Wild West in Palestine. He is the direct product of the unjust, racist and violent environment of the U.S. system, of its imperialist crimes in Vietnam, and of U.S.-financed and armed Zionism which taught him to fulfil his last miserable mercenary mission in Palestine.

The transformation of U.S. dropouts and war psychotics into "persecuted Jews" and Israeli settlers, according to Zionist logic, justifies the occupation and terrorization of Palestine, the expulsion of the indigenous Palestinian people from their land, and the arrest, torture and expulsion of their patriots and leaders. Even after his death, the "martyrdom" of James Mahon, Jr., alias Eli Haze'ev, is used by the Zionist propaganda machine and the Israeli government to justify avenging his "precious Jewish blood" by murdering dozens of innocent Palestinians and Lebanese in Israeli reprisal raids...

## PHRC CAMPAIGN '80: NO U.S. AID FOR ISRAEL'S SETTLEMENTS

The U.S. government has repeatedly alleged that it strongly disapproves of Israel's settlement policy in the occupied Arab lands. Israel has not only disregarded this U.S. "concern" but it has flaunted its disregard — and sought, in turn, to challenge those U.S. leaders who have questioned their practices. All the while U.S. aid to Israel increases, so that at the end of FY '81, Israel will have received in excess of \$16 billion in U.S. assistance since 1974.

This year the Palestine Human Rights Campaign (PHRC) and many other Americans are calling on Congress to translate concern over Israel's settlement building into a firm policy by cutting U.S. aid to Israel

In testimony before Congress on March 19, 1979, the PHRC proposed cutting U.S. aid to Israel by an amount equal to the amount Israel intended to spend on building settlements and confiscating Arab land in the occupied territories. A number of Congressmen endorsed the idea, despite heavy Zionist pressure. In a similar vein, in October 1979, in tandem with an initiative of the National Association of Arab-Americans, Senator Mark Hatfield proposed a 10% reduction in U.S. military aid to Israel in response to Israel's massive bombing of South Lebanon. Although Senator Hatfield's proposal was tabled, it had support from a number of Senators.

In its January 1980 National Committee meeting, the PHRC decided to press forward with a 1980 aid-cut campaign. In February the PHRC launched its Campaign '80 with a letter to all members of Congress calling for a cut in aid to Israel. Simultaneously, the PHRC began a

coordinated national campaign to raise this issue across the U.S.

It is also important to note that many other national organizations are now actively working on similar campaigns. The AFSC, WILPF, and NAAA, among others, have developed a similar 1980 legislative program. On February 12 even an editorial in the "Washington Post" admitted:

"It is the United States... that is held accountable by most of the world for the march of Israeli settlements — and fairly so. And it is the United States that pays a large part of the price, not simply in its immense aid to Israel but in the diplomatic costs incurred in its dealings with other nations. Further criticism of Israel on this issue is pointless. So is wrist-slapping. More direct tactics are called for. Why not put a measureable value on the settlements and let Israel decide whether it wants to forfeit that much from its American aid."

The PHRC calls on all people and organizations to join the Campaign '80 to halt U.S. aid for Israeli settlements, and to support the following appeal it has sent to U.S. senators, congressmen and political leaders:

"The Administration and Congress have repeatedly expressed the concern that Israel's settlement building policy in the occupied territories is both

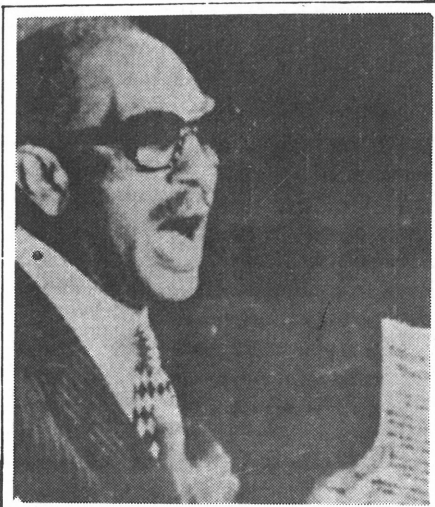
- an obstacle to a peaceful settlement of the Middle East conflict, and
- in contravention of international law (the Geneva Convention of 1949, article 49 (6)).

Israel has ignored these U.S. expressions of concern and has continued to expropriate new Arab lands and expend significant portions of its annual budget in order to build new settlements. This year, for example, the Israeli budget allotment for settlements will equal at least \$150 million.

This year the Congress should act to translate our government's concern about Israel's settlement practices into a firm policy by calling for a cut in 1981 U.S. aid to Israel

In the name of peace and human rights, we urge you to act now."





CAMP DAVID PEACE FRAUD:

## A DESPERATE SADAT FLAILS AWAY

President Sadat's decision to halt the "Palestinian autonomy" talks was not a surprise. He has shown his moody, unstable character on various occasions. World public opinion has become accustomed to such moves, which seek to mask his vicious maneuvers. While he boasts that he is the bearer of "peace and prosperity" to the area, he simultaneously offers military bases for the U.S. "rapid deployment forces," giving Israel the chance to increase its aggression against the Palestinian people inside the occupied territories and against Palestinian camps and Lebanese villages in Lebanon. His "economic prosperity" has increased the misery and frustration of the Egyptian people, whom Sadat is selling out to the world capitalist system. The "savior" holding the banner of "no more wars" is promoting military aggression against revolutionary forces in Iran, Afghanistan and elsewhere. His "democracy" deprives the Egyptian masses and political opposition of their rights, much to the pleasure of Jimmy Carter, that grinning master of "human rights" hypocrisy who pulls the strings that make Sadat jerk.

### MANEUVERS

Ever since his "historic" trip to occupied Jerusalem, and even before, President Sadat has tried to depict himself as the savior of the Egyptian people. But his "peace" mission has been exposed as a march towards humiliation and capitulation. The Camp David accords, which he concluded with his partners the Americans and the Israelis, have deadlocked over the "Palestinian autonomy" talks. The Israelis have expressed their views openly; they demand "security," which in the Israeli dictionary means nothing but occupation. Acknowledging the impasse, the Americans have admitted: "It is

difficult to negotiate Palestinian autonomy, when Palestinians themselves who oppose the talks were not taking part." (Saul Linowitz, the American Ambassador to the Palestinian "autonomy" talks, in an interview on CBS television, May 12, 1980)

To save face, Sadat said that he halted the talks in protest against an Israeli law which annexes the eastern sector of Jerusalem to the Israeli state. The "good intentions" of the Americans and the Israelis, in which Sadat was placing his hopes, have come to nothing. American State Department officials labelled his decision "a fit of pique" and "a tempest in a teapot." The Americans know well that after each such "dramatic" move, Sadat has made more concessions. And Dan Pittar, Begin's spokesman, said: "The Israelis are not excited about this move... and we are playing it cool."

It is not difficult to understand what is behind this maneuver. Sadat wants the Americans to "pressure" the Israelis into making some concessions, with the implication that he will sell out everything to the Americans. But the Americans have made no secret of their stance, which is identical with Israel's, though some tactical differences occur due to America's concern to maintain its interests in the Arab world. In the meantime the Americans are stepping up their aggression in the region, turning Egypt into a base for further aggression and exploitation.

### MILITARY SELL-OUT

Refusing to admit that he can get nothing worthwhile from the Americans and the Israelis, President Sadat has cloaked himself in the guise

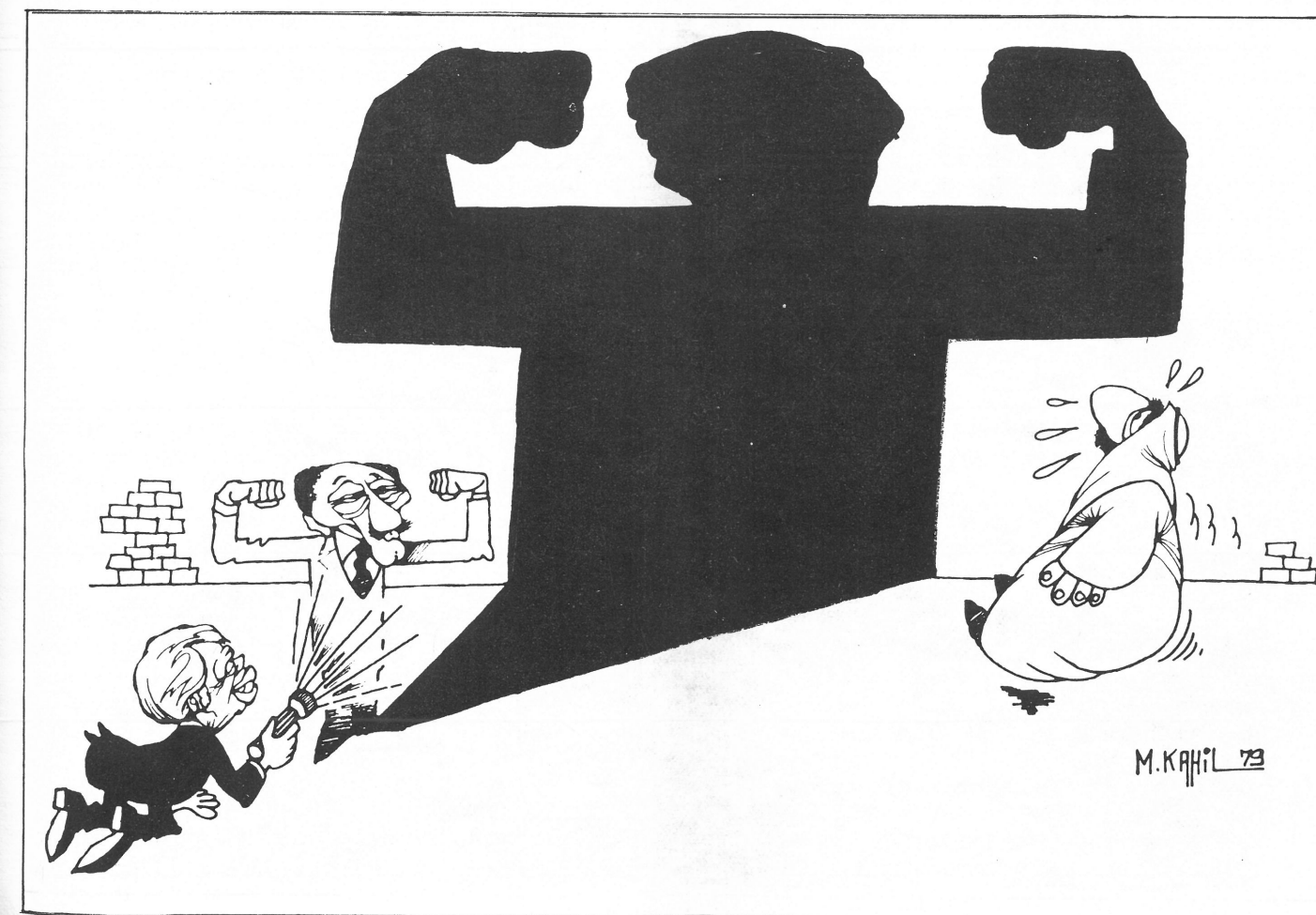
of a "protector of Islam," but in an American style. His attempt to hide his conspiratorial stand against Egypt's sovereignty has failed. By breaking off Egypt's friendship treaty with the Soviet Union and concluding the Camp David accords with his American and Zionist partners, Sadat boasted that he would lead Egypt to "independence" from "both superpowers." He also claimed he would "neutralize" the U.S. so as to bring the Americans away from the Israeli Zionists. However, what the Arab world has witnessed over the past 10 years of Sadat's rule is the subordination of Egypt to the U.S., and the growing political, economic and cultural isolation of Egypt from the Arab world.

