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TO OUR READERS

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

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

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

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EDITORIAL

THE EUROPEAN SUMMIT AND PALESTINE

Again Europe failed to decide, and the Europeans have failed to decide on their own. They have shown that they cannot go far from the U.S. stand, which is so close to the Israeli schemes of aggression. Their communique on Palestine and the Palestinians remained so vague, because they didn't want to upset the U.S.-Israeli-Egyptian Camp David Accords.

As a matter of fact, it was expected that the European stand cannot go so far away from the U.S. position, and all the talks on a European initiative on Palestine were not taken serious by the PLO. The Nine of Western Europe have no common stand on the Middle East conflict. They are wavering between the pro-Israeli line of Holland and Denmark and the almost objective position of France. One shouldn't forget that Israel and the U.S. have still a strong influence on the British government of Mrs. Thatcher.

The Palestinians hoped and still hope that the European Nine would take a courageous position on the Middle East conflict. It is important that Europe which suffered from the cruelties of the Second World War takes a clear stand against Israeli war-mongering in the Middle East. Those who suffered from the Nazi occupation in Europe should feel more with the Palestinians who still suffer from the Israeli-Zionist occupation since more than three decades. But for some Europeans, it seems that history has come to a standstill with the Nazi occupation in the European Jewery, the guilt complex and the atonement for the former Nazi crimes. Unfortunately one should say that the Europeans have selective moral standards, or they have different moral values. They have been feeling sympathy with European Jews for forty years but they forget the Palestinians who still suffer from the

Zionist crimes and atrocities.

Time has come for the Europeans to change their position on Palestine. The Palestinians headed by the PLO will never accept such positions from the Europeans. The European Nine shouldn't forget that they have interests in the Middle East which can be endangered. The Europeans have to choose between their interests in the Arab world and their biased pro-Israeli position. The Europeans should get rid of U.S.-Israeli blackmailing and support justice against injustice. If the U.S. Americans are still blinded by the Zionist mass media in the States, it doesn't mean that the Europeans should follow them.

The Palestinians under occupation need a clear position against the Zionist occupation. Our people in the occupied territories need sympathy from all peace-loving people in the world. A clear attitude against Israeli occupation will give them back the hope for a better future and a peaceful living. They will feel that they are not alone facing the foreign occupation. They will gain back confidence in the world community.

On the other hand, a clear stand from Western Europe will tell the Israelis that they cannot carry on with their atrocities against innocent civilians. A clear position will show the Israelis that the world community cannot accept all their crimes against the Palestinian people and their properties. A clear stand will tell them that they must stop their killing, put an end to their occupation and withdraw immediately from the occupied territories. A clear stand from Europe might probably bring the Israelis back to their senses.

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PALESTINE NOTES

U.N. TO HOLD SPECIAL SESSION ON PALESTINE

The U.N. General Assembly will hold a special session on Palestine on July 22 at their headquarters in New York. The session was called for by the member states of the Committee for Palestinian Rights, member states of the coordinating bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement, and the member states of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU). The U.N. General Assembly is scheduled to discuss the situation inside the occupied territories and the ways of implementing the U.N. resolution banning the seizure of land.

KHOMEINI MEETS PLO REPRESENTATIVE

Ayatollah Khomeini met with the PLO representative in Teheran Ghazi al-Husseini, and Lt. Ahmad al-Khatib, Commander of the Lebanese Arab Army on June 8th. Ayatollah Khomeini praised the Lebanese Arab Army and the Palestinian Revolution in their confrontation against the imperialist-Zionist conspiracies in South Lebanon.

ARAFAT MEETS WITH P.L.A. COMMAND

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat held a meeting with the command and officers of the Palestinian Liberation Army on June 9th. Abu Iyyad, Abu Walid, and Abul-Hol, all members of the Fateh Central Committee, attended the meeting, during which Arafat reviewed current developments on the Palestinian level, the latest commando operations and the recent arrests inside the occupied territories. Chairman Arafat discussed the series of Israeli oppressive measures including the assassination attempts against Bassam al-Shak'a, Karim



Chairman Arafat together with Abul-Hol, Abu Iyyad and Abu Walid (from right to left) meeting with P.L.A. command

Khalaf and Ibrahim Tawil, the expulsion of Fahd Qawasmeh, Mohammad Milhem and Sheikh Rajab al-Tamimi, and the Israeli crimes against the inhabitants of the occupied territories. He referred to the P.L.A.'s role in the struggle of the Palestinian people to regain their legitimate rights. Within this context, Arafat said that "When Fateh was launched, it found the greatest support from the P.L.A." Arafat concluded the meeting by answering questions put to him by the commanders and officers of the P.L.A.

ARAFAT CONFERS WITH SOUTHERN DEFENCE FRONT AND MUNICIPAL HEADS

Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the PLO Executive Committee and General Commander of the forces of the Palestinian Revolution, met with the members of the Islamic grouping and the Front for the Defence of the South on June 12th. The meeting was attended by PLO Executive Committee General Secretary Muhammad Zuhdi al-Nashibi, Fateh Central Committee member Abu Iyyad, former Leba-

nese Prime Ministers Sa'eb Salam, Taqi-Eddine al-Solh and Rashid al-Solh, together with Malik Salam, Muhammad Safiy Eddin, Ja'far Sharafeddin, Sa'id Fawaz, Dr. Nassib al-Barbir, Adnan al-Hakim, Hussein Saj'an and Jamil Kebbe. The meeting reviewed the situation in Lebanon and recent developments in the region. It was agreed to form a joint follow-up committee to handle issues of mutual concern. A follow-up meeting was held on June 17th. On June 15, Yasser Arafat received a delegation representing the mayors and heads of local councils in South Lebanon. The delegation briefed Arafat on the deteriorating situation in the area as a result of the constant aggressions by the Israeli enemy and its allies against Palestinian camps and Lebanese villages. The delegation confirmed its support for the Palestinian Revolution and the just struggle of the Palestinian people. Arafat expressed his appreciation to the inhabitants of South Lebanon for supporting the Palestinian Revolution in confronting the Israeli enemy and its agents.

ARAFAT RECEIVES SOVIET AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE

Yasser Arafat on June 20 received Kamel Yeshin, President of the Soviet Committee of Afro-Asian Solidarity, Anatoli Safrov, Deputy President, Vladimir Maximov, Deputy Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Union of Soviet Writers, and Abdel Rahman al-Khumeisi, member of the General Secretariat of the Arab People's Conference. Safrov offered Arafat the Medal of the Soviet Partisans, in the great national war against Nazism, as an expression of appreciation from the Soviet people to the symbol of Palestinian struggle against imperialism and Zionism.



Chairman Arafat receiving Medal of Soviet Partisans

NUMEROUS CABLES DENOUNCE CRIMES AGAINST SHAK'A AND KHALAF

On June 4, Chairman Yasser Arafat received several cables denouncing the Israeli crime committed against Bassam al-Shak'a and Karim Khalaf, the Mayors of Nablus and Ramallah. The cables were from Ali Nasser Muhammad,

President of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen; Saud al-Faisal, the Saudi Foreign Minister, and Romesh Shandra, President of the World Peace Council and Chairman of the International Solidarity Committee with the Palestinian people. Other cables were received from Dr. Lyssarides, the General Secretary of the Cypriot Socialist Party; the Executive Bureau of the

Union of Arab Engineers in Casablanca; the General Union of Palestinian Physicians and Pharmacists; Lebanese Members of Parliament; the Bangladesh branch of the General Union of Palestinian Students; the Danish Palestine Solidarity Committee; the Australian-Palestinian Club in Sydney and many other organisations and personalities.

BELGIAN DELEGATION VISITS PLO; CRITICIZES CAMP DAVID

A Belgian Parliamentary delegation visited Lebanon in June at the invitation of the PLO. On June 16, they toured the Palestinian Red Crescent Society's institutions and hospitals, and were briefed on the services offered by the PRCS to the Palestinian and Lebanese masses. The delegation also visited SAMED workshops, the 'Is'ad al-Toufoula' school, and the 'Beit Atfal al-Soumoud' Orphanage.

The delegation, composed of eight deputies representing the Democratic, Socialist and Federal Parties, and headed by the President of the Arab-European Cooperation Committee, visited Nabatiyeh on June 15th and a number of villages and Palestinian camps in South Lebanon. During its tour of South Lebanon, the delegation examined the effects of Israeli aggressions in the area and expressed strong denunciation of these acts of aggression that violate the most basic human rights.

Following this visit, the head of the delegation stated that they had come to see for themselves the conditions of the Palestinian people and the deteriorating situation in South Lebanon. He said: "We think that a just peace in the Middle East can only be realized after Israeli withdrawal from all occupied territories, and recognition of the PLO as sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, and the latter's right to self-determination in their homeland." He added that the Arab-European Coordination Committee which includes 350 members from all the European states, will hold an emergency meeting to define its stand on the latest European communique, and to call for extending international support of the Palestinian people.

On June 20, the Belgian Parliamentary League for Euro-Arab Cooperation sent an open letter to U.S. President Jimmy Carter, confirming the Palestinian people's legitimate rights, including that of self-determination and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. The letter also stated that the Camp David accords could not provide the basis for a peaceful and just settlement to the Middle East conflict.

CHAIRMAN ARAFAT
AT G.U.P.W.J. CONFERENCE:

THE U.S. MILITARY THREAT

The General Union of Palestinian Writers and Journalists sponsored a three-day international conference in Beirut on the U.S. military threat in the Middle East which ended on June 15th. PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat addressed the conference on June 13th. The conference was inaugurated by GUPWJ General Secretary Yahya Yakhlef and was attended by Fateh Central Committee members Abu Iyyad and Majed Abu Sharar, PFLP General Secretary George Habash, GUPWJ President Abu Salma, as well as a number of cadres of the Palestinian Revolution and the Lebanese National Movement. Riad Taha, President of the Lebanese Press Syndicate was also in attendance.

A number of papers were presented by foreign representatives including one on the American presence in Oman delivered by Salem Ghreib from the Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman. Samir Karam of the Egyptian National Front addressed the question of the Egyptian-Israeli-U.S. military alliance within the Camp David context. Mohammad Abdullah Khaled of Bahrain discussed the presence of new American bases in the region. Another paper was delivered by Dr. Karl-Heinz Werner of the GDR which dealt with "coordination of American policy with the rulers of Israel against the Arabs."

The conference issued a final communique in which it denounced the fact that U.S. imperialism is currently participating fully in an arms build-up in the region and concentrating large naval and air forces in the Middle East to an extent never before witnessed. Noting that instead of encouraging this arms build-up, the Arab states could devote these large sums of money to development programmes and to numerous and badly needed social matters. The communique called on the Arab peoples to escalate their struggle against U.S. imperialism. It called on world nationalist and progressive forces to denounce the threats of U.S. intervention in the region and called on the Non-Aligned Movement to expel all states granting military bases to the U.S. or any other



Chairman addressing the conference

imperialist force. Finally, the communique called on nationalist, progressive and democratic Arab states to consolidate their relationship with the Socialist bloc, especially the Soviet Union.

CHAIRMAN ARAFAT'S ADDRESS:

Describing the Camp David accords and their aftermath as an assault not only against the Palestinian Revolution and the Arab Nation, but against all freedom-loving and progressive forces in the world, Chairman Arafat said that the recent "American military moves in the region are not merely a show of force, but part of an ugly and comprehensive conspiracy. Camp David is simply one of the salient features of this plot. The US has decided to turn the so-called cold war into a real war, not only in the Arab region but all the world over.

"While the U.S. mobilises its Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Fleets, and while a Rapid Intervention Force is being prepared, Pershing and Cruise missiles are being deployed under U.S. control in Europe, the only conclusion that we can draw is that the U.S. intends to threaten the world and ignite wars to secure its interests and to further exploit the resources of the other regions in the world. These moves, I repeat, are not simply a show of force, but well-laid plans which have managed to find a notorious local agent in the person of Sadat, not to mention, host of other hidden agents, who will one day be exposed. Sadat can claim that by offering military bases to the U.S.A., he could disentangle himself from his relations with Israel. But present evidence clearly proves the existence of a tripartite alliance between the U.S., Israel and Sadat. Please

note that I do not say "Egyptian", because I am sure the Egyptian people will soon rejoin their Arab comrades in the trench against imperialism, Zionism and colonialism.

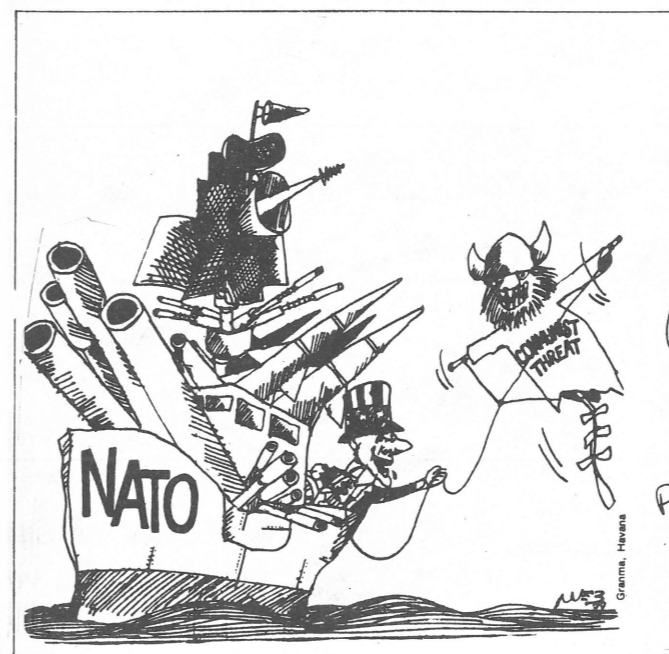
NEW ATTEMPTS AGAINST IRAN

"At this very moment the U.S.A. is carrying out naval manoeuvres in the Gulf, further confirming that they are hatching yet another plot against Iran. It is in this context that I warn my brothers in the Iranian Revolution to watch out for another attempt, especially since the last abortive American rescue attempt was launched from Egyptian airbases. These American manoeuvres can only lead us to conclude that another conspiracy is being concocted against Iran to control its oil wells and ignite a third world war.

"All these colonialist and imperialist plans are not necessarily going to bear the fruit these blighted conspirators desire. When Kissinger and the Pentagon prepared the Camp David plan, they relied on three pillars in the region: the Shah of Iran, the Pharaoh of Egypt and the terrorist Begin. But what happened? The Shah of Iran was overthrown by the Iranian Revolution, and the Pharaoh of Egypt will be overthrown by the great people of Egypt, for this is the way history works.