The London daily *The Observer* reported on May 11, 1980 that 50,000 American troops are to be stationed in Egypt in accordance with American plans for rapid operations in the Middle East region. *The Observer* noted that America's Egyptian base is part of a military network designed for direct American intervention in "hot areas." Other military facilities are to be provided by Oman, Kenya and Somalia. Furthermore, the British-owned Diego Garcia base in the Indian Ocean will provide military facilities to American B-52 long-range bombers.

This move of Sadat's is proof of his betrayal of the Palestinian cause, of world liberation movements and progressive forces, of non-aligned countries and of African and Muslim peoples. Thus Sadat is playing the part of a Trojan horse for American aggression against Muslim countries such as Iran, the Arab Gulf states and the Arab nation as a whole.

The London *Times* newspaper reported on April 26 that American reconnaissance and communication planes were flying missions in the Gulf from a base near the Egyptian town of Qana. Clearly, Sadat is turning Egypt into an advanced base to promote imperialist ambitions.

Following the abortive American invasion of Iran, messages from American planes were intercepted by Michael Gurdos, an Israeli who runs a highly professional monitoring service for Israeli radio and television. Those messages indicated that the planes flew from Egypt. Declining to comment on Egypt's involvement in this aggression, Sadat expressed his "disappointment" over the "bad luck" of the aggressors. He visited the deposed Shah on the same day to express his "solidarity" and his commitment to American schemes. Furthermore, he encouraged the Americans to try again and





## A DESPERATE SADAT FLAILS AWAY

again, promising generous military facilities to promote American aggression. But all of this resulted only in bitter humiliation for Sadat. He was ready to resume the "formidable" talks with the Israelis following a telephone call from Carter. The Israelis reacted vindictively, saying "we do not have to start the moment we hear the beep from Cairo," i.e., Sadat's only role is to make concessions.

### AMERICANIZATION OF EGYPT

Faced with Israeli intransigence and increased American demands for more concessions, Sadat has accelerated the Americanization of the Egyptian economy and government. His latest move is to be both premier and president, equivalent to the positions held by Carter in America. In addition, his "decentralization"

plans illustrate his pro-Western tendencies as well as his desire to make others bear responsibility for his failures and shortcomings.

Ever since Sadat went to occupied Jerusalem, he has promised his people economic prosperity, democracy and peace. But Sadat's "peace" proved to be capitulation. The motto of "no more wars" meant coordination with Israel to strike at the Palestinian people's rights and revolution. "Democracy" in foreign policy meant to Sadat that Egypt should run roughshod over all Arab and international concern for the rights of the Arab peoples to regain their occupied territories. At home his "democracy" has meant more repression via arbitrary legislation directed against the Egyptian masses and opposition. It has also meant freedom for U.S. multinational corporations to rob the Egyptian people.

The public sector has been used to smash the socialist achievements of the late President Nasser. The "infatih" policy opened Egypt's doors wide for the remnants of the old feudalists and bourgeoisie to dominate through Sadat's Social Democratic party. "Peace on Earth"

proved to be increasing inflation (70% this year), low incomes, unemployment, destitution, housing problems, slavery and a huge military buildup to promote Western and American interests in the region.

### THE VANISHING DREAM

The promised "prosperity" has evaporated like a desert mirage. Instead of prosperity there is inflation, black marketeering and widening social fissures. The free market policy has made huge fortunes for the bourgeoisie but has impoverished the Egyptian masses. Prices are soaring, and local products are vanishing due to competition from imports. A three-room flat costs \$2500 monthly. Education at public schools means organizing backwardness and reaction. Only rich people can attend the private schools, which educate the sons and daughters of the big bourgeoisie and Sadat's clique.

Besides social deprivation, the Egyptian masses suffer political and cultural frustration because of Sadat's arbitrary measures to silence and intimidate those who do not support his policies. Censorship of newspapers makes life more and more difficult for those who try to express their opinions in a free manner. Sadat's "freedom" means slavery to Western interests and values.

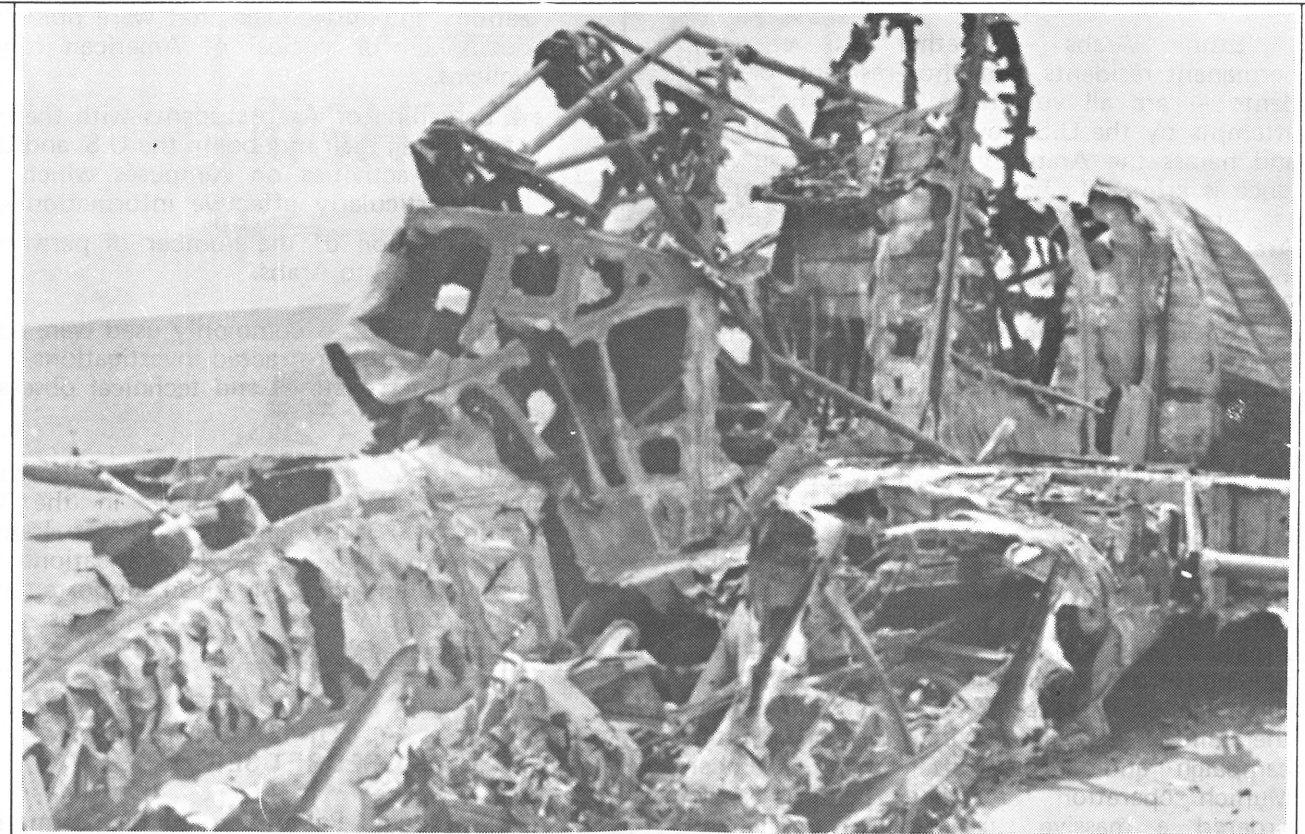
To carry out his policies, Sadat manipulates laws through his constitutional bodies, which the opposition terms "no more than instruments to implement decisions already taken." In a statement issued by 54 prominent Egyptian figures on May 12, 1980, the signatories called for a more representative system of government and criticized what they called Sadat's ad hoc individual decisions. They accused Sadat of disregarding the constitution and of making the opposition irrelevant. They cited Sadat's decision last month to offer the U.S. military facilities for its abortive invasion of Iran, and said that the cabinet was not consulted. They accused Sadat of using referendums as a cover for individual decisions and to get a popular mandate on controversial issues.

### TOWARDS COLLAPSE OR FASCISM

Sadat knows very well that he cannot overcome the impasse he faces on foreign and domestic affairs. He cannot say no to imperialist demands, which are increasing day by day. On the other hand he has to maintain his position and policies of capitulation and repression. Social and political tensions will increase, thus driving him either to collapse under the pressure, or to adopt more repressive measures on the local level and increased alignment with world imperialism.



Sadat regime opens Alexandria harbor to Zionist missile boats.



One of the U.S. planes sent from Egypt and crashed in aggression against Iran: Sadat will share the fate of his imperialist masters



# FBI HARASSES IRANIANS AND ARABS IN THE U.S.

The Palestine Solidarity Committee in Washington, D.C. has recently published a pamphlet in English and Arabic designed to educate Arabs and other foreign residents in the U.S. of their legal rights regarding FBI and Immigration Service harassment. The pamphlet, entitled "You, Your Rights and the FBI", comes at a time when the U.S. government is in disarray over its policy setbacks in the Middle East and Iran, and is increasing its repression against Iranians and Arabs living in the U.S. Both the FBI and the Immigration and Naturalization Service have increased illegal surveillance of the two communities and have been involved in a massive screening and deportation effort directed against Iranian supporters of their current revolutionary government. Below are excerpts from the foreword of the pamphlet:

"Ethnic Arabs — whether U.S. citizens, permanent residents, alien non-residents or students — are all vulnerable to the increasing attempts by the U.S. government to investigate and harass the Arab community. This surveillance is arbitrarily based on their identification as 'Arab' or supporters of Arab causes. (Every Arab in the U.S.) is a potential target for investigation if they speak out about the Palestine problem and defend Palestinian rights. (Unless Arabs in the U.S.) protect themselves through knowledge of their legal rights, they may unnecessarily become victims of government intimidation.

"Since 1967 the FBI has been investigating Arab-Americans without charge under the guise of national security. Generally these early FBI investigations targeted visible members of the Arab community who were involved in political information work or associated with Arab-American organizations. They included tactics ranging from impromptu interviews to electronic surveillance. These efforts were stepped up in the fall of 1972, well into the presidential campaign and shortly after the September Munich operation. President Richard Nixon ordered a massive surveillance campaign —

code-named 'Operation Boulder' — against individuals of Arabic-speaking origin, allegedly to determine their possible or potential relationship with 'terrorist' activities related to the Arab-Israeli conflict. (In fact, such acts of political violence in the U.S. have all been perpetrated by extreme Zionist groups such as the Jewish Defense League.) Nixon's surveillance campaign greatly expanded the scope and nature of the U.S. government's harassment of the Arab community by coordinating various bureaus within the State Department, the FBI, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the CIA, the Customs Bureau, the IRS and the Transportation Department.

"Under the coordination of a special working group, 'Operation Boulder' set into motion special procedures designed to harass, intimidate and discover technical grounds to justify expulsion or deportation of Arabs in America. Included in these measures were:

1. Restriction on entry into and transit through the U.S.
2. Arbitrary FBI surveillance of persons of Arab origin.
3. Gathering of information by the FBI, CIA and IRS on foreign and American organizations and individuals that were politically outspoken or critical of American foreign policies.
4. Screening of Arab students with the view of reducing their number in the U.S. and their political activities on campuses which had been particularly effective information-wise.
5. Restriction of the number of permanent visas granted to Arabs.

"Some measures commonly used were administrative delays, protracted investigations, early morning interrogations and technical obsessiveness."

(All these measures are currently being employed on a massive scale in the U.S. government's racist campaign against Iranians living in the U.S. There are indications that Palestinians and their American supporters have recently become the target of increased FBI surveillance. — Ed.)

**FBI EXECUTIONER  
OF ISRAELI  
SECRET SERVICE**

"(A Young Palestinian holding American

citizenship), Sami Esmail, arrested in Israel for alleged 'membership in an illegal organization' was prosecuted with 'evidence' supplied to the Israeli security agency by the FBI. Two similar cases are pending in the U.S. involving Palestinians. (One is the case of Ziad Abou Ein, a Palestinian under a deportation order by a U.S. court and currently imprisoned in Chicago. Both U.S. and Israeli intelligence services pooled information to try and force his deportation from the U.S. to Israel where the Zionists want to try him in a military court for a military operation. — Ed.)

"This policy of pooling information creates a special danger to Palestinians since Israel is one of the few countries that claims jurisdiction for acts not committed in Israel. Given what is known of the FBI and other investigative bodies' ability to distort, exaggerate and sometimes create information or misinformation, FBI and U.S. cooperation with Israeli intelligence and their operations in the U.S. can directly jeopardize the safety of many Palestinians. Suspected membership in any Palestinian military or

political organization which Israel claims to be illegal is grounds for arrest and military trial in Israel. While exercising their political and civil rights in the U.S., Palestinians stand in danger if they return to live in or visit Israel or the occupied territories. Arabs or Arab-Americans are even vulnerable to extradition to Israel.

"Operation Boulder officially ended because it was not, in the words of the State Department press release, 'cost effective.' But the policy of political surveillance initiated by it goes on. People's ignorance of the law and their rights under the law has been exploited in the past." (And it is being used now in the current U.S. anti-foreigner campaign.)

(The article ends by urging Arabs and Arab-Americans to familiarize themselves with their legal rights in regards to the FBI and other U.S. investigatory agencies so that they will not be intimidated by 'illegal government harassment. "You, Your Rights and the FBI" can be obtained by writing to the Palestine Solidarity Committee, P.O. Box 57154, Washington, D.C. 20037.)





## ZIONISM IN PRACTICE

### POPULATION AND TRADE EXCHANGE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SOUTH AFRICA

The Israeli newspaper "Ha'olam Ha'zeh", on April 9, 1980, reports that over 37,000 Israelis have emigrated to South Africa in the last few years, and 13,000 people immigrated from South Africa to Israel in the same period. This means that a net number of 24,000 Israelis have remained in South Africa. A large proportion of these, almost 3,000, are diamond polishers. The growing number of emigres reflects, among other things, the expansion which has taken place in trade relations between the two countries.

At the opening of the latest



### SECRET PLAN TO QUADRUPLE SETTLEMENTS UNCOVERED

Israeli authorities recently disclosed a secret scheme for the increase of settlements in the occupied West Bank in order to allow

Israeli trade fair in Johannesburg it was revealed that trade between Israel and South Africa has been growing at an unprecedented rate: In 1971, Israel had imported goods worth 8.1 m. dollars from South Africa, and exported goods worth 9.4 m. dollars to that country. In 1979, Israeli exports to South Africa had amounted to 79.9 m. dollars and imports had amounted to 37.7 m. dollars. A spokesman for the Israeli trade fair said that Israel was greatly involved in the electronic and chemical industry in South Africa and in the production of other equipment there.

In a speech broadcast on South African television the Foreign Minister of Taiwan, who was visiting Johannesburg, suggested that a new "triangle of free nations" should be formed, which would comprise Taiwan, South Africa and Israel.

for quadrupling the number of settlers within the coming three years. Matityahu Drobles, the Director of the Settlement Department of the Jewish Agency, on May 15 declared that the Israeli authorities plan to establish a total of 29 new settlements in the West Bank, to be completed by October 1983. According to Drobles, every settlement will accommodate between 200 and 300 families.

Another official of the Settlement Department said that the plan was presented to the Knesset for the first time in October 1978 and was classified as top secret. The PLO managed to learn of this secret settlement scheme a few months ago and notified the U.N. of it. The Israeli authorities only admitted the existence of such a plan after it was distributed and translated into eight languages.

The Israeli authorities revealed, however, that the original plan called for the establishment of 59 settlements within a period of five years. It is worth mentioning here that 30 new settlements have already been established since October 1978. The latest figures reveal the establishment of 44 settlements and the implantation of 14,000 settlers since the Israeli occupation of the West Bank in 1967. These figures do not include the more than 50,000 settlers in occupied Jerusalem.

### NEW ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS NEAR NABLUS AND JERICHO

The Israeli authorities on May 13 began work on two new settlements in the Nablus region. Bulldozers levelled a twenty metre wide access road between Deir Istia and al-Hariqa, passing through the Qana Valley. The bulldozers uprooted hundreds of olive trees, thus destroying part of the main source of the local inhabitants' livelihood, according to reports from the occupied territories. The first settlement, Dotan, will be established near al-Hariqa, and the second settlement, Karnei Shamron 'D', will be built on the newly constructed road.

Zionist settlers on May 19 began the construction of a new settlement near the Ain al-Sultan camp in the Jericho area in the occupied West Bank. This camp, abandoned following the June 1967 hostilities, is now being used as a detention centre for Palestinian families evicted from their homes in other parts of the West Bank.

### NEW ISRAELI PLANS TO EVACUATE PALESTINIANS FROM JERUSALEM

The Tel Aviv daily *Ma'ariv* on May 13 revealed a new Israeli scheme calling for the evacuation of hundreds of Palestinian families from Jerusalem, and settling them on confiscated land in the al-'Aizariyah district on the outskirts of the Holy City. The daily reported that the Palestinian families refused to leave their homes, des-

### YEARNING TO BREATHE FREE

The Defense Committee of Ziad Abu Ein in the United States, which has denounced his extradition from the United States and Israeli attempts to deprive him of his liberty, published the following appeal by Ziad Abu Ein to support him against the conspiracies plotted against him.

I, ZIAD ABU EIN, have been incarcerated as a Palestinian political prisoner since August, 1979 by the United States authorities pending the outcome of legal challenges to an order from the United States Court for my extradition to Israel to stand trial on charges concerning matters of which I am totally innocent. This is despite the fact that the United States authorities know very well that I will not get a fair trial in Israel.