TERROR AGAINST LEBANON AND THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

"What is happening in South Lebanon is an inseparable part of the plot, and is meant to preoccupy the Palestinian Revolution and the Lebanese Nationalist forces until the enemy implements the other face of the Camp David accords. But the time bomb which our people in the occupied



U.S. SCHEMES TO ENCIRCLE THE REGION

"The road is difficult, U.S. imperialism is contriving to encircle the region with military bases in Somalia, Oman, and Kenya, in addition to Egypt and Israel. They are attempting to secure a foothold in Cyprus, they have their mobile bases, fleets and vessels in the Gulf, the Arabian Sea and the Indian Ocean. But we are not afraid, for the Palestinian and Lebanese fighters who have changed the equation and challenged the imperialist plot, are capable of foiling and confronting this and all imperialist conspiracies.

"The plot seeks to create a split between the Lebanese and the Palestinians, and there are attempts to create certain sectarian conflicts in Lebanon. But the awareness of the honest and free people will abort all these schemes. Increasing talk about resettlement

Stop US imperialism's aggressive policy!



THE U.S. MILITARY THREAT

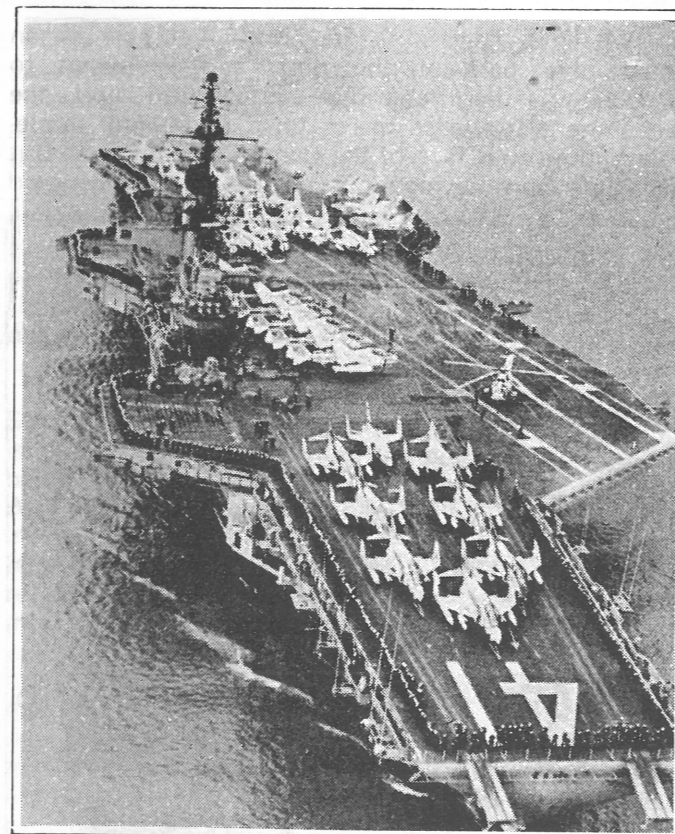
is also part of that plot, but those who want resettlement are these who fight the Revolution and want to snatch away the gun from the Palestinians and let them remain oppressed and humiliated in their camps. Those who reject resettlement are those who protect the Palestinian gun and struggle for the return of the Palestinians to their homeland. We not only reject the idea of resettlement, but we even struggle against it daily, through our battles with the Zionist enemy.

"We and the Lebanese National Movement between us lost 27,000 martyrs and had 70,000 wounded during the war. However, the Revolution has become stronger, and was able to confront Camp David, as proved by the fact that even the allies of the USA, now meeting in Venice, consider that Camp David has failed.

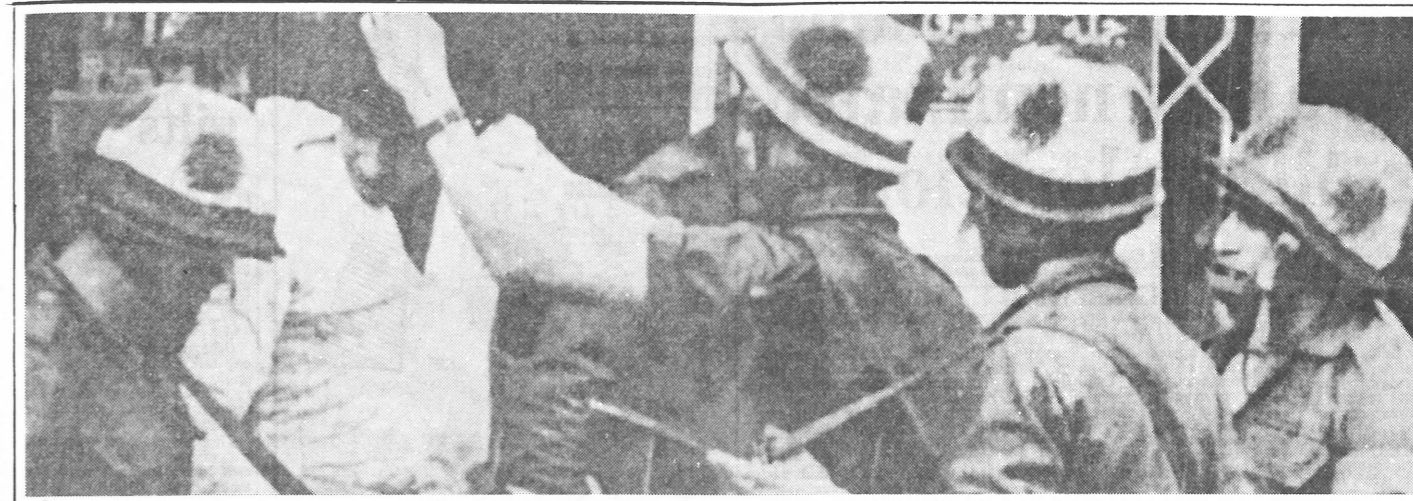
IT IS US WHO WILL EXERCISE OUR SELF-DETERMINATION

"The U.S. allies who are currently meeting in Venice today think that they can mislead us by speaking of a French - Danish - Dutch conflict. I tell you all that the Palestinian people will not wait for a communique or a decision for us to exercise our right to self-determination, for this can only be determined by the Palestinian freedom fighter, the young Palestinian confronting the Israeli occupation forces in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, and the great mayors who have lately been subjected to the worst measures of terror and oppression. It is they, and our brothers of the Lebanese National Movement and the free and honest people of the world who will decide when and how we exercise the right to self-determination, not the Venice conference, nor Camp David nor the Pentagon.

"The road is long and hard. We never told anyone that we were inviting them to a party; we always said the struggle would be tough, that we are fighting a people's war, not against the Jewish people, but for the establishment of a national democratic state where Jews, Christians and Moslems, can live together in peace and equality. In this struggle against imperialism and Zionism we will not only fight alongside our brothers in the LNM in South Lebanon we, will fight alongside our comrades alongside every oppressed people and every national liberation movement in the world."



U.S. aircraft carrier "Nimitz" in the Arab Gulf



Israeli soldiers harassing a young Palestinian in Nablus

· UNDER THE COVER OF CAMP DAVID:

THE BATTLE IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES GOES ON

In the past three weeks the Israeli government has stepped up its aggression against Palestinian civilians not only in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, but also it has extended its aggression to the Palestinian Arab territories occupied since 1948, mainly in Galilee and the Triangle, and Bir Sabe' in the Naqab region. The Israeli authorities are trying to maintain their military control under the pretext of "peace". These authorities are trying to "legitimise" the occupation while disregarding world public opinion and pursuing its blackmail tactics with its U.S. patron currently engaged with the presidential election campaign.

Israel is using massacre tactics of the Deir Yassin type to terrorise and intimidate and even to physically liquidate prominent antioccupation elements, like in the assassination attempts against the mayors of Nablus, Ramallah and Al-Bireh on June 2. Earlier on May 2, the Israeli occupation authorities deported the mayors of Hebron and Halhoul together with the Chief Qadi of Hebron, Sheikh Temimi. Furthermore, Israeli authorities pursue acts of harassment, collective punishment and banning the Arab press such as *Al-Fajr* and *El Shaab* in an attempt to silence and blackout any news about its atrocities. The response of the Palestinian masses to such acts and practices is more resistance and steadfastness.

PALESTINIAN UPRISING EXTENDS TO GALILEE; ONE PEOPLE

In the wake of the assassination attempts on the lives of Bassam Shaka'a, Karim Khalaf and Ibrahim al-Tawil, Mayors of Nablus, Ramallah and Al-Bireh on June 2, and while demonstrations of protest were engulfing the occupied territories, pamphlets calling for armed struggle as the only means to end the occupation were distributed in Galilee. On June 5, a mass rally was held in solidarity with the Palestinian masses in the West Bank. Palestinians from all over the Galilee and the Triangle, the West Bank and other regions attended the rally. A number of national speeches were delivered.

Tawfiq Zayyad, the Mayor of Nazareth, delivered a speech in which he affirmed, that the over 500,000 Palestinian Arabs in the territories occupied since 48, will always stand firm in the face of the onslaughts of the racist Zionist settlers and their government. He pointed out that the Palestinian people like any other people under occupation have the right to fight for their inalienable rights to freedom and independence. At the end of the rally 100 national personalities issued a communique in which they condemned the Israeli oppressive practices. The communique stressed

that the Palestinians are the legitimate owners of Palestine and that they are one indivisible people wherever they are. They will never give up their rights to self-determination, independence and to establish their own independent state under the leadership of their sole legitimate representative, the PLO.

MORE ATTEMPTS TO ASSASSINATE PALESTINIAN LEADERS

On June 9, Nazareth Mayor Tawfiq Zayyad revealed at a press conference that he had been the target of an assassination attempt by Zionist fanatics in the wake of a solidarity campaign to protest Israeli crimes. At the press conference, Zayyad refuted the official Zionist campaign of slander against the Palestinian inhabitants of Galilee, the Triangle and al Naqab, directed especially against their leaders and representatives, including Knesset members, mayors and other popular officials. Zayyad affirmed that "the people behind this campaign are also carrying out the most oppressive measures."

On June 12, the Israeli authorities escalated their arbitrary measures by imposing house arrests on four Palestinian militants from the Galilee and Triangle regions and by expanding the slanderous campaign against Tawfiq Zayyad. This Israeli move aroused a strong reaction among Palestinian and progressive Jewish circles.

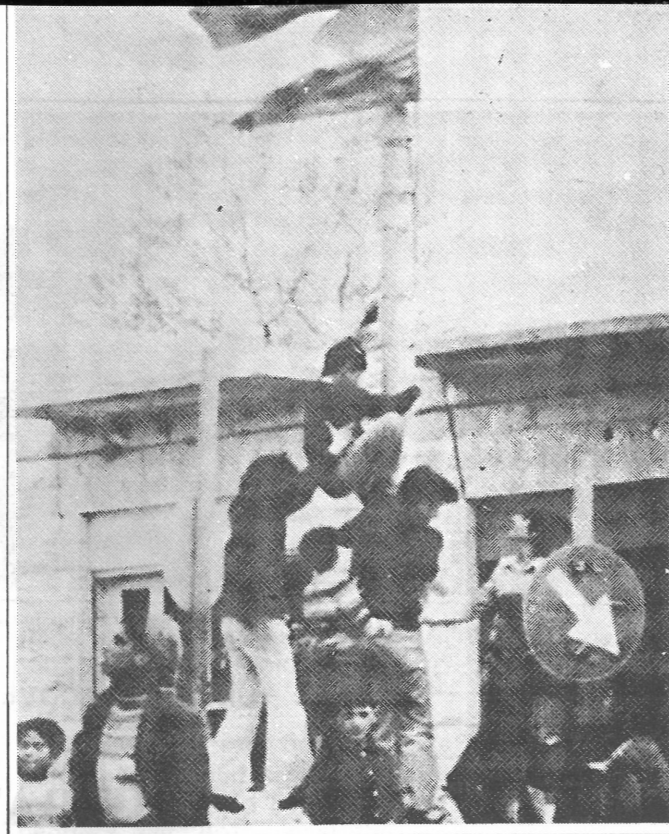
The heads of the local Arab councils in the Galilee and in the Triangle condemned the Israeli moves and demanded that the Israeli government stop confiscating Arab lands and stop the attacks on Palestinian national leaders. They also demanded that the Israeli authorities collect the arms of the racist Zionist groups running wild through the West Bank.

Professor Shaul Vogel, of the Hebrew University said that "the recent events in the West Bank reveal the urgent need to end Israeli occupation once and for all. The Israeli authorities effectively encourage extremist fanatics to commit their brutal crimes in the occupied territories."

The Mayor of Sourif near Hebron, Ahmad Mustafa Subha, on June 12 accused Israeli authorities of attempting to assassinate him. He said that four armed men while driving a military car threw a packet of explosives at his door and disappeared. An Israeli military spokesman confirmed the attempt.

Deputy mayor of Ramallah, Awade Rantisi said on June 10, that he received an assassination threat. A telephone caller said, "You are dead."

Meanwhile, the Israeli authorities imposed restricted movement on four Palestinian notables from Haifa on charges of participating in the Nazareth rally on June 5.



Demonstrators in the occupied West Bank raise their Palestinian flag

The Mayor of Jericho Abdel Aziz Suati confirmed on June 10, that the Israeli Prime Minister Begin has banned meetings of more than two persons and banned meetings of mayors or press conferences. Moreover, the Israeli authorities prevented the mayors in the occupied territories from having access to visit Karim Khalaf, Mayor of Ramallah who lost his foot in the course of the assassination attempt against him on June 2.

ISRAEL FORCES PALESTINIANS TO LEAVE THEIR LANDS

While pursuing a systematized policy of expansionism, the Israeli authorities are stepping up their schemes for depopulating Palestine of its indigenous people. The Israeli Special Ministerial Committee for Settlements decided on June 7 to confiscate thousands of dunums of land in the Hebron and Ramallah regions in order to expand the Kiryat Arba and Ofra settlements. The committee labelled these lands as "state owned" lands. Israeli Prime Minister Begin revealed on June 8, that Israel will establish ten more settlements in the course of 1980.

ISRAELI AUTHORITIES EXPULSION OF NINE STUDENTS FROM BIR SABA'

The Zionist occupation authorities on June 15, ordered the expulsion of nine Palestinian students from Ben Gurion University in Bir Saba', in the context of the Israeli policy of depriving Palestinians of education. The military authorities claimed that the students had taken part in a demonstration protesting the racist practices in the occupied

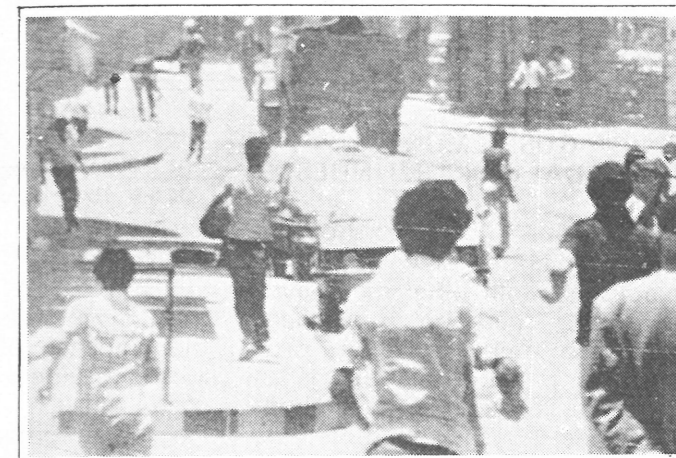
territories, and declared their support for the PLO. The university administration moreover brought 13 other Palestinian students before a disciplinary committee as a first step towards their expulsion.