My detention is the result of a conspiracy and collusion between the government of Israel and the United States Departments of State and Justice and United States Courts to deprive me of my freedom. My extradition hearing in



Plutonium  
for nuclear bombs:  
Israeli reactor in Dimona

ite repeated Israeli harassment. It should be recalled that since 1967, the Israeli authorities have reduced whole quarters of the Old City to rubble, displacing over 6,000 Palestinian residents.

### WEST GERMANY HELPS TO STUFF ISRAEL WITH PLUTONIUM

Israel will soon receive an ultra-modern nuclear pile to be assembled in West Germany, according to a report in the Israeli daily "Yediot Aharonot". According to the re-

port, this pile will serve to resupply the plutonium Israel needs to operate its present nuclear reactors. Obviously, the plutonium can be also used to assemble atomic bombs. According to "Yediot Aharonot", informed sources in Bonn are not worried about the possible military use. Apparently, they try to play down their support for the aggressive Zionist nuclear potential with the hypocritical argument, that "Israel had anyway enough plutonium" to produce atomic bombs.



Demonstration in Chicago in support of Ziad Abu Ein

Chicago, Illinois from September 26, 1979 to December 18, 1979, was a travesty of Justice that ignored the basic rules of law. Four separate attempts to secure my release on bond while the legal issues are decided met with total rejection by the United States Court.

I am a man without a country;

my home has been a jail cell in Chicago. In the name of humanity, in the name of simple human rights. I appeal to all free men, women and children everywhere to know that I will not allow myself to be made a guinea pig locked in a cage.

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## LEBANON:

# ISRAEL BOMBS CHURCHES SHELLS CHILDREN

### ISRAEL BOMBS GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH IN SOUTH LEBANON

Israeli land, air and naval forces have all stepped up their actions in Lebanon over the last two weeks in an attempt to divert attention from the Palestinian popular uprising taking place in the occupied territories. This Israeli aggression against Lebanon is also linked with the failure of the so-called "autonomy talks" between Egypt and Israel which have stalled and been postponed due to Israeli intransigence. Israel also wants to divert attention from the severe measures it has taken against the Palestinians in the West Bank. Israel has resorted to following an internal deportation policy against the Palestinians in the West Bank, forcibly transferring villagers into West Bank camps.

On May 8, Israeli helicopters and warplanes were observed over south Lebanon in a number of places along the coast, while Israeli naval activity was observed off Tyre. Many civilian targets came under heavy artillery fire, and many civilians were killed by Israeli actions. On May 15, Israeli gunners and the rightist militias of renegade Major Saad Haddad opened heavy artillery fire against the south Lebanese villages of Nabatiyeh, Habboush, Kfar Remman, Kfar Tibnit and Rihan. Earlier, Haddad's militia had bombarded the Rashidiyeh Palestinian refugee camp and the Bass area causing heavy damage to property and crops. Israeli warplanes also flew over Beirut and Israeli vessels were spotted along the coast from Bayyadah to Damour. Several Israeli attempts were made to land along the coast, extending from Saida to Damour and Beirut.

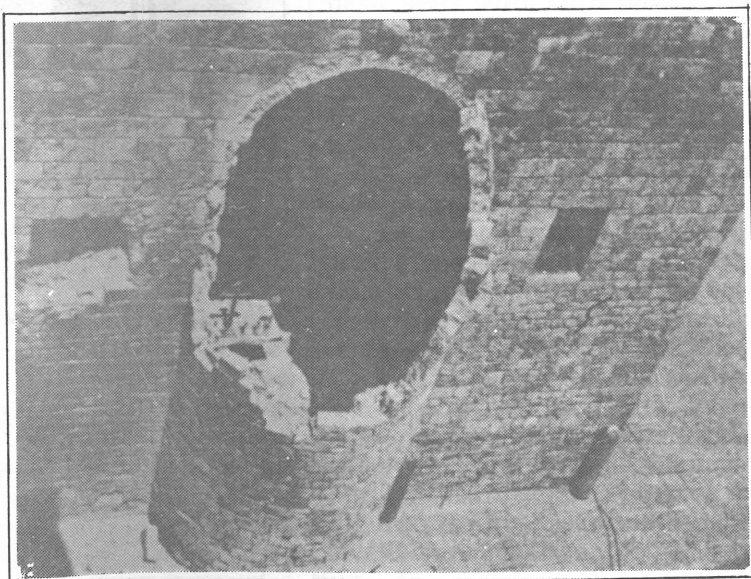
This Israeli aggression against the Palestinians and the Lebanese reflects Israel's disregard for all civilized values and international principles.

### MAR TOUMA CHURCH UNDER BOMBARDMENT

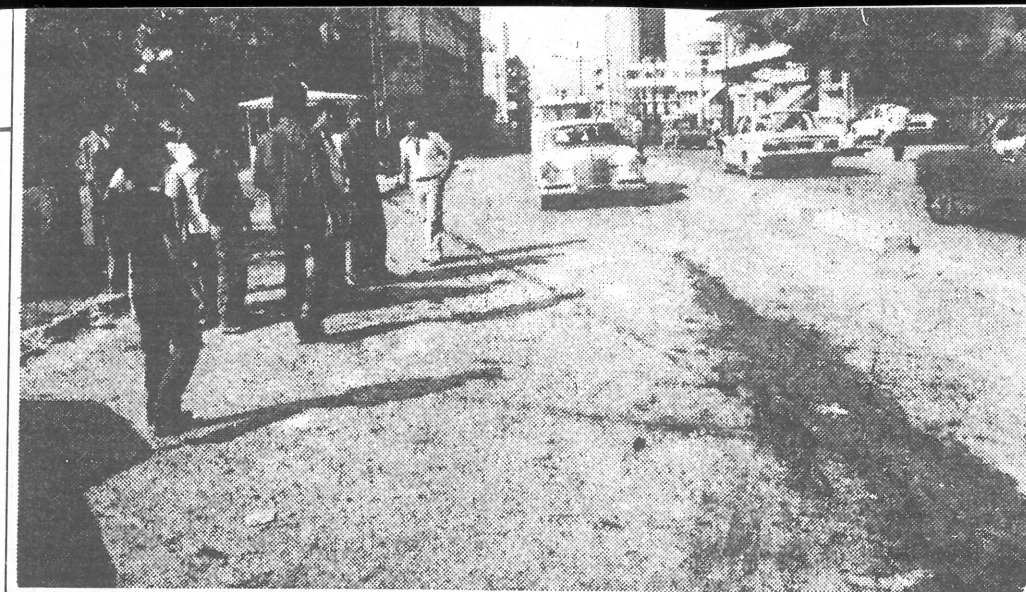
The shelling of the Lebanese villages and cities did not spare religious sites. In Tyre, the Mar Touma (St. Thomas) Catholic Church was shelled and a part of it was destroyed. A monastery around the area and several houses in the Christian quarter also were shelled and damaged. Archeological sites came under heavy bombardment too. Archbishop George Haddad commented on the Israeli aggression saying "Thank God that we weren't holding a mass in the church, otherwise we would have had many civilian casualties". He went on: "Where does morality lie in these aggressions? This church goes back to the eighteenth century and it is one of the Tyre's historical sites. In 1715, Michael Mashaga, who also built the Great Mosque in Tyre, built this church. The Israelis have proved that they are really the protectors of the Christians! We have witnessed what their artillery does to our religious sites"

### ISRAELI SHELLS MURDER CIVILIANS IN THE STREETS OF SAIDA

In the afternoon May 23, the Israeli aggressors committed another act of barbaric terror. They directed two U.S.-made shells into the civil center of the town of Saida, 45 km from the border where people were busy in the crowded streets. The bombs caused severe casualties among the civilians. Five citizens were killed and 14 were injured. The walls of the



Mar Touma Church in Tyre after Israeli bombardment.



Lebanese civilians  
were murdered here  
in front of Saida church

Maronite church in Saida were damaged and its glass were broken. Hours before, radio "Sound of Hope", the broadcast station established by the Israelis and their gangs inside the Lebanese border strip, which has been financed and equipped by a U.S. foundation, had broadcast a cynical threat to the Saida population, that Haddad would send them "two gifts". The Israeli-controlled radio also said that the two shells were just a warning. Israel's strategy is to either force the population to leave south Lebanon or to blackmail them into surrendering to Israeli-Haddad control and to acquiesce to Israeli expansion into Lebanon. Israel is stepping up its moves to implement this strategy after the surrender to Zionism and U.S. imperialism on the part of Sadat Via Camp David.

Israel continued its aggression against south Lebanon on May 23, its heavy artillery bombed Nabatiyeh, Tyre, and the areas surrounding

them. Helicopters and Israeli jets were seen over the southern villages. The shelling extended to include Arnoun, Zouter and the region around them. Israeli gunboats were seen along the shore and an Israeli warship was seen near Tyre. These intensive Israeli moves aiming at depopulating the southern region were supported in the borderstrip by the Israeli-directed and armed Haddad gangs.

In the evening of the day of the Israeli bombardment of the center of Saida, the Lebanese Prime Minister, Salim Al-Hoss gave the following statement:

"With this barbaric aggression Israel has gone beyond all limits. I don't know how Israel is going to justify this abominable crime before the world, and I don't know how the world can exculpate it from this heinous crime directed against peaceful and innocent victims."



Begin: "We will never allow anybody to liquidate the Christians in Lebanon... except ourselves"

(from "Middle East International")



## "JEWS HAVE SUFFERED FROM ZIONISM, TOO"



Jewish writer Marion Woolfson

(Mrs. Marion Woolfson is a Jewish writer from Scotland. She has become well known in Britain for her championship of justice and her enlightened views. She has recently published a book on Zionism and visited a number of Arab countries. During her visit to Lebanon, *Palestine* conducted the following interview with her.)

— What first made you oppose Zionism?

"Because I was sent to Israel to write some articles after the 1967, war and I began to discover what was happening to the Palestinians. I didn't realise how difficult it was to write the truth about Palestine until I started to write it and nobody would publish this material. I think the most interesting aspect was that all I was trying to do was write the absolute truth of what I saw, but they said that what I had written was too critical of Zionism, and I became more and more anxious to reveal the truth.