The Zionist military tribunal in Jenin fined the Palestinian student Jawad Jamal Saqallah IL 50,000. He and his father were arrested because he had taken part in an anti-occupation demonstration and stoned Israeli soldiers. The father's shop was closed down, although the man supports a family of 16 and is in a difficult financial state.

In Ramallah, three adolescents, Ayman Mohammad, Hassan al-'Azawinah and Amin Abu Abdul Haq were each sentenced to three months in jail on charges of throwing stones at Israeli military vehicles. The eldest one of the three is 15 years of age.

PALESTINIANS WILL NEVER YIELD

In spite of the Israeli arbitrary measures applied against the Palestinian masses, Israeli authorities are realizing that Israeli terror can never end the Palestinian mass uprising and armed resistance. The



Street clashes: the Palestinians will never yield to occupation

popular uprising which still engulfs the whole occupied territories clearly shows that Israeli-U.S. backed colonialist and oppressive policies cannot deprive the Palestinian people of their legitimate rights to self-determination, the right to return and to establish their own independent Palestinian state on the soil of their homeland.



*murdered
Taghrid al-Batma*

ISRAELI TROOPS SHOOT STUDENT IN BETHLEHEM

Israeli troops have committed yet another crime against Palestinian civilians under Israeli occupation. On June 19, Israeli troops opened fire on a group of university students getting out of a bus and heading for classes in the town of Bethlehem. The Palestinian student, Taghrid al-Batma, the secretary of the University's cultural club, was seriously wounded in the shoulder and the neck where three bullets settled. The girl died four days later.

Muhammad Abu Harifiyeh, who was accompanying Taghrid Batma, described to reporters in detail exactly what happened, saying: "Three shots were fired in our direction, and as a result Taghrid fell down, wounded in the head. The Israeli troops then proceeded to attack the

students, including those wounded. Taghrid was fortunately pushed aside just in time. An Israeli soldier was overhead laughing and saying that firing had taken place by mistake. Taghrid was then transformed to the Beit Jala Hospital and then to the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem."

The witness said that he was meanwhile interrogated by the Israeli security forces on charges that the students fired upon were about to organise a demonstration. Another witness, Rouweida al-Harithiyeh, a friend of the martyred student described the incident saying: "We were heading for the University in a very orderly and normal manner, paying no attention to the Israeli military vehicle which is an ordinary sight in the occupied territories, when suddenly we heard the shots, and saw Taghrid fall down."

The news of the crime led to the eruption of a wave of anger and revulsion. Representatives of the West Bank population and national institutions met at Bethlehem University and considered the criminal act by Israeli soldiers an integral part of the practices of the occupation authorities to empty the Palestinian territories of their inhabitants and impose imperialist Zionist schemes. Elias Freij, the Mayor of Bethlehem denounced the crime and called for the withdrawal of Israeli patrols from the streets of the town, and for the Israeli troops to stop their provocations against Palestinian civilians.

OCCUPATION DIARY

GUSH EMUNIM VANDALISM CONTINUES

The owners of the shops in Hebron which the Israeli authorities demolished following the May 1 commando operation, have appealed to the International Red Cross to exert pressure on the Israeli authorities to rebuild their shops. Meanwhile, Gush Emunim thugs

from Kiryat Arba settlement, under the guidance of the racist Rabbi Moshe Levinger, continue to rampage through Hebron assaulting Palestinian citizens and their pro-

perty, while the Israeli occupation forces turn a blind eye or actively collaborate. Palestinians in the area are enraged at the repeated racist provocations. To cite an example of the settlers' arrogance, on May 28 Levinger and a bunch of his chosen thugs harassed and detained a group of Palestinian children, all of whom are under ten years old, on the pretext that they gave him a dirty look.

On June 18, the lawyer Elias Khoury raised before the Israeli Supreme Court the case of landowners of the village of Mesha in the Nablus region. The Israeli authorities had sealed off the land for the purpose of enlarging the al-Qanat settlement. The expropriated land amounts to approximately 800 dunums, and constitutes the only source of livelihood for its owners. The Palestinian citizen Bassim al Da'as, from Jerusalem, rejected an Israeli order calling for the evacuation of his home, located in Aqabat al-Khalidin in the Holy City. Israeli police had recently called in al-Da'as for interrogation,



Everyday humiliation of Palestinian citizens at Israeli check-points

WEST BANK DELEGATION CONCLUDES SUCCESSFUL TOUR OF USA...

The three West Bank leaders departed from the West Bank on May 3, Mayors Qawasmeh and Milhem of Hebron and Halhoul, and Sheikh Tamimi, the religious judge of Hebron completed a nationwide tour of the USA on June 14th which took them to 15 cities across the country. Highlights of the tour included receiving keys to the city or similar honorary citizen's awards in the following cities: San Francisco, Detroit, Flint and Dearborn-Michigan, Knoxville - Tennessee, Dallas and St. Paul - Minnesota. In addition, the West Bank leaders met with the community and civil leaders in Houston, Cincinnati, Boston, Denver, Washington D.C. and New York City. Considerable media attention was given to the Mayors on the tour, as they gave a detailed exposure of Israel's brutal, oppressive and expansionist activities in the occupied territories.

...EXPLAIN PALESTINE CAUSE TO EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament held a special meeting at the Dutch Parliament on June 19, at which it listened to the three deported militants, Fahd al Qawasmeh, Muhammad Hassan Milhim and Sheikh Rajab al-Tamimi. The Palestinian leaders spoke in detail about the situation of the Palestinian people under occupation. Earlier the three deportees met with the head of the Dutch Socialist Party, and the head of the group of European Socialist parties. The meeting dealt with the latest developments of the Palestine cause, and Palestinian-Dutch relations. The deported leaders arrived in Holland at the invitation of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Dutch Parliament and were received by its chairman and a number of Arab Ambassadors.

as a result of a case raised against him by the owners *in absentia* and the Gush Emunim gang. Their aim is to enlarge the nearby synagogue. Al Da'as confirmed, however, that he was determined to stay in his house despite continuous Zionist harassment to which he has been subjected.

CONDEMNATION OF MEASURES AGAINST PALESTINIAN PRESS

On June 9, the Secretary-General of the Federation of Arab News Agencies sent the following letter to the UN-Office of Public Information in New York; the UNESCO-Office of the free Transmission of

Information, Paris; the International Association of Journalists in Prague; the Federation of Arab Journalists, in Baghdad; the European League of News Agencies in Zürich; and the Federation of Arab Broadcasting Services in Tunis:

"The Zionist authorities have banned distribution of the two Jerusalem Newspapers: *al-Fajr* and *al-Sha'ab*. This step is meant to silence the voice of the Palestinian Arab people who are struggling for their independence and freedom. It also covers up for the crime committed by the Zionist occupation authorities against the Palestinian people in the occupied territories. The General Secretariat of the

Federation of Arab News Agencies condemns these Zionist practices, and urges international information organizations and bodies to demand that the ban on these two papers be lifted. For these papers express the viewpoint of our Palestinian people in the occupied territories. By these steps against *al-Fajr* and *al-Sha'ab*, the Zionist authorities intend in addition to silencing the free voices in the occupied territories - to give their own newspapers, magazines and other information media linked to the apparatuses of terror the chance to be distributed in the occupied territories, in order to propagate lies and negatively influence public opinion."



ARMED RESISTANCE

AMBUSH ON ISRAELI CONVOY NEAR JORDANIAN BORDER

In line with the policy of continuing armed struggle and in support of the struggle of the Palestinian masses inside the occupied territories in the face of the Israeli reign of terror, the unit of the martyr Harb Jamjum, on June 7, reached its target, a spot near Ne'ot Hakikar, south of the Dead Sea. The unit laid an ambush for a convoy of Israeli military vehicles on the road between Ne'ot

Hakikar and Eilat. When the convoy arrived at the place of the ambush, our militants attacked it with automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades, killing or wounding several soldiers and destroying several vehicles. Israeli reinforcements were immediately airlifted to the area in an attempt to surround our militants and to evacuate casualties. However, our militants intercepted these forces and a three-hour battle ensued in which more human and material losses were inflicted on the Israeli forces. The extent of these losses

have not yet been estimated. Two militants were martyred, after their ammunition had run out, and the unit withdrew successfully to base, carrying two militants who were injured in the battle.

ISRAELI POLICE PATROL AMBUSHED IN JERUSALEM

On June 10, a three-man patrol of Israeli "border" police was ambushed, when they were near the historic Herods gate in Jerusalem. One police man was hit seriously

and later taken to hospital for an emergency operation. The two others were wounded. The ambush caused serious concern to the Israeli security authorities being the first aimed directly at an Israeli patrol in the Arab sector of Jerusalem. Following the attack, a big security operation was mounted in the area and about 80 to 100 Arabs were detained for questioning. Shops in the vicinity were closed down.

COMMANDO ATTACK ON AKHZIV SETTLEMENT

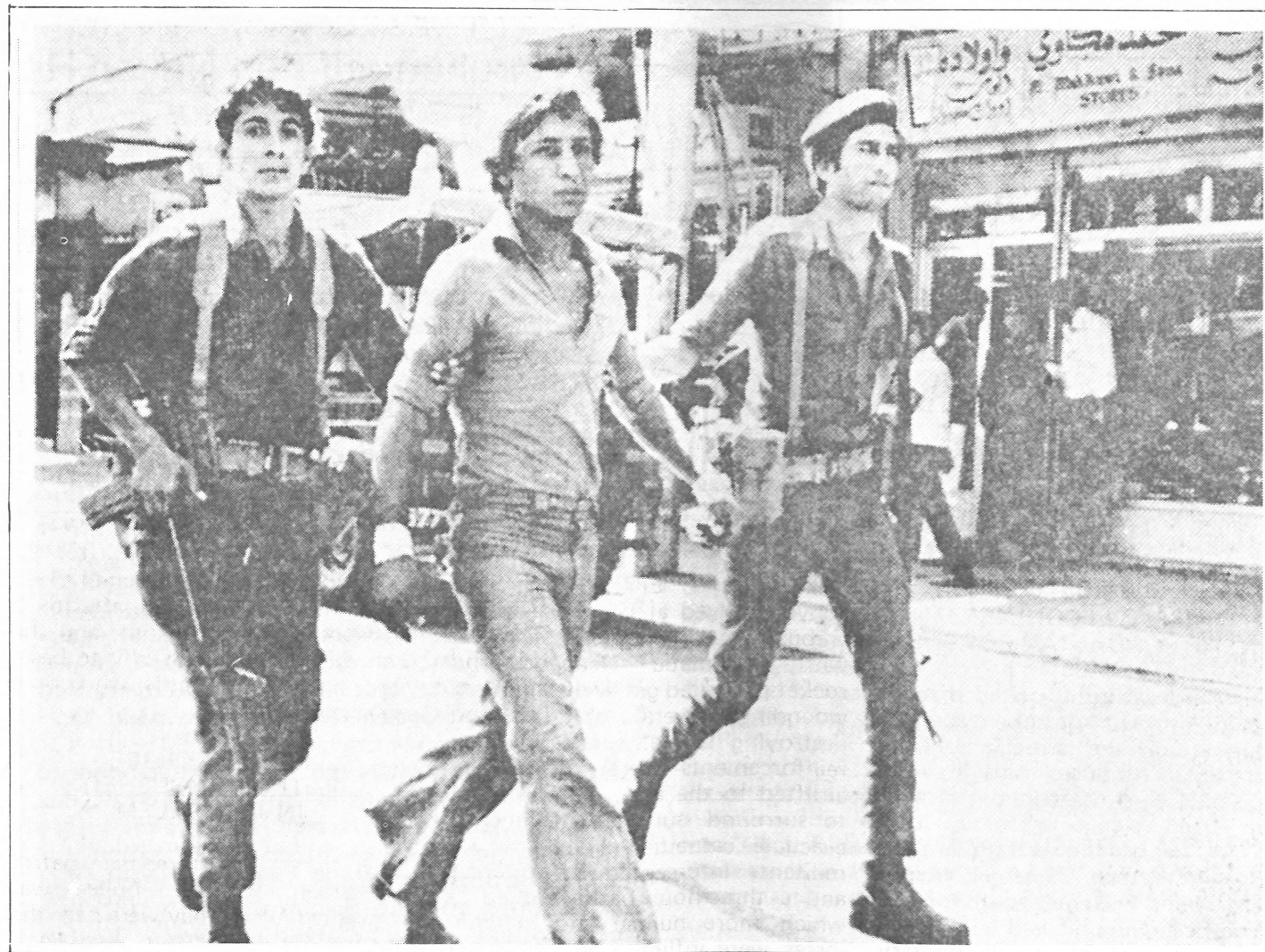
In line with the policy of escalating the armed struggle of the Palestinian people against Israel as it carries out its systematic campaigns of terror against our people inside the occupied territories, a group of Palestinian commandos belonging to the unit of Dalal

al-Mughrabi on June 16 executed the operation of the martyr Najeh Abu Alia. At 2.25 a.m., on June 16 the group landed on the Palestinian coast near its target, the settlement of Akhziv, north of Acre. On the way the group had successfully evading intensified Israeli patrols out at sea and on the shore. At 3:00 a.m., the group contacted base by radio, and reported that they were in continuous engagement with enemy forces in several locations. The group used 60 m.m mortars, short-range rockets, rifle-grenades, automatic weapons and hand grenades. The clashes inflicted heavy losses, including several killed and wounded, on the enemy forces. At 5.28 a.m., communications were cut off with the group. Israel's military sources later announced the killing of three Palestinian militants, admitting that Israeli soldiers had been "wounded" in the

fighting. The names of the Palestinian martyr are: Issam Ali Hussein Ali Omar (Abu Faris, commander of the group), Imad Hamza Shakir al-Dassoqi, Abdellah Muhammad Ali Abdel Karim.

EXPLOSIVE CHARGE IN ISRAELI FACTORY

Israeli Radio on June 13, revealed the discovery of an explosive charge in a factory in the Bnai Brak industrial zone outside Tel Aviv. The charge was connected to the factory's electricity network and set to explode when the electric current was turned on. The radio report alleged that the owner of the factory discovered the charge in his office before the electric current was switched on. A search was launched and a number of Palestinians in the area were arrested.



One of the many Palestinians arrested following attack on Israeli patrol in Jerusalem



When Zionist War Minister Ezer Weizman resigned his cabinet post on May 26th, his stated reason was that the Begin government was not allocating enough of the budget to the military. But underlying the second major cabinet resignation in less than 8 months, looms a larger crisis for the current state of Zionism: confrontation with the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories bringing with it the final collapse of Camp David, international isolation, a crumbling economy and the recent development shaping up of an internal conflict between growing Zionist forces urging open fascism and Zionists who want to maintain Israel's democratic facade for the Jewish population.

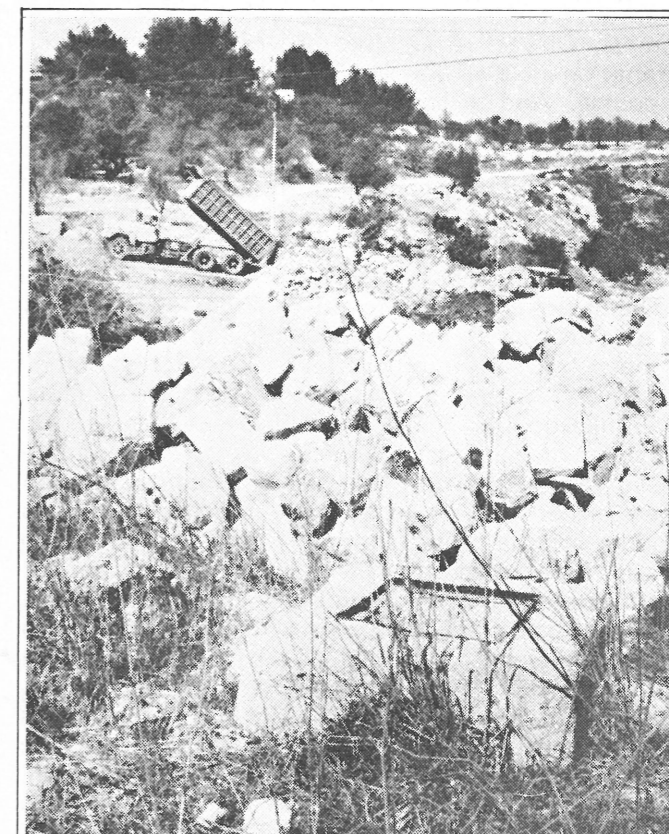
First indications were that Weizman would team up with former Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and current Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin to form a new opposition party which would force early elections. The hopes would be that such a maneuver would preserve Zionism's democratic facade and soothe U.S. and European uneasiness over the Camp David impasse. But such a cosmetic change would mean nothing for the Palestinian people facing stepped up aggression in the occupied territories.

Nablus Mayor Bassam Shak'a revealed what Palestinians could expect from a Weizman led government. He stated from his hospital bed in Amman on June 6th that prior to the assassination attempt on his life in which he lost both his legs, Weizman had "personally threatened him with physical liquidation if he continued his co-operation with other West Bank mayors in countering the 'administrative autonomy' project." On June 4 the *Jerusalem Post* reported that the explosive charges used in the attacks on the three West Bank mayors were of standard Israeli Defense Forces issue, which

implies collaboration between the perpetrators and the army under Weizman as Defense Minister.

Although the actual death technicians who booby-trapped Bassam Shak'a's car and those of two other mayors may have been fanatical para-military settlers, Mayor Shak'a's revelation about the Weizman death threat clearly demonstrates that in regards to policy toward the Palestinians, fascist sentiment and tactics pervade all ideological factions of Zionism. (Weizman's label as a "dove" by Western media is indeed a misnomer.) Weizman's stewardship as Israeli Defense Minister saw as much collaboration between Israeli military personnel and para-military settler gangs as any previous military administration. There is complete agreement between Zionist "doves" and "hawks" in the Begin cabinet that any Palestinian settlement in the occupied territories must be imposed by the Israeli military.

If elections occurred as a result of more cabinet



Deep-rooted fascist traditions:

Into this cistern were thrown the bodies of the of 254 men, women, and children from Deir Yassin that were massacred by the Menachem Begin-led Irgun in 1948. Over 358 Palestinian villages have been destroyed by the Israelis since then; most are hidden by patches of pine and surrounded by barbed wire, as pictured here at Deir Yassin.

ISRAEL: FASCISM ON THE RISE

resignations or Knesset defections, would the Labor Party offer something different? *The New York Times* reporter, David Shipler, writes on June 1: "...the Labor Party is working hard to appear more flexible than Mr. Begin's coalition on Palestinian issues, calling for an end to Jewish settlements near Arab towns and for some territorial compromise on the West Bank.

"Foreigners are fooled by this more easily than Israelis, who remember which party was in power when the first militant Jewish groups established settlements adjacent to Arab population centers, which party yielded repeatedly to militants' demands by turning fledgling camps into villages and suburbs such as Qiryat Arba, the provocative centre for ultranationalists at the edge of Hebron. It was Labor, of course. And in some of these cases the Defense Minister who said 'yes' was Shimon Peres, the Labor Party leader who now attacks the Begin Government for putting settlements near Arab towns."

ZIONIST FASCISM

The main conflict internal to Zionist circles and the political crisis for the Begin government, is how far open fascism should overtake all of Zionist polity. The severe economic crisis and the historical failure of Zionist policy. The severe economic crisis and the historical failure of Zionism to ever liquidate Palestinian resistance, has brought on a situation where either Zionism must move to a fascist stage to subdue internal disaffection or face a continuing process of disintegration. The Weizmans, Dayans and Labor contend that they can maintain Zionist control over the occupied territories without resorting to fascist policies on an internal level. This political approach would be more suitable to nurturing Sadat's capitulation and cajoling U.S. and European patrons into accepting an indefinite stalemate on the Palestinian question. With Weizman's resignation, what's left in the Begin cabinet is a struggle over who will lead the fascist thrust. The main contenders are Begin himself and Ariel Sharon, presently Agricultural Minister.

Immediately after Weizman's resignation, Sharon launched a vitriolic campaign within the cabinet to take over the Defense Ministry. Sharon is the main advocate of an open fascist move. When Begin hedged in giving Sharon the post in the cabinet meeting of June 1st, Sharon accused Begin (with his well-qualified terrorist credentials), of mismanaging Zionist "security". He showed his political cards when he added: "Security is more important than the constitution." This open call for a military takeover

was embarrassing to Cabinet member Yigal Yadin of the Democratic Movement, who had the remark immediately stricken from the official record reports the *Jerusalem Post* of June 2.

Sharon has been accused in the Knesset recently of creating his own private army to independently carry out his extreme settlement plans and for driving out the Palestinian population from the occupied territories. The *Economist* of June 7 comments that, "hardline groups dedicated to Jewish settlement in the West Bank find valuable support in high places: the agriculture minister, Mr. Ariel Sharon, is their outspoken champion; the finance minister, Mr. David Levy, and the education minister, Mr. Zvulun Hammer, are known to be sympathetic." Sharon has a strong base of support among Gush Emunim fanatics and he has applauded settler terror actions against Palestinians.

Even Zionist media like the *Jerusalem Post* has been alarmed recently about the creation of the growing fascist power center backed by Sharon. Calling it an "underground", June 5, the *Post* went into detail about its pervasiveness:

"...It has its ideological roots and political support



deep within the political establishment. It receives its political legitimization from the disintegration of government in Israel, and from the irrationalities and internal contradictions of its policies.

"It possesses a territorial base, in the West Bank settlements, where its militant activities are shielded from prying eyes. Its members have freedom of movement anywhere. It has legitimate public fronts — political as well as military — through which it can operate. For its militant activities, it can use the territorial defence units into which the settlements have been organized by order of Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan. (see box).

"It has its tentacles deep in the IDF, can draw upon its stores, quasi-legitimately and by pilferage, for arms and explosives, and can use its facilities, as well as those of the police, for intelligence. It can draw upon legitimate public funds. It needs hardly any training facilities of its own; universal military service takes care of that... it is a complacent self-delusion to identify it exclusively with Meir Kahane's lunatic fringe..."

This development within the dominant trend of Zionism is not to be underestimated. It has been

"SETTLERS" ARMED WITH MORTARS

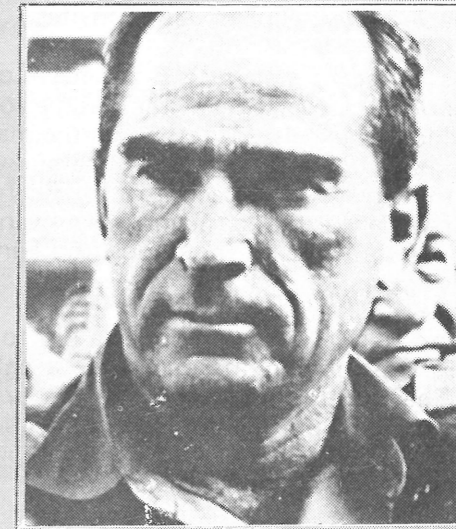
Since Rafael Eitan has taken up his post as Chief of Staff, he has formulated a new approach to settlements in the West Bank, according to which every one of them is "a confrontation settlement". Following Major-General Eitan's instructions, all reserve forces in the settlements are organized in a local defence framework. Settlers have been transferred from other reserve units — combat ones included — to serve in the local defence unit. They are trained together and each settlement receives arms, including machine-guns and mortars... The settlers go out for training, group by group, in the "Palmach" style. (The Palmach was the pre-1948 Jewish terrorist army). During breaks in training one can hear religious conversations in an atmosphere of comradeship and mutual trust.

Soldiers of the settlements' local defence unit serve during their military service also as a military police in the Ramallah region. Police activities are carried out mainly by settlers from Ofra, Beit Horon and Beit El. A security officer who is acquainted with the subject testifies that "they are the best soldiers for such operations". He said that the settlers are highly disciplined and, above all, strongly motivated. For them "a road block is a road block, a search is a search"...

Security officials are of the opinion that the Local Defence formation (which is subordinated to a special

recognized by both Arab and progressive Jewish leaders within Israel, who themselves have been receiving assassination threats from the Zionist fascist gangs. Zionism openly turns against Jews in Israel. Among those receiving death threats lately are progressive Jewish attorneys Felicia Langer and Lea Tsemel, Shelli Knesset member Yri Avneri and even Knesset member Yossi Sarid of the Labor Party.

The danger of fascist attacks within Israel against opponents of the settlement schemes in the occupied territories has reached such a point that opposition groups are calling for armed self-defense. In an unprecedented move, Knesset member and Mayor of Nazareth, Tewfiq Zayad, on June 5 launched "an appeal for armed struggle as the only way to liberate the Palestinian nation." AFP reports on June 11, that the leftist Shelli Party called for the creation of "civil defense militias to face the increased death threats on the part of clandestine groups of the extreme right and the impotence of the police." Secretary General of Shelli Meir Pail affirmed that "if the terrorists shed blood, we will not be responsible for the resulting consequences." Shelli warned of a developing civil war situation.



Rafael Eitan

officer in the Judea and Samaria Military Headquarters) should not be called a "Private Army". Both security officers and the settlers deny any existence of a private army. Yet, the facts imply that the base for such a private army is ready, and it has been the IDF who has provided it. There is no need for an underground organisation: When Ramallah's Governor and later on the commander of the Judea and Samaria regions, following the 'policing operation' by the settlers last year, ordered them to hand over their arms, the settlers firmly refused. Thus, it has been proven that when it comes to the test it is the settlers who impose their will, not the IDF.

ISRAEL: FASCISM ON THE RISE

BEGIN'S THIRST FOR POWER

Begin blocked Sharon's bid to takeover the Defense Ministry saying, "He would be liable to put tanks around my office." Instead, Begin assumed the post himself and it is likely that he will try to hold on to it indefinitely. The constant reshuffling of the cabinet in the wake of the Dayan and Weizman resignations has put Begin in the fragile position that if any member in the governing coalition outside his own Herut Party objects to one of his appointments it will immediately force new elections in which he would not in all probability see his party gain an electoral majority. Begin himself wants to hold on to power at all costs to bring to fruition his plans for a final annexation of the occupied territories both politically and militarily.

To accomplish the unchallenged consolidation of his position, other Zionists fear he may resort to some kind of coup attempt through creation of a war situation. The *Jerusalem Post* of June 5 writes:

"Begin has in recent weeks shed the mask of the statesman and has reverted to the rabble-rousing oratory at which he excels. He still wears the mask of the parliamentary democrat, but his barely veiled threat not to hand power back to the Alignment presents the real danger that parliamentary means will not suffice to return him to the opposition benches; where he belongs.

"Begin's threat last week forebodes a bid to hang on to power, possibly on the excuse of a national emergency. The underground which he has brought into being with the help of Sharon, Druckman, Moshe Levinger and others of like breed, may yet play an important role in such a contingency."

Creation of a "national emergency" to rally Zionist chauvanism against an external threat has been a historical solution to abating the effects of an internal economic crisis and periods of Zionist disintegration. The current situation is ripe for such a development and Begin is very prone to launching a more massive kind of aggression against the Palestinian people than that which is already occurring in the occupied territories.

MILITARIZATION OF THE ECONOMY

Fascism arises not only from military and political considerations, but most fundamentally is a response



Nablus Mayor Bassam Shak'a wounded in bomb attack of June 2

of a crippling economic crisis in order to impose military discipline on resisting workers. Zionism at present is facing such an economic crisis and this year's labor contract negotiations are stalled with the Begin government trying to impose wage cuts to allow for continued high war spending.

Begin's Finance Minister Yigael Hurvitz has been preparing the way for ushering in fascism into the economic sector. The *Jerusalem Post* of May 30 reported that he declared that "real wages will go down this year. We will be lucky if we can maintain wages at the level reached last year." He added that, "all the concerned parties would have to arrive at some agreement on wages and increased productivity." In its annual report the Bank of Israel announced the first week of June that for 1979 work productivity in the business sector had fallen for the fifth year in a row. Since such a high percentage of production in the Israeli economy is related to military weaponry or its components, the easiest way to increase productivity is to declare a war emergency in which most of the population is liable to military service which extends to the economic sector and strikes are banned.