"I also became anxious to know as many of the facts as possible, so I read about the history of Zionism. Eventually I lost my job in journalism. I was working for a newspaper which had a Deputy Editor who was a fanatical Zionist, and he put me in an impossible position. He asked me to write an article attacking the PLO and I refused to do it.

"I therefore began to write on a freelance basis solely on the Middle East for various publications. And from then until about two years ago I found it practically impossible to get any British national newspaper to publish my material. But then in the past two years a number have published my articles. It is possible to get something published that was impossible ten years ago, but some subjects are still taboo. Among these are what the Zionists did to the Jews of Iraq and the Jews of Morocco."

— What are you doing to publicise these sorts of issues?

"Well, I have spent the last four years researching and writing a book to show that Jews have suffered just as much as Palestinians from Zionism. I think and feel that the world is becoming a little more aware of the tragedy of the Palestinians than it used to be, and it's now necessary for the benefit of both Arabs and Jews that the tragedy of the Arab Jews should be published too. The Zionists make a great noise about the fact that their movement is supposed to be for the salvation of all Jews. In this way they try to justify the persecution of Palestinians, because of course they adopt the attitude that the suffering of non-Jews is unimportant, that only Jews matter. However, even if this could be justified in some way, there is no truth in the pretence that Zionism is a humanitarian rescue movement for Jews.

"The Arab Jews have been uprooted from their countries by the most extreme Zionist terrorist action. They have lost their wealth, their rich cultural heritage, their professions and even their identity, and in return they have been the tools of their Ashkenazi masters who exploit and oppress them in every possible way and who subject them to vicious racial discrimination. I have given many facts which not only reveal the truth about Zionism in my book, but I also provide details of Zionist espionage and *agent provocateur* activities in various Arab countries. These were all aimed at removing the Jews to Palestine and also at undermining the stability of the Arab countries. At the moment a vast campaign is taking place in Western countries on behalf of the Jews who were supposedly 'expelled' from the Arab countries. The purpose of this is to counter any claims which may

be made by the Palestinians to return to their homeland. The Zionists repeatedly say that 'an exchange of population has taken place'.

"I have also included interviews with Arab Jews who have spoken very frankly about the inhuman treatment they have received. One point which may be of interest to your readers is that many acts of sabotage which take place in Israel today are the work not of Palestinians but of Arab Jews.

"A lot of the Arab Jews are deserters from the army and there is one group called *Maatz*. They planted a bomb in the Holon police station and they also started a fire in *Haaretz* newspaper. They were very badly tortured. A lot of the torture which takes place in Israeli prisons is directed against Arab Jews as well as Palestinians, and although this has been reported in Israel, it is completely unknown in the West. In fact, one man who was accused of planting a bomb was tortured so badly that he confessed to the crime. It was then discovered that he had been in a military prison at the time of the offence.

"If an Arab Jew commits even a small offence he is invariably sent to prison, whereas if a Western Jew commits serious crimes — I mean there's large-scale corruption, even theft, and

fraud among the Ashkenazis — but they simply get away with it.

"Did you know that there was a very large demonstration by the Arab Jews in support of the PLO? Apparently it was very much hushed up and it has never been reported in the West. You know what the Israelis have done to weaken the hold of the Black Panthers on the Oriental Jews? They have started an organisation called 'the Blue and White Zionist Panthers'. They have set up a number of organisations in Western countries and placed Arab Jewish puppets at the head of them to try to make it appear as if all the Arab Jews are Zionists. And they also try in every way possible to stir up hatred of the Palestinians and the Arab countries among these Jews. But this is not working, because the majority of Sephardim have the greatest contempt for these 'uncle toms' as they call them."

— What do you intend to do now?

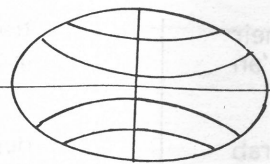
"My major aim is to support the Palestinian cause."

Note: Marion Woolfson's book, *Prophets in Babylon — Jews and the Arab World*, was published in London by Faber & Faber in May 1980.



Israel's diaspora  
of poverty: Tel Aviv  
slum family "at home"





### RESISTANCE TO APARTHEID STEPPED UP IN AZANIA

The long, drawn-out strike by "colored" students against the poor educational standards in their community has developed into a broad rejection of the system designed to perpetuate "coloreds" as second class citizens. The students, unlike those of the 1976-1977 spontaneous uprising, have rallied parents and teachers into supporting their action. The coordination committee they have set up, the "Committee of 61," has managed to coordinate the demands of 2,500,000 "colored" people.

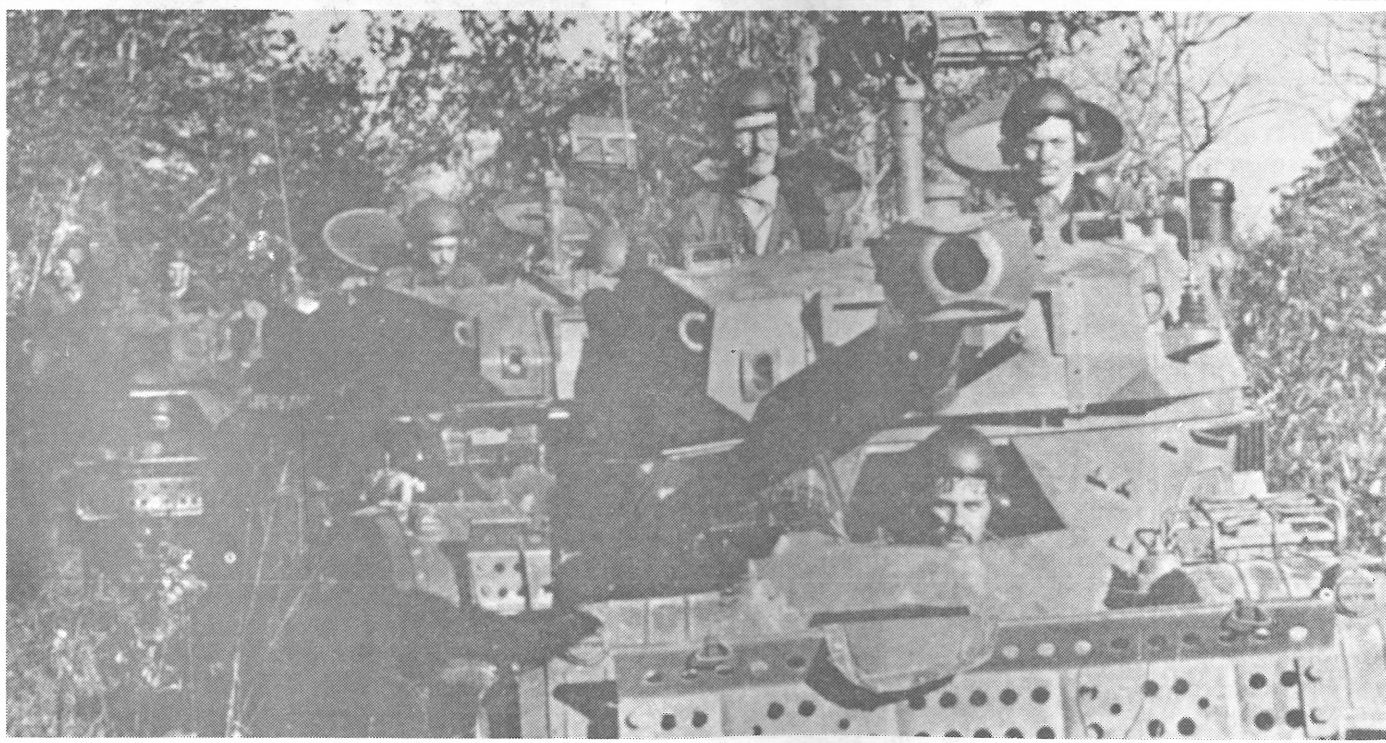
The student action has put an end to the constitutional swindle the government had planned for the community. According to a proposal it made last year, the regime wants "coloreds" to sit on the so-called President's Multi-Racial Advisory Council. This would present the appearance of "colored" participation and representation in the affairs of the state. This proposal is regarded as cosmetic by the students and the community leaders who support them.

The "black" community, who would not be included in any constitutional change because

they have their own "homelands" in the form of Bantustans, have so far confined their reaction to messages of solidarity with the "colored" students. Their reason for not joining the boycott has been explained by students and community leaders to be their experience with the 1976-1977 Soweto massacre. Students point out when they formed their congress late last year all leaders were detained. A teacher at a Soweto school summed up the general mood to a correspondent from the *International Herald Tribune*, whose article appeared on May 12, 1980. "Students say: we are not going to give the police cannon fodder. We are going to get guns and deal with them in a way they understand, and they are doing it.... The only way to fight is the way that it was done in Zimbabwe, the way it was done in Mozambique and the way it is being done here."

### SWAPO FIGHTERS PUT 200 RACIST SOLDIERS OUT OF ACTION

The Namibian People's Liberation Army put over 200 South African occupation troops out of action in the month of March, 1980 alone. The SWAPO information office in Dar es Salaam also announced on May 14 that the freedom



South African racists use French Panhards in aggression in Namibia



Demonstration in Munich, West Germany in protest against U.S. nuclear missiles and military moves

fighters destroyed 18 military vehicles and downed two fighter planes and an assault helicopter. SWAPO fighters in the liberated areas, according to Defense Secretary Peter Nanyembe, are engaged in extending their positions in the northeast.

### BILLIONS ALLOCATED FOR U.S. MILITARIZATION

The U.S. Congress budget office announced on May 16 that it has allocated over \$53 billion for new weapons and weapon systems. \$36 billion are earmarked for the procurement of new weapons systems, including the MX missile. \$16.7 billion will be spent on weapons research and development.