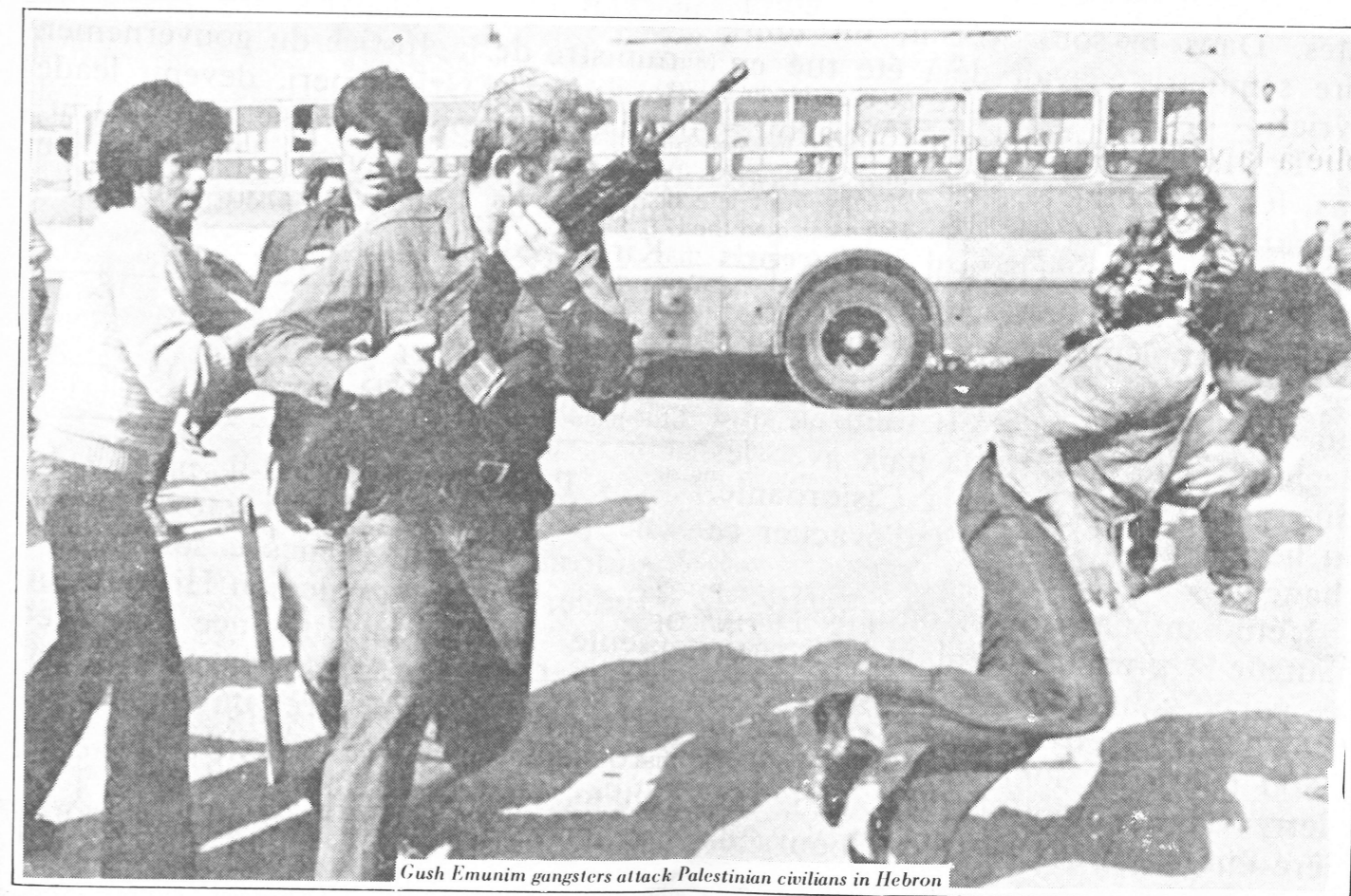
There are striking parallels in the Zionist fascist concepts to those of German fascism to which Jews were a victim. In Nazi Germany, the German workers were mobilized under military discipline to increase productivity at low wages for the "war effort." Jews, communists and other minorities were warehoused in forced labor camps and eventually liquidated. The Zionist fascists have much the same idea in regard to

the Palestinians. *Newsweek* of June 16th quotes the American-born fascist Kach movement leader, Meir Kahane saying recently: "Our final goal is to expel all Arabs from the land of Israel. We want the government to make the Arabs as miserable as possible by cutting off social benefits, making them pay all taxes and drafting their 18-year-olds into a special work force. We're calling on the government to organize a Jewish terrorist group that would throw bombs and grenades and kill Arabs."

In preparation for an eventual war crisis Begin has done his best to push the situation to the brink. First, by escalating aggression against the Palestinian population in the occupied territories by increased IDF attacks and the encouragement of terrorist gangs. The Zionists have maintained their overflights of Lebanon, incursions along the Lebanese coast and daily shelling of the villages in the south in addition to increased shelling of the Sidon area. But a new development is that Begin may move the military confrontation to a new arena in order to foil forever the illusory and time-worn Jordanian negotiating plan constantly invoked by the Labor opposition. In the first week of June, as PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat was visiting Bassam Shak'a in the hospital in Amman, Israeli troops crossed the Jordanian border in a clash with Palestinian commandos.

Even if Begin plans to extend Zionist aggression to the Jordanian front in order to eliminate the

possibility of a future federation scheme, all fascist moves to liquidate the Palestinian resistance are unlikely to succeed in the long run. The current escalation in the West Bank has strengthened the will of the population to resist. The Zionist terror has demonstrated most forcefully that Palestinian survival can only come through intensified armed resistance and the level of armed actions in the occupied territories have increased and become more sophisticated. By extending the war to other fronts and occupying more territory, the Zionists have always found that they have also increased the numbers of a militant and hostile population within their boundaries and the cost is high in terms of casualties and increased war spending. In the recent stage of aggression, the fascist thrust has also caused a growing disaffection with the whole Zionist endeavor from within. Not only is there talk in the media of a civil war situation but other more subtle developments point to internal erosion — increased emigration, resistance to military induction etc. All of Begin's moves center upon the idea of preventing a Palestinian state from coming into being. But the barbaric racism of Zionism and its intensified aggression against the Palestinian people, have only served to demonstrate that the Zionist entity and its U.S. sponsor is ever more alien to the idea of the establishment of a just peace in the Middle East with self-determination for its peoples. In this context, Palestinian resistance will continue to remain strong and grow.



Gush Emunim gangsters attack Palestinian civilians in Hebron

ZIONISM IN PRACTICE

CHANCELLOR KREISKY: "BEGIN AN EXTREMIST CHAUVINIST"

In an interview with the Lebanese daily *As-Safir*, on June 16, the Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky has defined Israeli Prime Minister Begin "an extremist chauvinist". Kreisky again underlined that the solution to the problem in the Middle East consists in "recognizing the right of the Palestinian people to have an independent state." This, Kreisky added, would "not signify that Israel would be disarmed. Israel with its strong army of



300,000 men, one of the best-equipped and -trained armies in the world, need not fear a Palestinian state led by the PLO. Kreisky reiterated that the PLO "was the only legitimate representative of the Palestinian people". Resolution 242 had to be "amended and completed" in a way to clarify the rights of the Palestinian people.

Kreisky said that "the policy of settlements practiced by Israel is a policy of arrogance and insolence. It is a policy of defiance and provocation, a stupidity that is not permissible to be committed in this area." Kreisky also said that for him the so-called "Jewish question" was no longer existent since "in all democratic countries the Jews enjoy the same national rights as other citizens".

BEGIN: TEN MORE SETTLEMENTS TO BE BUILT THIS YEAR

Israeli Prime Minister Begin said in an interview with the American ABC television network that Israel will establish ten more settlements this year besides those which are already built and being expanded. Begin rejected the U.S. Secretary of State's remarks that Israel has to stop building settlements while the 'self-rule' negotiations are still going on. Begin told ABC that Muskie's advice was 'bad'. He affirmed that Israel will pursue its settlement policy regardless of the negotiations and it would not stop building settlements in the occupied territories.

ANOTHER PROVOCATION: BEGIN'S OFFICE TRANSFERRED TO JERUSALEM

On June 19, the Israeli daily *'Ma'ariv'* reported that the office of

the Israeli Premier Begin will be transferred to Jerusalem in the next few weeks. The daily added that the arrangements for the transfer operation are almost completed. The new offices of the Israeli Prime Minister lie in the Sheikh Jarrah quarter of East Jerusalem, which was occupied in 1967. The daily said that it was suggested that the offices be transferred to the buildings that had been used as the Consulate of Saudi Arabia until 1967. This Israeli decision comes in implementation of the Knesset resolution to further consolidate the annexation of Jerusalem to the Israeli entity.

EXPANSION OF KATSRIN SETTLEMENT

On June 11, the Israeli press reported that the Israeli Ministerial Settlement Committee has decided to establish 150 new housing units in the settlement of Katsrin in the Golan Heights by the end of the year. Furthermore, 95 recently completed housing units in the settlement are to be occupied by Jewish families next week. The settlement's "police" force is also to be expanded and strengthened. Katsrin, the largest settlement in the Golan, is planned to become a major urban industrial complex.

ISRAEL SEIZES 1500 DUNUMS IN BETHLEHEM; 470 IN AL-RAM

The Israeli authorities continue to expropriate Palestinian owned land to establish more settlements, as part of their effort to empty the occupied territories of their Palestinian inhabitants. On June 18, the Israeli authorities sealed off 1500 dunums of Arab-owned land in the Bethlehem region, to enlarge the Tekoa settlement, under the pretext that the land is "government

property". The daily newspaper, *al-Tali'a al-Maqdissiya* reported numerous attempts by the Israeli authorities to seize 470 dunums of land in the town of al-Ram in the Jerusalem region, claiming that a Zionist organization bought the land in the 1920s, when it was registered during the British Mandate over Palestine.

GROWING DISCONTENT IN ISRAEL

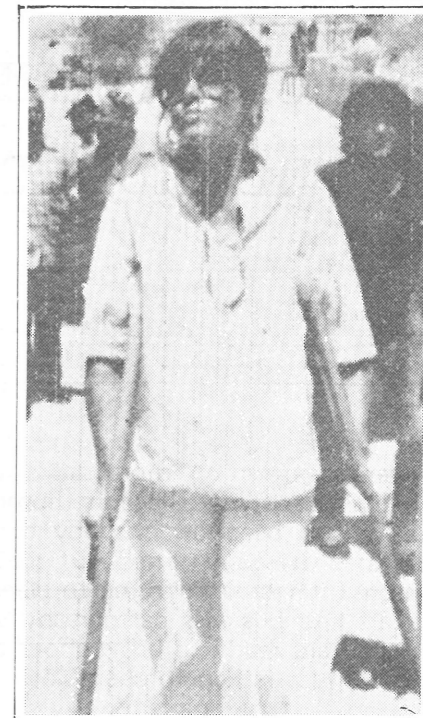
Public opinion in Israel seems to be dissatisfied with the political course that the Begin government is following. Israeli radio reported that a big demonstration took place against Begin in front of his office in Jerusalem on June 16. The radio report added that the demonstration was organized by the "Peace Now" Movement. The demonstrators condemned the establishment of Israeli settlements on occupied Arab lands. They called for a just and permanent peace in the Middle East and demanded Begin's resignation.



New Provocation:
Begin wants
to settle
in Jerusalem

JANE FONDA BREAKS A LEG TO EMBRACE ZIONISM

American actress Jane Fonda has heretofore been internationally known not only for her acting abilities, but also for her political opposition to the past U.S. aggression in Vietnam and support for other progressive causes. At the end of June, she turned an about face with what she has termed a "nonpolitical" visit to the Zionist entity. Her visit indicates that she is unperturbed by stepped up *Zionist* aggression in the occupied territories which has included assassination attempts on the lives of Palestinian civilians. Suddenly Jane Fonda's sense of moral justice is more directed towards the political career of her husband Tom Hayden and the Jewish vote in Los Angeles, than it is to the human and political rights of oppressed peoples.



Jane Fonda in Israel

MUCH ADO ABOUT
NEXT TO NOTHING:

E.C. STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST



West European leaders in Venice try...

After months of more talks and propaganda campaigns about an allegedly imminent "European initiative" to be undertaken by the West European E.C. states, it again turned out that these countries are more interested in trying to please their Arab oil suppliers and business partners by vague statements than they are ready to bring about any real progress towards a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

The summit meeting of the European Community in Venice shirked from taking any practical steps. Also the month-long talk about the "urgent need" to launch a new European-sponsored resolution in the UN Security Council if the Camp David 'deadline' of May 26 finally turned out to be deadlocked, fell suddenly silent. The many hints given by France, Britain and others during the recent months on an imminent official recognition of the PLO and of a change in or supplement to 242 likewise turned sour.

Instead the E.C. states agreed to send another "fact finding mission" to the Middle East, as if the facts and problems of the Middle East crises were not yet known and explored enough. They issued a lengthy statement at the end of their summit on June 12, 1980 which restricts itself to mainly repeating earlier resolutions and statements made by the E.C. or the leaders of its member states.

In their statement, the E.C. leaders underlined for the umpteenth time the obvious truth that "growing tension affecting this region constitutes a serious danger and render a comprehensive solution to the Israeli-Arab conflict more necessary than ever." But no practical steps whatsoever were envisaged by the E.C. leaders to implement a solution. And the re-newed recognition of the right of the Palestinian people "to exercise fully its right to self-determination" was not specified at all. The statement fails to spell out the need for an independent Palestinian state; it fails to mention the right and

need of return of the Palestinians driven into exile. It fails even to explicitly define the need for Israeli withdrawal from all occupied territories.

The statement for the first time in an official E.C. document directly refers to the PLO "which will have to be associated with the negotiations". But it falls short of extending official recognition to the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. Another unclear element is the passage which states: "The necessary guarantees for a peace settlement should be provided by the U.N. by a decision of the Security Council and, if necessary, on the basis of other mutually agreed procedures." This implies an indirect acknowledgement of the need to return to a multilateral and international peace procedure in the Middle East and of the danger of trying to exclude the Soviet Union from it. However, the E.C. countries didn't dare to criticize in any form the aggressive Camp David strategy of the U.S. aiming at the exclusive U.S. domination of the Middle East.

YIELDING TO U.S. AND ZIONIST PRESSURE

In a report from London on June 4, the *Washington Post* had already confirmed that the Western European governments were backing away from their supposed initiative at the Security Council which was to recognize the rights of the Palestinians to self-determination and to a homeland in a resolution. This came as a result of Carter's pressure on European leaders. The U.S. apparently is threatening its European "allies" with further aggressive moves and aggravation of the international tensions which is bound to harm their economic and security interests, in the event that they refuse to follow the Camp David policy and attempt to follow a more independent line safeguarding their true interests.

In a news interview on May 31, U.S. President

Carter said that the U.S. would veto any initiative on the part of the West European countries which would call for Palestinian self-determination or a change in UN resolution 242. "We have veto powers that we can express, if necessary, to prevent this Camp David process from being destroyed or subverted, and I would not hesitate to use it if necessary." He added that the U.S. is asking Europe not to get involved.

In addition to this, the Zionists intensified their propaganda pressure on the West European countries. Israeli leaders were sent to Europe and pro-Zionist circles there financed a press campaign. Using the most cynical and demagogic verbiage, the Zionists are trying to compare any European move towards solving the Palestinian plight and bringing real peace to the Middle East with the historic Nazi onslaught against the Jews, thus bringing the facts upside down.

UNABLE TO DEFUSE THE EXPLOSIVE SITUATION

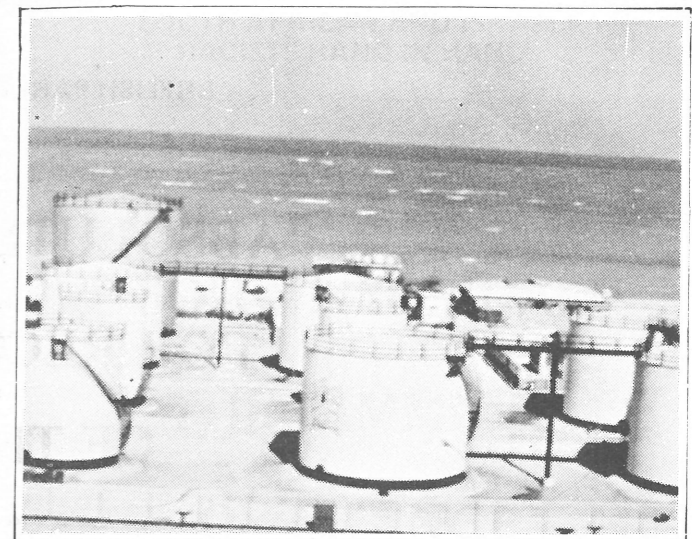
Despite their objective interests in a peaceful solution of the Middle East conflict and its core issue, the Palestine problem, the E.C. countries in the end seem unable to defuse the explosive situation and bring about any real thrust towards justice and peace in the area.

The Head of the PLO Political Department,

U.S., WESTERN EUROPE AND THE M.E.: "BRUTAL LANGUAGE, PRESSURE AND THREATS"

"Brutal language, pressure and threats", in these terms the Soviet newspaper *Pravda* of June 5, characterized the reaction of the U.S. administration to the project of a "European initiative" in the Middle East. Commenting on the recent address on television given by U.S. President Carter, the organ of the C.P. of the Soviet Union wrote that "the outburst of displeasure on the part of the White House comes in the aftermath of the meeting in Washington between Jean Francois-Poncet and Edmund Muskie, in the course of which the head of the French diplomacy told his American colleague that, in the view of the West Europeans, the process of Camp David will not lead to peace in the Middle East, and that a new European peace initiative was in the making.

Pravda noted that two years after Camp David "time has taught even those who had been pleased by these accords that the policy of Camp David leads neither to justice nor to a comprehensive settlement." "Once more events have proven that the U.S. administration extends total support to Israel and reserves for its Western allies nothing but the role of a subservient tool". *Pravda* concluded.



... to please their Arab oil suppliers

Farouk Kaddoumi, on June 14 said that the E.C. statement as such included a number of positive aspects but neglected essential issues. In a statement issued on June 18 following a meeting of a PLO delegation headed by Chairman Arafat and Syrian government members led by President Assad, the following was emphasized:

"The Venice Declaration issued by the E.C. summit and the analysis emerging from it reveal a number of negative points, including the by-passing of the Arab stand so as to facilitate the success of the Egyptian-Israeli-U.S. negotiations. Among the other negative points were a number of principles, namely stressing U.N. Resolution 242, which the Arab nation has rejected and does not consider to be a suitable basis for establishing just and permanent peace in the area. The Declaration, in addition, has not introduced any new element, specifically with regard to the national rights of the Palestinian people, notably their right to return and to self-determination without any outside intervention, and the establishment of an independent state on Palestinian soil. These rights have been recognized by the world community as firm and inalienable. The Declaration, moreover, did not recognise the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

"The Declaration also removed Jerusalem from the occupied Arab territories considering it a separate question open to negotiations. This raises doubts regarding the return of Jerusalem. The Declaration did not stress withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories, an attitude rejected by the Arab nation. The Declaration was clearly in response to U.S. pressures."

While addressing a military training session on June 16, Chairman Yasser Arafat commented on the "European initiative" as follows: "It does not exist; and we must not be misled into thinking that a political communique will bring back Palestine. Only the gun can do this, and we must hold on to it."

BRITISH PARLIAMENTARIANS:

"ABSOLUTE NECESSITY FOR RECOGNITION OF THE PLO"

Two members of the British Parliament, Mr. Andrew Faulds from the Labour Party and David Cronch from the Conservative Party, were visiting the PLO in early June. They inspected various Palestinian social, educational and production institutions, and went to see Palestinian refugee camps in south Lebanon.

They had talks with various PLO officials and on June 6 were received by Chairman Arafat. *Palestine* asked them about British and West European policy towards the Palestinian people:

— A British government was responsible for the Balfour Declaration; the following mass immigration of Jewish settlers; the mandate; the ordeal and partial expulsion of the Palestinian people. Doesn't Britain bear a special responsibility to restore the rights and statehood for the Palestinian people?

Mr. Faulds: "Of course we accept the initial moral responsibility of Britain, partly because of the Balfour Declaration, and because we were responsible during the Mandate. Many of us, and a great number of us in parliament, are beginning to realize that we've got to assert a separate view from the traditional British government view, and try to put right the injustice that was done to the Palestinians."

"Public opinion does not know what we saw today. I don't think that there is a single man or woman in Britain that is not a politician that has the opportunity of visiting Palestinians in their refugee positions as we have seen them, and realize as we do with some horror what it is like to live in a refugee camp."

— The British Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Douglas Hurd, in Kuwait on March 13, 1980,

declared: "The PLO, representing the majority of the Palestinian people, is an essential element which cannot be excluded from the peace negotiations." What, then, prevents the British government from fully and officially recognizing the PLO?

Mr. Cronch: "I am and some of my colleagues have been writing letters to the Foreign Office both under the Labour Government and the Conservative Government urging the absolute necessity for recognizing the PLO. Because the rest of the world recognized the PLO, it is ridiculous for Western Europe and America to pretend that there is some other organizations that represent the Palestinians. It is not true. The PLO is the unique and only true representative, and if we are going to face the facts of political life, we have to recognize the PLO. Some of us have been arguing for years for this to be done. It would be healthier if it had come about as an EEC initiative rather than as an individual French or German initiative. It is better to come as an concerted initiative."

— Camp David has failed to bring both a solution for the Palestine problem and comprehensive peace to the Middle East. Don't the attempts of separate deals in the exclusive interests of the U.S. through neglecting the national rights of the Arab world, sooner or later, threaten the economic and energy interests of Western European countries and their stability?

Mr. Cronch: "Those who have contacts with the other world in the House of Commons were adverse to the whole idea of Camp David, for the simple reason that it did not address the basic problem which is Palestine. And talks about peace in the Middle East that excluded the Palestinians, that excluded those who had been pushed out of their country, their lands, that excluded those both under occupation and those who have been pushed out as



Chairman Arafat receiving the British Parliamentarians

refugees, was nonsense. We were sorry, me and David, because some of the Western Governments seem to be eager to back America's initiative on the Camp David, because it was not going to help our interests, and what worries the Europeans enormously is that if we delay much longer attaching the central issue which is the independence of the Palestinian State, what will happen is that the Arabs would understandably take action against our economic interests and we have to look at these practical measures. We need energy, the Arabs need to sell energy, it is a mutual burden."

— What was the purpose of, and what are the impressions from your visit?

Mr. Cronch: "The reason why we are here is because we are sympathetic with the Palestinian cause. We went to the south of Lebanon, because we want to see by ourselves the situation of the Palestinian refugees, and the situation of the Palestinians today and to appreciate for ourselves the constant attacks being made by the Israeli forces."

Mr. Faulds: "What we have seen today has been a human quality. We have seen the human life. I would like the PLO to tell more people in Europe about the real human sufferings of the refugees, which should not be allowed. The UN should not allow the people to lose their nations as it happened in the case of the refugees of Palestine. This is one of the disgraces of the modern world. Now it is essential for the politicians to come and see for themselves and of course the public must see it. The ordinary working public must see it. The ordinary working public, the retired people, even the young people still do not see these conditions, and they are not rightly reported. What is reported is the political questions. But the human aspects that we have seen today are very important."

SOUTH AFRICAN AND ISRAELI
RACISTS HAND IN HAND:

SOUTH AFRICA: THE GIMMICK OF CHANGE

It has been some time now since the Western media launched their campaign of make-believe around the "reforms" being implemented by Botha's government in South Africa. Apartheid is currently described being "eased", "eroded", and even "dismantled", as since Botha took over from his predecessor John Vorster.

Under the smokescreen of such reports, developments in Azania (South Africa) indicate that the polarization of forces for and against Apartheid is being accelerated and the racist regime's attempts to divide and rule the population have not worked. In May 1980, Botha's cabinet presented the white minority with the recommendation of the Schlegelbusch commission on how to prolong the racial status quo in the country. The blueprint recommended the abolition of the Senate, the expansion of the House of Assembly by adding 20 extra members, to be nominated by party caucuses, and the creation of a presidential advisory body on which whites, Indians and coloured will sit.

The logic behind this so-called reform is the inclusion of Indians and coloured people in the Presidential Council which, if interpreted in pure arithmetical terms, is to "broaden" the base of the white settlers minority regime. The current ratio of 4 million whites ruling 20 million non-whites is to be replaced, if the bill is accepted, by 8 million non-Africans to 16.5 millions Africans.

The African majority, the bill stipulates, will exercise national political rights in the designated "black homelands." The prospect of African participation in the decision-making process is not even presented for discussion. The racist reasoning is that the homelands serve the function of "dumping grounds" for the discarded "surplus" black labour.

The objectives underlying the structure of Apart-

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Police rout students near Johannesburg

heid is to favour migrant black labour while reducing the permanently resident urban blacks. This way the European settlers assume that they will keep on making use of the essential African labour for a long time to come without having to accommodate themselves to the actual physical presence of the majority of the population. The unemployed Africans will not even be allowed into the "white areas" after being "exported" to his designated homeland.

The so-called reform bill has already crumbled, with "coloured" students expressing their grievances over bad schools, overcrowded classes, inadequate text books and the denial of equal pay for equivalent jobs in relation to whites. The students, moreover, have organised the whole "coloured" community into a cohesive body with definite demands which go much further than just a seat on the President's advisory council. Strikes staged by the students are still in force throughout the country and all indications point towards further confrontation with the intransigent minority regime.

As for the African majority's attitude towards the "reform bill", the African National Congress has made it clear that it will talk with the racists in Pretoria in the only language they and their ilk are able to understand — namely armed violence. On June 2, 1980 the A.N.C. successfully carried out attacks on the vital state fuel installations, Sasol 1 and 2. The significance of the attack on the installations was pointed out by the *International Herald Tribune* (June 3, 1980): "South Africa, with the help of Western banking and financial institutions and the regime of Iran's deposed Shah, has a multi-million dollar investment in the development of oil and gas from the country's vital coal

resources. Fearing the possibility of an ultimate trade and oil embargo South African governments have for years been pushing ahead with projects for the extraction of fuel from coal projects." Thus, the racist regime is attempting to prolong its life by developing self-sufficiency in energy, and so continue to fly in the face of world public opinion. The President of the A.N.C., Oliver Tambo, on June 2 stated: "We attacked these installations because of the strategic position they occupy in the South African economy. We have proposed sanctions and a foreign trade embargo as an alternative to the escalation of armed conflict in South Africa. This attack therefore is in the pursuit of peaceful objectives." The A.N.C. has vowed to carry out such operations with a view to achieving its ultimate goal of peace, democracy and the destruction of the Apartheid state structure.

COMMON LANGUAGE OF APARTHEID AND ZIONISM

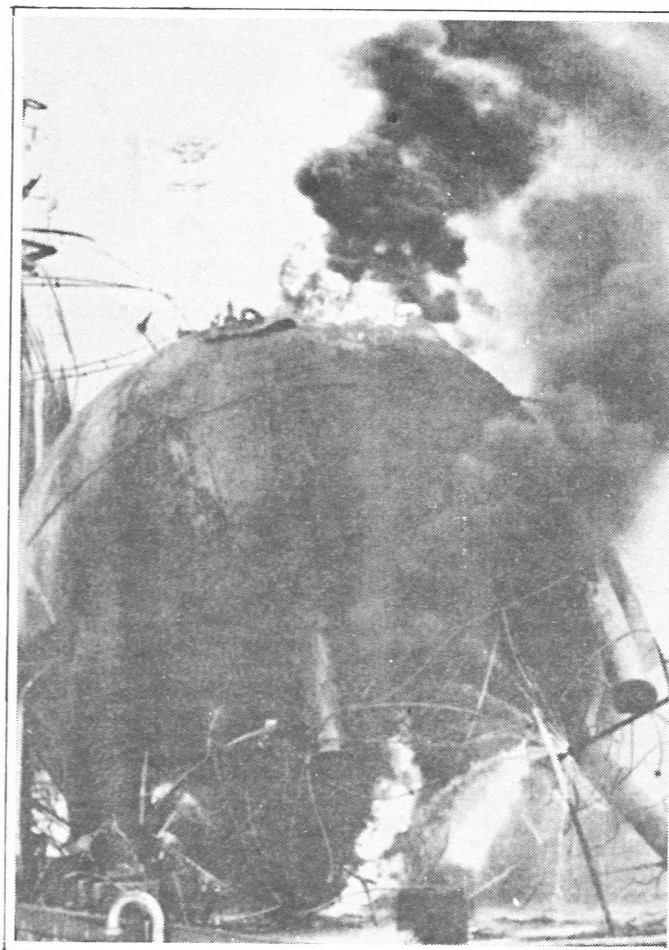
The theory and practice of Apartheid, like other racist doctrines intended to justify colonialism and European settlement in the Afro-Asian and Latin American countries, is based on a conception of the priority of the rights of the race of the colonisers over those of the colonised peoples. Apartheid, like Zionism and Nazism, has been concerned to develop ideological justifications for the perpetuation of a system founded on racism.