The budget office also announced that the deployment of marines in a rapid deployment force, as demanded by President Carter, will cost an additional \$4.6 billion over the cost of the marines. During the coming five years the marines are to receive \$50 billion to pay for the stationing of parts of this force on Diego Garcia island, and in vessels in the Indian Ocean for rapid deployment in the Gulf region.

### THOUSANDS OF WEST GERMANS PROTEST MILITARIZATION

Thousands of West Germans clashed with police outside a football stadium on May 6, where 1,100 army recruits swore their allegiance to the state and NATO. The government on May 7 announced, that 5,000 angry demonstrators had injured more than 250 riot police and burnt several army cars with molotov cocktail bombs, injuring several soldiers.

The demonstrations were in protest against West Germany's membership in NATO and the current escalation of militarization in Europe. During the protest, German President Karl Carstens a former member of the Nazi Party, Defense Minister Hans Apel and other government officials had to be flown into the stadium by helicopter. Even then the demonstrators fired signal flares and firework rockets at the aircraft.

In recent weeks tens of thousands of people have marched in various cities in protest against the U.S.-led war campaign and the threat posed by the U.S. nuclear missiles stationed in Western Europe and in West Germany in particular, and called for continued detente and peace in Europe.





William Nassar (left) at conference  
with Chairman Arafat in Beirut after his release

WILLIAM NASSAR:

## PALESTINIAN ORDEAL IN ZIONIST JAILS

Like tens of thousands of Palestinian patriots in Israeli jails, he has been transferred from one prison to another... ill-treated, beaten, pitilessly tortured. But he bore his suffering because he knew that he was in his fatherland, and that he was defending a just cause that could overcome the most pitiless oppressors. William Nassar was arrested on March 3, 1968, and condemned to 150 years in prison for having participated in a commando operation in occupied territories. On February 22, William Nassar was released in an exchange of two Palestinian prisoners for an Israeli spy carried out under the supervision of the International Red Cross.

He was tortured during interrogation. Listen to his account: "Before the 1967 war, the Zionists would beat the Palestinian prisoners with clubs. In 1968, they introduced the electric chair. Moreover, the Israeli authorities use means of torture which do not leave traces on the body. They hang the prisoner to the ceiling, by his feet, and begin to swing him. Other practices, which I have witnessed, consist of filling the prisoner's mouth with salt water and then

compelling him to run, while keeping his mouth shut. When he spits the liquid out, the jailers fill up his mouth once again with salt water, and go on like this until he loses consciousness.

"Once, in winter, the Zionists locked us up in a small cell which was very cold, and hung us by our feet to the ceiling. We remained in this position for 5 consecutive days. They also often use hypnosis, another form of psychological torture, because the prisoner afterwards fears he may have unconsciously betrayed something to the enemy. In the Sarafand jail, I was isolated with some of my companions in a cell which smelled like a dog-kennel; they tied up our hands and feet with chains and they forced us to stay like that, with our eyes blindfolded."

### LIKE IN PINOCHE'T'S CHILE

"Often, our jailers would take us to the cemetery... They would make each of us dig his own tomb and then they would blindfold us, and fire with blank cartridges... Our feelings at

these moments are hard to explain... These means of psychological torture have been used, too, in Chile by the dictatorial regime of Pinochet. I remember that, in 1969, a group of prisoners were submitted to new forms of torture. They were pitilessly beaten on their head with rods. Three of them consequently lost their hair.

"Anything that is said about torture in Zionist jails is true. However, these tortures are not inflicted all at once, to one single person. Each prisoner is submitted to different forms of torture. The Palestinian prisoner Abdel Latif Geith, for example, was beaten with rods. The Zionists also compelled him to straddle an anti-aircraft gun, from which they began to shoot. He therefore endured both psychological and physical suffering... Another prisoner has experienced the electric chair. Nagi H.A. has been compelled many times to swallow salt water. Many became martyrs, among them Kassem Abu Aqal, who succumbed (in 1969) as a result of the wounds inflicted on him through torture. The same methods were practised in the prisons of Hebron, Haifa, and Nablus..."

### PUBLIC OPINION MUST RISE IN PROTEST

"Public opinion is always badly informed about methods of torture and ill-treatment in Zionist jails. I remember when I was a young boy that my parents often spoke of the torture used in Algeria against the revolutionaries. At that time, public opinion rose against these practices, thus compelling France to terminate them. Today, few investigators enter the Zionist prisons, conduct an inquiry on the prisoners' treatment, and unveil the truth.

"Before 1968, it was forbidden for a Palestinian to speak with his cell companions. But, as a result of the struggle we led — and which we are still leading — against bad treatment in prison, we have been able to realize some rights, regarded as 'privileges' by the penal administration.

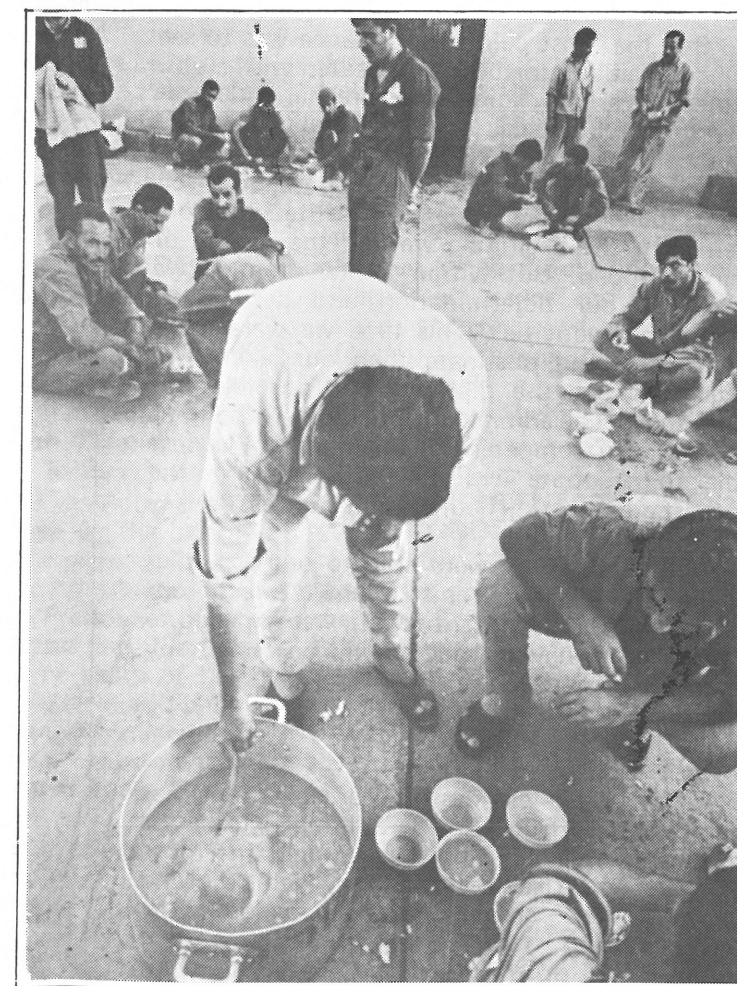
"In 1967, before my detention, the Palestinian prisoners were allowed one hour's walk in prison and 4 cigarettes a day. After 1968, this right was reduced to half an hour of running, and half an hour of rest during which they could smoke their cigarettes. It was forbidden to smoke inside the cells. After some organized opposition on our part, and thanks to the intervention of the International Red Cross, the penal administration allowed the prisoners to freely use this hour of recreation as they wished, smoke in their cells and, most important, to receive visits. Simultaneously with this small victory for Palestinian prisoners, the Israelis

intensified their torture, especially in the prison of Ramallah."

### GENERAL STRIKES

"After we staged a series of general strikes against the torture inflicted on the prisoners, the Zionists created an isolated prison, Kfar Yuneh, and another at Askelon (1968), where they practised the most up-to-date methods of torture. They would transfer the 'rebellious' prisoners there.

"We should stress the difference between torture during an interrogation, and torture practised in prisons. In the first case it is well-known that most governments practise it; attention should be given therefore, at least for the moment, to the second case. We started a general strike lasting 88 days in Ramleh prison in 1969, demanding the immediate cessation of all torture, and the amelioration of the treatment of prisoners. The jailers were ordered to whip us to force us to end to our hunger strike. This is how we were transferred to the prison of Askelon, where we were submitted, for 20 days, to three beatings a day. We spent many days without food.



Series of strikes against the torture



## PALESTINIAN ORDEAL IN ZIONIST JAILS



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"But the most painful experience was to see our companions tortured and beaten with clubs. Witnessing a companion's torture has a demoralizing psychological effect. Finally the 20 days, which seemed 20 centuries to us at that time, passed and we returned to Ramleh prison (used for prisoners sentenced to life imprisonment). In the beginning we had the feeling of being trapped. But within a few months, we recovered our determination and decided to resume our activities. This time we were more determined and obstinate than our jailers. We began then to use diplomacy in our relations with the penal administration. Some among us became very competent in this matter. We were able to negotiate with the authorities, in the darkest and most difficult circumstances.

"Other prisoners were able to unmask spies and agents of the Zionist enemy. One of our companions, the militant Najeh, was expelled to Jordan after having tried to kill an Israeli spy named 'Abu Samir'."

## RESISTANCE

"This new clandestine organization has quickly borne fruit. A general hunger strike was launched in all the Zionist jails, including those of Ramleh, Nablus, Shatta, Hebron, and Dimona. The strikers were demanding the termination of torture and of bad treatment inflicted on prisoners. After 13 days of our strike, the Israeli Minister of the Interior intervened to discuss matters with the prisoners.

But at the same time, the torture was going on and the militant Abdel Kader Abu al Fahmi died from it. He had been the chief of the Liberation Forces in occupied Gaza. He had executed 10 military operations and had been condemned to life imprisonment. After Abdel Kader's martyrdom, the prison authorities, fearing another scandal, were obliged to partially meet our demands. They announced to the prisoners that beatings would be stopped. But the Israeli authorities looked for the slightest pretext to reverse this decision.