As recently as June 5, 1980, while the so-called 'Reform Bill' was being 'debated' in the South African Parliament, Posts and Telecommunications Minister Hennie Smit enlightened his audience as to

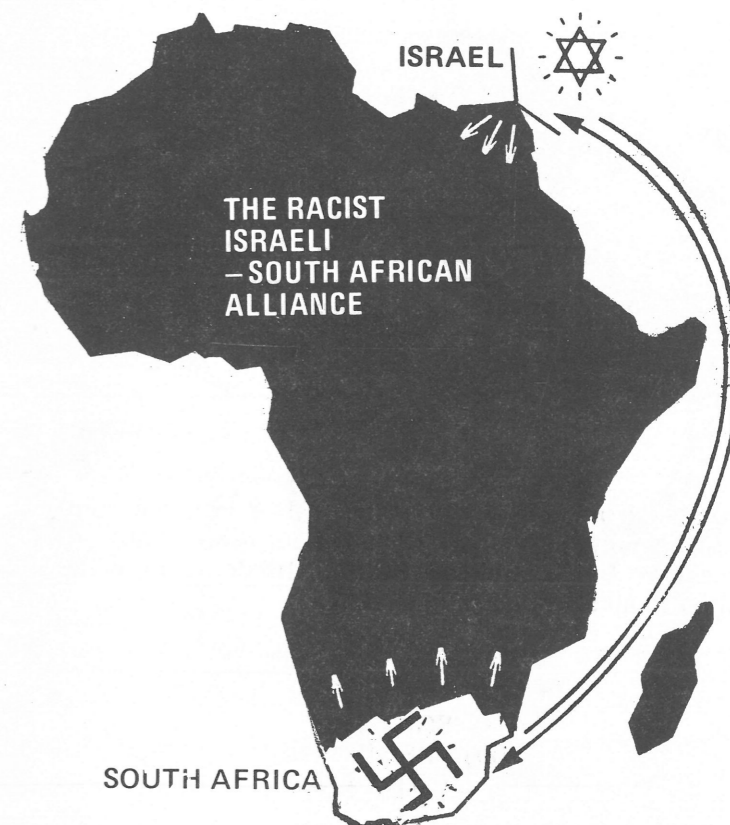
the reasons for excluding Africans from the proposed reforms by declaring that "blacks are less developed and have slow thought processes." (*The Guardian*, 6/6/80). This perfectly echoes an earlier statement by Israeli para-trooper commander Gen. Aharon Davidi who had justified the exclusivist nature of the Zionist state by alleging that "the Arabs, as a body, are the least creative people in the world." (*Ma'ariv* 6/12/74).

The racists in Israel and South Africa, both settler colonialists par excellence, justifying the creation and perpetuation of their states in terms of the 'white man's burden' or the 'mission civilisatrice', still persist in propagating their obsolete and discredited doctrines despite universal denunciation of their policies. During the Soweto riots, C.I.D. Chief Brig. Cotezee explained to his listeners on South African radio: "One must remember that these people are by nature violent. And especially when drinking comes into it, with their nature, they are actually very dangerous." (*New Statesman* 26 October, 1979). Thus the demand of the African majority for their basic human rights is said to be nothing but a reflection of the animalistic qualities of the African whose only cure is South African police brutality.

The Zionists advocate similar treatment for the Palestinian Arabs. As the leader of the Greater Israel movement put it: "Palestinians are cosmopolitan



The charred remains of
the top secret installation in Sasolburg



rubbish. Their aim is not only to assassinate all the Jews in the world, but also to cause the collapse of modern society, since they are an instrument of world-barbarisation." (*Ha'aretz* 22/3/73). Thus, to kill Palestinian refugees in cold blood is actually an heroic deed on the part of the Zionists as they play the role of saviours of 'modern society'.

The indigenous population in the society dominated by the superior race are viewed only as labourers — the biblical "hewers of wood and drawers of water" — and as constituting a menace to the material and cultural wealth of the European settlers. As Arie Pacilus, General Secretary of the White Mine Workers Union put it: "You have to know a black. He wants someone to be his boss. They can't think quickly. You can take a baboon and learn him how to play the piano, but it is impossible for him to use his own mind to go on to the next step." (*New Statesman* 26 October 1979). The indigenous population is viewed purely in terms of its labour potential. They are portrayed as wild animals, the only difference being that the wild animal has the benefit of conservation societies to look after their welfare.

Despite the fact that such pronouncements are common currency among the racist occupiers of Palestine and Azania, the Western media still talks of the "easing" of racist praxis and exaggerates the significance of Africans being allowed to sit on the same bench as whites in parks in South Africa. The liberalisation of the racist society reaches such dizzy heights that the official leaflet of the South African

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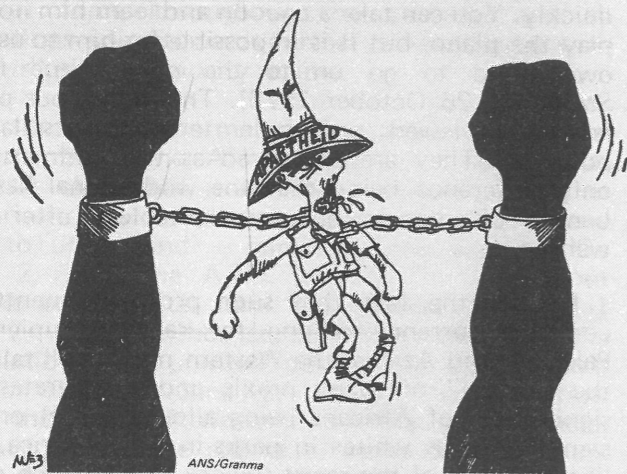
Potchefstroom University states; "The Potchefstroom University of Christian Higher Education is not an exclusive but a public institution. Its doors are wide open to all *European* students."

So much for the non-exclusiveness of South Africa's educational establishments. It is to be recalled that in a similar incident in Haifa University when the rights of Arab students to education and organisational facilities was being debated, Zionist student council leader Shlona Frenkel argued that Arabs do not deserve higher education since, as he put it, "for the Arabs, being dirty is a way of life. Arabs are dark-skinned with black and curly hair and sly brown eyes. They are also stupid and backward." (*Post Mortem, Haifa University Students Organ* 14/3/73).

We could go on indefinitely citing such examples of how the "superior" races in Palestine and Azania, with the full backing of western imperialism, linger on with their institutionalised racist policies, be they incarnated in Apartheid or Zionism.

SOWETO: THE BEGINNING OF THE END

Soweto, the place where for the first time in Azania's recent history a broad front of opposition was formed against the "shame of the century" (South Africa), as the UN put it, has once again become the focus of world attention. On the fourth anniversary of the uprising in Soweto, inhabitants of the "townships" have held massive anti-Apartheid demonstrations. The barbarous terror launched by the racist regime, over 60 people being massacred by the police on June 16 alone, did not halt the African population from manifesting its discontent against the racist system. The massacres have led to a new wave of resistance and events in Azania have proved that batons, tear-gas and machine guns will not break the resistance of the African majority. Because of this fact the Soweto massacre triggered off by the racists on June 16, 1976, was the beginning of the end.



THE UN REAFFIRMS SUPPORT FOR SWAPO

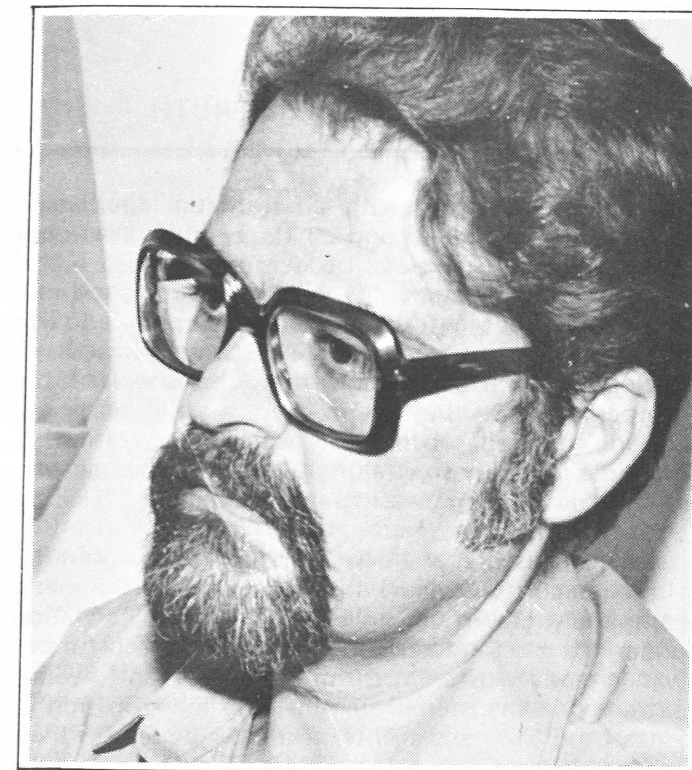
The United Nations Council for Namibia, in conclusion of its special meeting in Algiers on June 2 1980, has called on the international public to intensify support for the continuation of the military and political struggle of the South West African People's Organisation (SWAPO). The council adopted a declaration and an action programme to be submitted to the 35th UN General Assembly session recommending an urgent security council meeting to decide on large scale and binding sanctions against South Africa.

The U.N. Namibia Council resolutely condemns the refusal of the South African Racist regime to cooperate with the U.N. in a peaceful solution of the Namibia issue. It emphatically rejects all attempts by Pretoria to sabotage Namibia's national and territorial integrity. The council says that Namibia must become independent, with its territorial integrity, including Walvis Bay being preserved. The U.N. Council for Namibia sharply condemns the continuous South African acts of aggression against its neighbouring states, especially Angola and Zambia.

The declaration says that the Western collaborators enable the regime to continue its aggressive policy. With reference to decree number one of the U.N. Council, the declaration says that without the council's consent nobody has the right to explore, extract, process or export any resources from Namibia's soil. The natural riches of the country are inalienable property of the Namibian people, the council says. The U.N. body reaffirms its support for SWAPO; the sole legitimate representative of the Namibian people.

PASCHALIS AFTER RELEASE TO "PALESTINE":

MY "CRIME" WAS THAT I DISCLOSED THE TRUTH



On Sunday the 18th of May, 1980, the Cypriot progressive journalist Panayotis Paschalis of "HA-RAVGHI" newspaper returned home to Cyprus after being deported by the Zionist authorities following his 28 months imprisonment in Zionist jails. On his arrival to Cyprus he was warmly welcomed and received at Larnaca airport by members of his family, members of the P.L.O. representation in Cyprus, and a large number of Cypriot journalists.

Although he was overwhelmed by the emotional welcome he encountered at Larnaca airport he declared, "I feel strongly moved that I am again among you, among my beloved family, my comrades, my colleagues and my co-fighters, but there is no joyousness in me. I don't feel the joy which I ought to feel and used to feel, because a big part of my self is still and will remain in the future among those people whom I met and lived with for the most part of the past 28 months." He added, "Just five hours before my arrival in Cyprus, I gave the Palestinian political prisoners with whom I was sharing the cell a promise that I will continue to fight for the just cause of Palestine. This is because I believe that the Palestinian people have the right and must live and will live in their country, in their motherland."

The Cypriot progressive journalist returned back stronger and more determined to continue the struggle for the just causes of Cyprus and Palestine, with much more ardent zeal than ever. His harsh experience in the Zionist jails and his unjustified detention by the Zionist racist authorities strengthe-

ned his belief in the ideals he lives and struggles for.

"PALESTINE BULLETIN" interviewed the Cypriot militant journalist at his home in the divided city of Nicosia. His answers and memories about his arbitrary arrest and punishment by the Zionist authorities, about his experience for 28 months in the Zionist jails is a valid testimony which shows the fallacy of "Israeli democracy" with which the Zionist authorities are trying to deceive world public opinion.

THE FALSE SHOW OF DEMOCRACY

"During my fifth journalistic mission to occupied Palestine on January 16, 1978, I was arrested at my hotel at night by personnel from the Zionist secret services who started interrogating me on the purpose of my visit. I declared to them that the purpose of my visit was a pure journalistic mission to report on the developments after the so-called 'peace initiative' of the Sadat regime for my newspaper "HA-RAVGHI" and for the G.D.R. TV. At the same time I was collecting photographic material for a book I was planning concerning the real situation in occupied Palestine, on the status of the Palestinian and the Jewish population under the Zionist regime and under occupation, the struggle of the Palestinians in their occupied country against Zionism and imperialism, and on the discrimination policy in the Zionist entity. During the first interrogation session which lasted eight consecutive hours at the Hotel Plaza, I stressed all the above and also that my mission was in

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the most legal way; with a visa from the Israeli embassy in Nicosia and that I had given my credentials to the press office in Tel-Aviv. I also stressed my rejection of the occupation and my support for the rights of the Palestinian people to live in their full sovereign state. My "crime" was that I disclosed the truth behind the false show of the democracy that they claim, and mostly because I declared myself absolutely against occupation, a principle which is so vital for the Cypriot people who suffer from foreign invasion and occupation.

"After this first stage of interrogation the Shin-Bet (Israeli security service) threw me in a 1x1.5 meter completely closed cell in Petah Tikva police station under the most indescribable psychological tortures. I was already suffering from influenza and feeling extremely exhausted from the long interrogation at Plaza by 5 Shin-Bet agents, and after being a witness to the physical torture of a Palestinian student called Joseph Haddad who was kept next to my cell. I was again interrogated the next day from morning until late in the afternoon. The fact that I had interviewed members of the P.L.O. leadership and met Yasser Arafat, that I have been to the Soviet Union once as guest of *Pravda* newspaper and another time to report

on the 50th anniversary of the Komsomol was a crime in the eyes of my interrogators. For them it was enough to be a spy because of my beliefs and my support to the just cause of the Palestinian revolution.

"Immediately after my arrest the controlled and directed press in Israel characterized me as one of the biggest enemies to Israel; and gave me descriptions that only apply to these forces that are supporting the existence of the most shameful racist regime in our area.

"That I am a Cypriot fighting with my pen and camera for a just cause, for the declared ideals of democracy freedom, prosperity and progress for all peoples, made it enough for the Zionists to persecute and condemn me."

MALTREATMENT

"For a whole month after my arrest I have been kept in complete isolation in Petah Tikva, then I was transferred to Kfar Yuna jail and put among Jewish criminals. I was maltreated by them because of my beliefs, and was threatened to be killed by them

several times—under the eyes of the armed guards who kept silent—. (A plan for my physical extermination was disclosed to me by the director of Kfar Yuna jail). I was forced to sleep on the floor among 15 Jewish criminals in a 20 square M. closed cell.

"During the show-trial from the 3rd to the 22nd of May 1978, I was again isolated in a dark cell in Abu Kabir. Always being transferred from my cell to the court room in a closed car like a safe box on wheels. On July 7, 1978, I was sentenced to five years in the most 'democratic' performance. Declared innocent by one of my judges but condemned by the other two with the right to appeal to the High Court which nevertheless decided after almost a year (May 1979) that my five years sentence was not enough."