"One night, after dinner, the prison chief was going through the roll call of prisoners. One prisoner, Mahmud Denhesh, a blind Palestinian, was missing. He was in his room, very ill and feverish. One of the jailers went to his cell, woke him up and kicked him. We became angry; some of us attacked the jailer and hit him. Soon after this incident, the prison officials called for the military, who locked us up in our cells and savagely whipped us from 3 p.m. to 1 a.m.

"After this incident a series of strikes were organized in many Zionist jails, such as Beer-sheba and Askelon prisons. The strikers were demanding an improvement in prison conditions and the end of beatings and torture. Despite the deterioration of some ten prisoners' health, they went on with the hunger strike. Suffering made them more determined to resist their oppressors and to continue their organized struggle, inside their cells, for the recovery of their rights."

## SOLIDARITY

### PALESTINE PARTICIPATES IN BUCHAREST EXHIBITION

Palestine participated in the Bucharest international exhibition of arts and crafts, with a special sector devoted to Palestinian exhibits. On May 7, an official representing the Rumanian Presidency opened the Palestinian wing and expressed his admiration for the exhibits, which he said were a fine testimony to the Palestinian tradition. The Rumanian representative held talks with the PLO representative in Bucharest, who accompanied him to the exhibition, reaffirming Rumanian support for the PLO and for the Palestinian people in their struggle to achieve their national rights. The exhibition includes Palestinian dresses, paintings and handicrafts, and products from the SAMED institution and from the occupied territories.

### IFDW DENOUNCES ISRAEL

The International Federation of Democratic Women has denounced Israel's illegal practices against the Palestinian citizens in the occupied territories and the recent deportation of three national leaders.

In a cable sent on February 12 to the Israeli Government, the Federation demanded the immediate implementation of U.N. resolutions and the necessity of putting an end to these practices and allowing the deportees to return. The I.F.D.W. reaffirmed its solidarity with the just struggle launched by the Palestinian people to regain their national rights and to establish their independent state on their national soil.

### PALESTINIAN FILM ON SOVIET T.V.

On May 12, Soviet Television for the second time showed a new Palestinian film, "Steps to Treason". The hour-long film discussed the attempts to bypass



Faliou Cane received by Chairman Arafat

the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, and the legitimate struggle launched by this people to foil the conspiracies against their just cause.

### COMMITTEE OF 23: ISRAEL MUST ABIDE BY U.N. RESOLUTIONS

Falilou Cane, Chairman of the U.N. Committee of 23 for the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, held a press conference in Beirut on May 11 to discuss the developments of the Palestine cause on the international level and the growing international support for Palestinian rights. The Senegalese President of the Committee, representing 23 states, said: "After thirty years of being stateless, the Palestinian people have been receiving increasing support and recognition, specifically at the U.N. General Assembly, which fully recognised the rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination, and to establish their independent Palestinian state."

President Falilou Cane denounced the Israeli authorities'

decision to deport the Mayers of Hebron and Halhoul and Sheikh Tamimi. He then called on the Israeli authorities to abide by the U.N. resolutions demanding the leaders' return to the occupied territories. He condemned the repeated Israeli attacks on Lebanese villages and towns and Palestinian camps, and reviewed the situation of UNIFIL, which has also been under attack by the isolationist forces in South Lebanon.

### CONFERENCE OF MEDITERRANEAN TOWNS CONDEMN ISRAEL

On May 18, the Conference of Mediterranean Cities condemned the Israeli measures against the Palestinian towns in the occupied territories. The Conference, which refused to accredit Israel's delegation and accepted a Palestinian delegation, elected the President of the Palestinian Delegation as President of the Presidential Committee of the Executive Board of the Union.

### PALESTINIAN EXHIBITION IN LONDON

An Exhibition of Palestinian



## SOLIDARITY

traditional arts and handicrafts was opened on May 8 at the Commonwealth Institute in London. The opening ceremony was attended by Andrew Faulds, the opposition Labour Party spokesman on the arts in the House of Commons, and by the PLO representative in London, in addition to a host of British political and trade union personalities. Faulds delivered a speech at the ceremony, in which he referred to the British role in creating the Palestinian problem; and called for the support of the Palestinian people's struggle under the leadership of the PLO, their sole legitimate representative. Mr. Faulds expressed hope that a Palestinian state would be



Palestinian exhibition at London Commonwealth Institute.

established, and that he would be the first British ambassador to the Palestinian state. The PLO representative in London then delivered a speech, in which he welcomed the attendants and said that Palestinian popular tradition reflects the identity of the

Palestinian people. Independent British television showed a program about the exhibition, and interviewed one of its organisers, Ismail Shammout, who exposed Israel's attempts to claim Palestinian traditions and folklore as its own.

### BOOK REVIEW:

**BURKHARD BRENTJES:**  
**VÖLKER BEIDERSEITS DES JORDANS,**  
**BERLIN 1979**

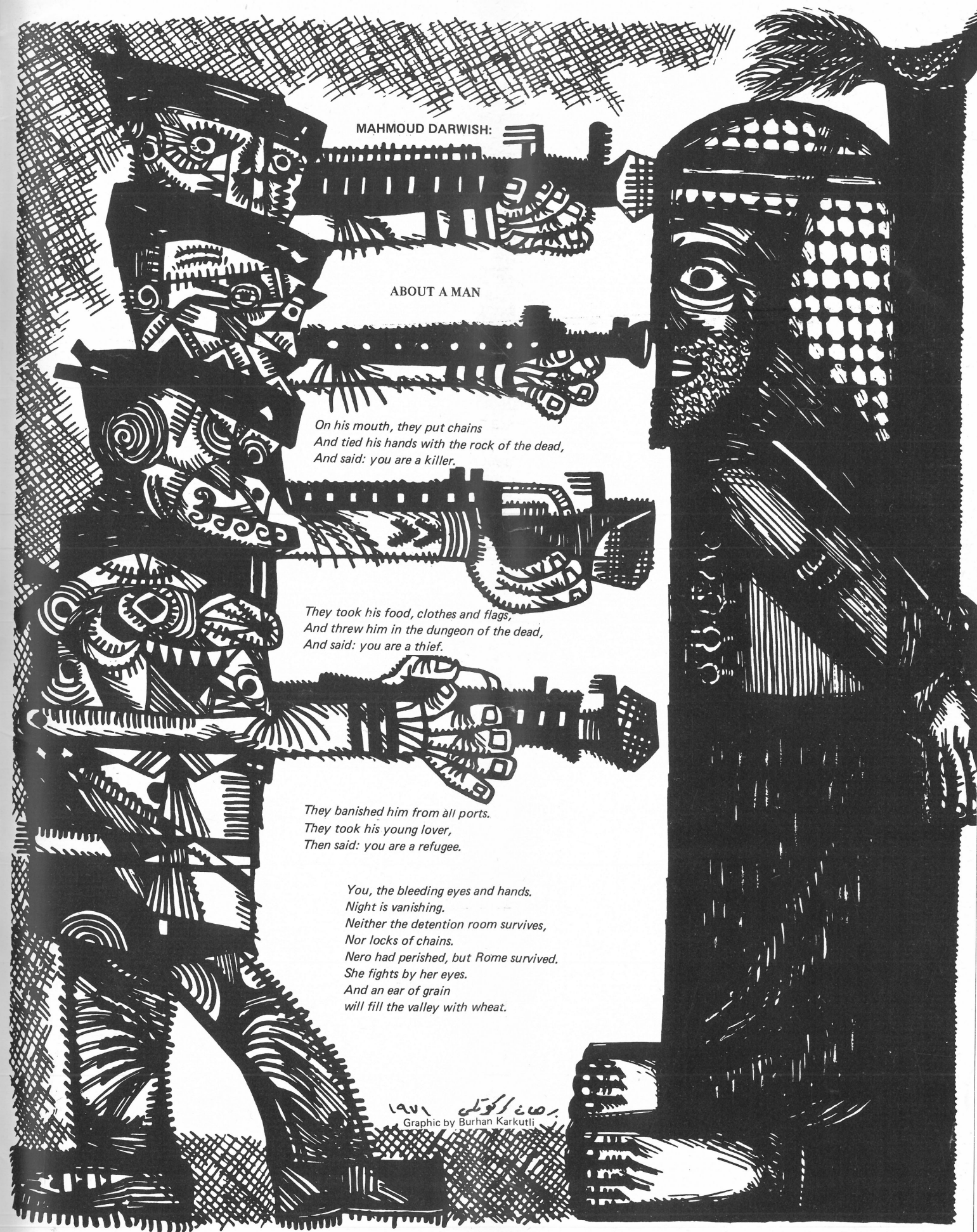
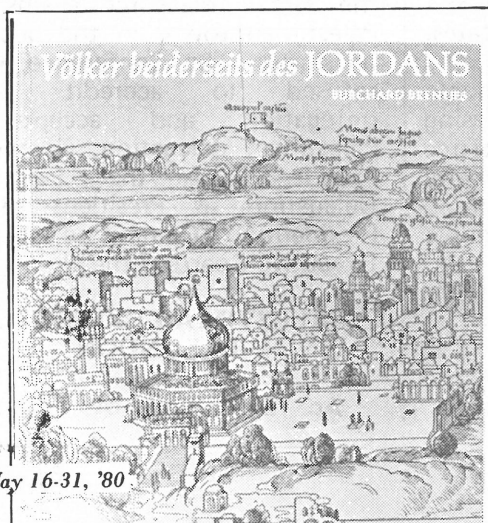
Burkard Brentjes, professor of archaeology at the University of Halle in the GDR, has been a well-known scientist and author specializing in the history of the Near and Middle East for many years. Besides authoring a great number of essays, he has published seven books up to now.

In 1979, Prof. Brentjes published a 260-pages book entitled "Völker beiderseits des Jordans" (Peoples on both sides of the Jordan River), that gives "an introduction to the formation and describing the historical events, the civilizations and the cultures that have marked Palestinian history, Prof. Brentjes mainly relies on archae-

ological evidence and reliable written sources, and in this way he makes clear the various roots of Palestinian art and culture. But he also points out that Palestine has had an ineradicable influence on European culture. And all this is illustrated by many drawings and photos of excellent quality.

The book gives a critical analysis of the reports, tales and legends of the Bible which Zionist ideologues have relied on to justify their "historical claims" to Palestine. Prof. Brentjes concludes: "It is nothing but a legend that adherents of the Jewish religion today all over the world form a people, a people who crossed the Jordan River and received Palestine from the hands of God three thousand years ago."

The last, small chapter of the book is entitled, "Does the way really lead only to Deir Yasin?" Even though this is not the main subject of his book, he clearly says that it is not due to religions, to race, to the landscape or to irreconcilable hatred between peoples that millions of Palestinians suffer, that "there is still no peace under the olive trees of Hebron or in the orange groves of Jaffa". The Arabs of Palestine and the Jews of Palestine have lived in peace for centuries. They are of the same semitic origin, and only imperialism and its Zionist offshoot brought hatred, war and expulsion to Palestine. These are the true enemies of the progressive forces, Arab and Jewish in Palestine. The obfuscating Zionist ideology is afraid of nothing more than the facts of history. By relating these facts Prof. Brentjes' book is very useful.



MAHMOUD DARWISH:

ABOUT A MAN

On his mouth, they put chains  
And tied his hands with the rock of the dead,  
And said: you are a killer.

They took his food, clothes and flags,  
And threw him in the dungeon of the dead,  
And said: you are a thief.

They banished him from all ports.  
They took his young lover,  
Then said: you are a refugee.

You, the bleeding eyes and hands.  
Night is vanishing.  
Neither the detention room survives,  
Nor locks of chains.  
Nero had perished, but Rome survived.  
She fights by her eyes.  
And an ear of grain  
will fill the valley with wheat.

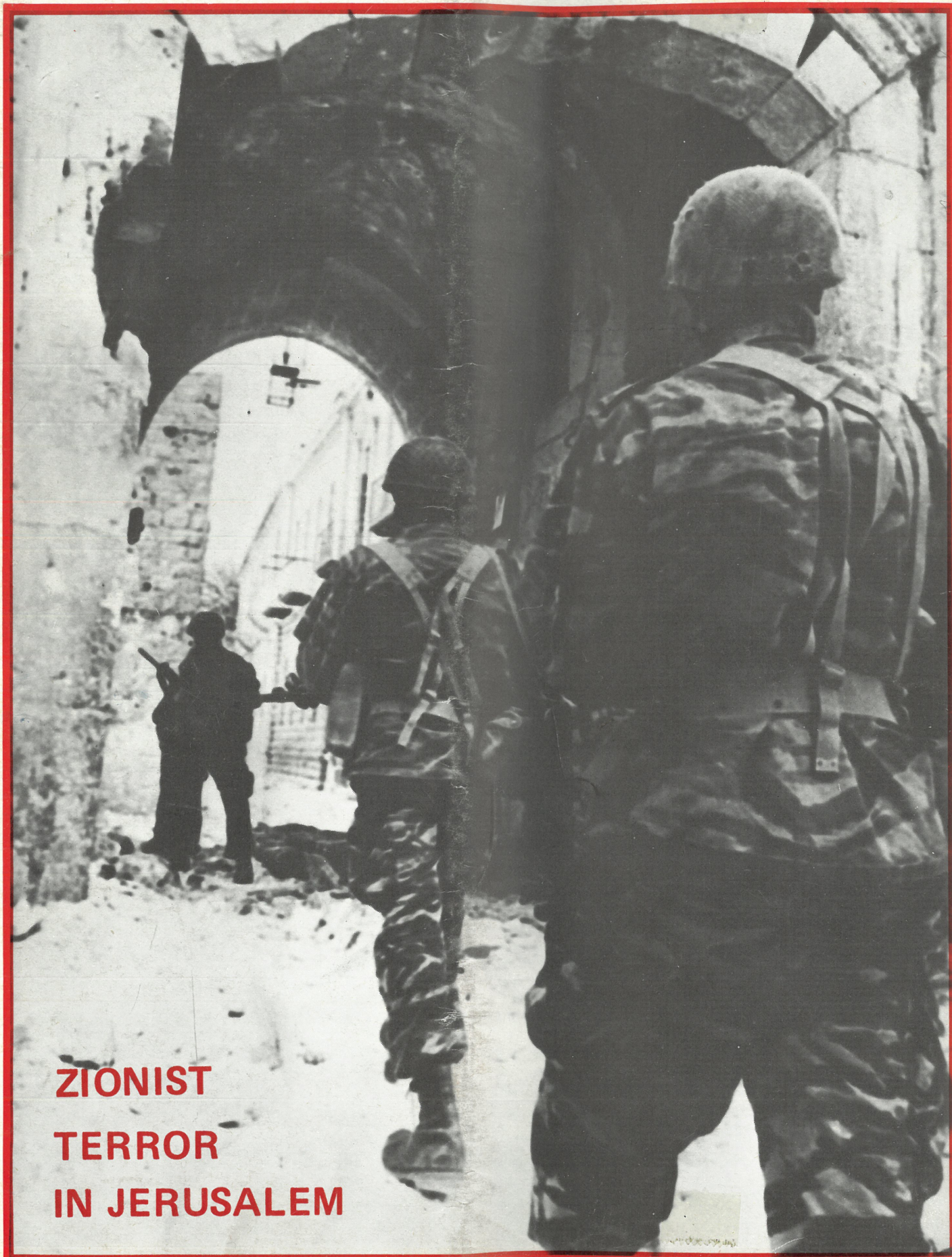
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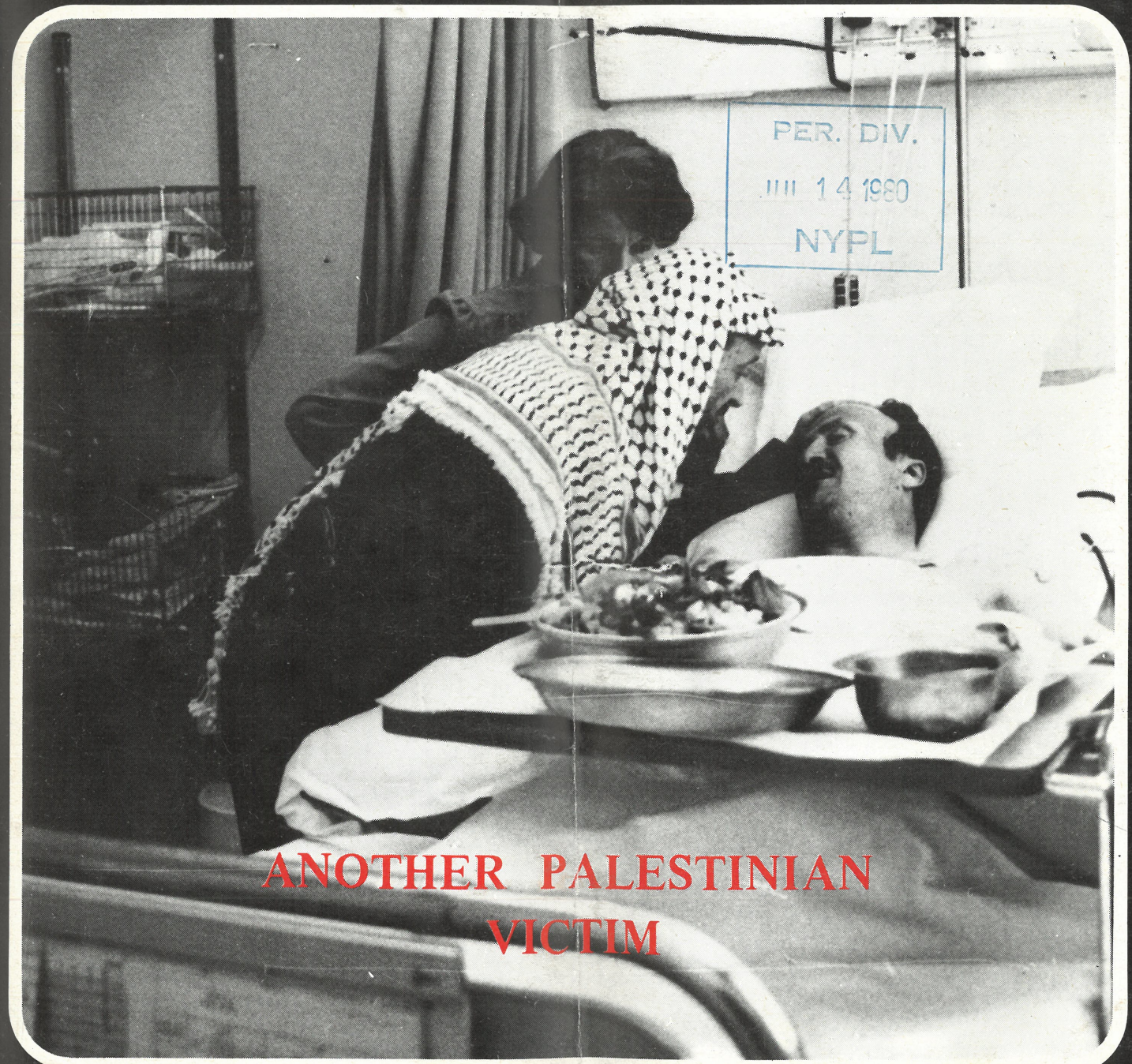
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**ANOTHER PALESTINIAN  
VICTIM**

CHAIRMAN ARAFAT VISITS BASSAM SHAK'A