WARM WELCOME BY PALESTINIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS

"Straight after the sentence I was transferred to the Central High Security prison of Ramla. I found myself for the first time among Palestinian political prisoners ('Security Prisoners' for the Israelis). This started a new stage in my personal odyssey. During the first minutes after being warmly welcomed and embraced by the Palestinian fighters, I came to the conclusion that my stay in this prison had to be something quite different from the previous one. These friendly feelings did not astonish me; but surprising was the fighting spirit of all those people in spite of the fact that most of them have been imprisoned and sentenced for many years. Knowing that hundreds of prisoners are behind the bars for many years, and having in mind the experience of the period I spent since my arrest among Jewish criminals, I was surprised of what I saw in front of me in the High Security Section of the Security Prison of Ramla. Those people were and are continuing to feel like they were imprisoned yesterday and that tomorrow they will be set free. With very few exceptions all of them are so optimistic about the future, with the most surprising high spirit and with very high fighting morale, in unity and confidence that they will survive and continue the long march of the revolution for the Palestine motherland.

"Before my arrest I became known through my articles and photographic work to a lot of Palestinians, and after my arrest as a result of the coverage of my show-trial by the press; all the Palestinian political prisoners were informed of my case and understood the reason why I was among them. I didn't need to explain so many things about the nature of my work which they applauded — the

internationalization of the just cause of Palestine, the disclosure of the oppression and the acts committed by the Zionist authorities, the condemnation of the suffering of the Palestinian people under occupation. I think it is necessary to speak about the messages of encouragement received from other prisons as well; a fact that proved to me the existing fighting alertness among the Palestinian prisoners.

"To my full understanding my arrest as a foreign journalist, and my being sentenced five years imprisonment — the maximum provided by the charge against me — was intended first to stop me from visiting Israel and the whole area of occupied Palestine, and continuing doing the work I was doing in disclosing what is going on behind the show of democracy; disclosing not only the oppression policy in the occupied areas against the Palestinians, but also and even in some cases worse the discrimination policy against Jews themselves. I was reporting not only for my newspaper "HARAVGHI" but also to the mass media of the German Democratic Republic. And following my fourth visit to the area the security services, which are behind everything in Israel, were annoyed with what I disclosed through my work; so the first aim was to stop me from freely visiting Israel.

"Another aim of my arrest was to set a deterring example for all progressive journalists and teach them a lesson about what would happen to them, if they would follow my way in disclosing the real truth under occupation. This aim was officially disclosed at the court during the show-trial by the public persecutor. His words unveiled the real (Israeli "democracy"). 'I am asking your Honours to give him the maximum sentence in order to set an example for all the journalists who are visiting Israel'. Isn't that a revenge policy? No more words are needed to explain their aim."

SUPPORT OF THE PALESTINIAN STRUGGLE LED TO MY ARREST

"I was and I am in solidarity with the struggle of the Palestinian people to fulfill their legitimate rights, to live freely in their own country. This international solidarity which I was expressing myself with my pen and my camera, this solidarity of all the fighting peoples was revenged by the Israelis through my imprisonment. Another aim was to punish the Cypriot people for their full and unconditional support for the just Palestinian cause, a struggle which has so much in common with our struggle."



Paschalis embracing his wife and brother after arrival at Cyprus airport

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Knowing the revenge policy of Israel, I can say that I was feeling like being a hostage for the policy of Cyprus as a whole towards the Palestinian cause."

"Living for almost two years among Palestinian political prisoners I have witnessed the high morale, the endless revolutionary fighting spirit, the hope those people have even for the next day. They know they have the right to demand justice. They are eager for peace, real peace, guaranteeing their secure future far away from capitulationist treaties. We had daily discussions, friendly talks and witnessed their determination not to give up. In spite of the treatment of the iron hand they face from the Zionist authorities and torturers they never will yield. Educated people, workers, farmers, simple men, they all understand the hard time they have to live through in the prison, but continue the struggle with the awareness that they shall survive and enjoy the results of their struggle. The unity existing among the vast majority of the political prisoners is so impressive. They believe that those who have faith and determination shall achieve

their goals. In spite of temporal set-backs they never know pessimism, and their hope is daily renewing. Characterizing their feelings is what an unforgettable co-prisoner used to tell me: 'We know while our comrades are marching in a funeral of a martyr, that there is a young Palestinian mother smiling triumphantly in the face of her newly-born child.'

"During my imprisonment various developments took place within the frame of the so-called 'peace initiatives' of Sadat. I experienced the correct attitude taken by the political prisoners towards these developments; how they rejected these initiatives and expressed themselves with protest strikes. Several hunger strikes took place lately in the prisons of Zionists, and not one of them wasn't faced with retaliation measures on the part of the authorities. All who went on strike lost their work in the workshops in the prison. During another strike in Ramla, in protest of the arrest of Nablus mayor Bassam Shaka'a, the prisoners were beaten without any discrimination, even if sick or old.

GREETINGS TO THE CO-FIGHTERS ALL OVER THE WORLD

Although the Palestinian political prisoners are kept behind bars, they remain in the first frontline marching side by side with their revolution. They have full confidence in their revolution, their people and their friends. They have full confidence in their final victory. On all occasions and the anniversaries of the successes of their revolution, whether in closed meetings or under the eyes of their guards, they declare their readiness and steadfastness to continue their struggle under any circumstances.

"Most of their time the prisoners dedicate to self-education. As they recognize the heavy duties awaiting them after their release, they want to offer their utmost to their people and to their revolution. Even with the most limited education material, they organize classes in foreign languages, history, geography, mathematics, organizing themselves like in a university. As for all of them the time is very short, irrespective of the fact that these specific prisoners face another 3, 5, 10, 20, or 560 years of imprisonment.

"All of them send greetings to their co-fighters who are fighting for the same ideals, for freedom, democracy and justice all over the world. They reassure that never they will bend down, they shall remain steadfast awaiting the day of victory which will reach them as well."



SOLIDARITY



Exhibition at
Palestine Week
in Berlin

GUPW BRANCH IN AUSTRALIA HOLDS SOLIDARITY MEETING

The General Union of Palestinian Workers in Australia marked Palestine Day on May 15th by holding an indoor rally in Victoria. The rally was attended by representatives of progressive Arab parties and members of the Arab and Palestinian immigrant community. Speakers at the rally pledged support for the political and military steps taken by the PLO against imperialist and Zionist maneuvers in the Middle East. Support was also expressed for the Iranian Revolution.

GDR CELEBRATES PALESTINE WEEK

The German Democratic Republic initiated an official Palestine Week at the beginning of June by organizing festivals, seminars and political meetings. A series of Palestinian films were shown portraying the Palestinian people's just struggle. A Palestinian art exhibition was inaugurated on June 7th in Berlin. The opening ceremony was attended by the Deputy President of the UN Palestinian Rights Committee, the PLO representative in the GDR and the President of the Solidarity Committee in the GDR. The Union of Palestinian Artists signed a cooperation agreement with the Union

of Artists in the GDR on June 10th to cover a 2-year period. The agreement calls for the exchange of delegations and information material and the sponsoring of art exhibitions to encourage young Palestinian artists.

SWEDISH COMMUNIST PARTY REITERATES SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIAN STRUGGLE

The Swedish Communist Party, in a communique issued on June 11th, expressed its full support for the Palestinian people's just struggle to regain their national rights under the leadership of the PLO. The communique went on to condemn the Israeli policy of colonisation in the occupied territories.

CAMPAIGN IN NORWAY CALLS FOR RECOGNITION OF THE PLO

A campaign has been started in Norway calling on the Norwegian government to finally extend official recognition of the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. The campaign is supported by various political parties, women's and youth organizations, and a number of well-known Norwegian personalities — politicians, trade union leaders, and cultural workers who have signed a petition urging the Norwegian Government to recognize the PLO. At the same time, the Palestine Committee in Norway organized an information campaign on the Palestine cause and sold books, brochures and posters at a book stand in the center of Oslo.

In their petition to the government, which was also published in several newspapers, the signers stress that no peaceful solution is possible in the Middle East without the PLO. The Palestine question is at the very core of the whole conflict. The letter refers to resolutions of the UN and points to the fact that the PLO has been recognized by the UN as well as the vast majority of its member states, including several states in Western Europe. A former prime minister of Norway, Per Borten, several members of parliament, and leaders of some of Norway's biggest trade unions are among those who signed the appeal.

ANERKJENN PLO

Uten det palestinske folket er det umulig å nå fram til en varig og rettferdig fred i Midt-Østen. Spørsmålet om palestinerne og deres rettigheter er et sentralt spørsmål i hele konflikten. Det er også synet til FN.

Et flertall av FNs medlemsland har anerkjent PLO som det palestinske folkets representant. PLO er i dag observatør i FN og medlem eller observatør i mange andre internasjonale organisasjoner. En rekke stater har anerkjent PLO diplomatisk, og flere vest-europeiske land som tidligere har vært tilbakeholdende, er i ferd med å gjøre det samme.

Vi oppfordrer norske myndigheter til å anerkjenne PLO som det palestinske folkets representant og opprette offisiell kontakt med organisasjonen. Det vil være et skritt i retning fred for alle som bor i området.

Martin Lekse, klubbformann på David Mostad, formann i avd. 12 av Norsk Jern- og Met. Trondheim	Per Borten, stortingsrepresentant	Torbjørn Berntsen, stortingsrepresentant
Per Sundby, prof. dr. med. i Norsk	Haldis Hawry, stortingsrepresentant	Kjell Bakke, professor
Arthur Svendsen, formann i Norsk Kjemisk industriarbeiderforbund	Pål Steigan, partiformann, avd. 38 av Ole Tormodsen, formann, avd. 38 av Norsk Jern- og Met. Kristiansand	Willy Dahl, forsker
Rosd Bye, stortingsrepresentant	Johan Galtung, stortingsrepresentant	Kjell Heland, stortingsrepresentant
Aus Steen Svindland, overlege	Stein Ørnhaug, forkl. i Kringkastings Landsforening	Kjell Heland, musiker
Gunnar Nilsen, formann i avd. 1 av Norsk Jern- og Met. Oslo	Bitte Værdet, formann i Oslo Sporveistrafikkforening	Åse Kleveland, klubbformann ved Enser Myrnes, klubbformann ved Trondhjems mek. verksted
Arild Brinchmann, stortingsrepresentant	Finn Erik Thoresen, formann i Oslo	Elba Wergeland, lege
Anne Lise Bakken, generalsekretær	Itograf og kjemigrupprepresent	Haagen Ringnes
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Ada Castracane, sykepleier	Per Pettersen, formann i Bærum	Arild Kalvik, grafisk forbruker
Arne Sand, sogneprest	Mosse Jørgensen, lærer	Thor Erik Gulbrandsen, stortingsrep.
Trond Linstad, klubbformann på Rolf Sivertsen, mek. verksted	Peder Martin Lysetøl, lektor i Norsk	Sidval Bauck, seksjonsleder
Trond Linstad, klubbformann på Rolf Sivertsen, mek. verksted	Bjørn Hennum, formann i Norsk	Oddvar Bråthen, formann i Murenes Union, Oslo
Trond Linstad, klubbformann på Rolf Sivertsen, mek. verksted	Odd Bach, nestformann i Norsk	Tor Edvin Dahl, forfatter
Trond Linstad, klubbformann på Rolf Sivertsen, mek. verksted	Transportarbeiderforbund	Sverre Kjelsberg, musiker
Trond Linstad, klubbformann på Rolf Sivertsen, mek. verksted		Ole Flesvik, arbeidsmadsforbund
Trond Linstad, klubbformann på Rolf Sivertsen, mek. verksted		Pål Abrahamson, psykiater

Norwegian
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SOLIDARITY

DANISH COMMITTEE IN SOLIDARITY WITH PLO AND PALESTINIAN MAYORS

The Danish Palestine Solidarity Committee, DK-8000 Arhas C, Vester Alle Kaserne opg. 5, on June 4 sent us the following message of solidarity.

Outraged at the assassination attempts on the lives of the mayors Bassam Shaka'a, Karim Khalaf and Ibrahim Tawil the Danish Palestine Committee wants to express its indignation and to reassure its solidarity with the Palestinian people and the PLO in their struggle against the brutal Zionist occupation.

The mayors, deported recently among others, Fahd Qawasmeh and Muhammed Milhem have been playing an important role as national leaders. They have rejected the Camp David agreement and the so-called "self rule" plan. They have time and again confirmed that the PLO is the only legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. Only a few weeks ago members of our committee had a meeting with Bassam Shaka'a in occupied Nablus, although the Zionist authorities tried to prevent him from meeting with foreigners. This shows his great courage and consistent struggle against the occupation. The Begin government claims to be "shocked" over the attempts. But by allowing fascist groups to operate, the Zionist government (headed by old terrorists like Begin and Shamir) must be held responsible. The deportations and the assassination attempts are two sides of the same policy.

Assassination attempts, deportations and all other kinds of suppression like the recent decision to ban the papers *Al Fajr* and *El Shaab*, are serious attacks on your people. But we are convinced that headed by the PLO the Palestinians inside and outside Palestine will continue their struggle until victory.

Comradly greetings,
The Danish Palestine Committee



President Kypriano at Palestinian wing of Cyprus Fair

PALESTINIAN EXHIBITIONS IN CYPRUS

A Palestinian exhibition of Samed products and Palestinian handicrafts opened at the end of May as part of the Cyprus International (State) Fair. The Palestinian wing was opened in the presence of acting-President Alexhos Mikhaïlides and the exhibition was later visited by Cypriot President Kypriano.

Earlier in May, a Palestinian Poster Exhibition was organized to mark Palestine Solidarity Day on the 15th. The exhibition was inaugurated by the Cypriot Minister of Education and Culture, Dr. Sovianos. In his address, he reaffirmed the support of the Cypriot people and government for the Palestinian people's struggle for their legitimate rights. He remarked, "The pictures we see in this

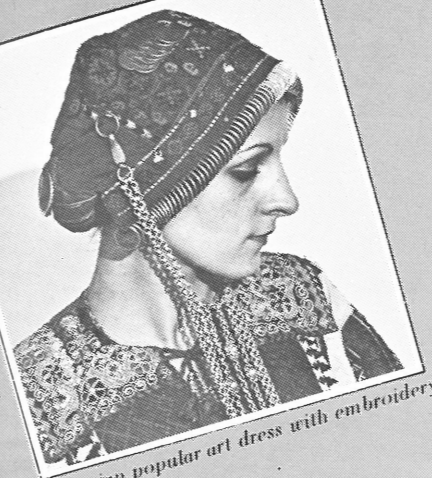
exhibition demonstrate the depth of the roots of the Palestinian people in their land. On the other hand, they portray the extent of oppression and suppression imposed on the Palestinian people as a result of their expulsion from the land. This exhibition also shows the civilization and cultural side of the Palestinian people." Dr. Sovianos referred to the common struggle currently being waged by both the Palestinian and Cypriot peoples: "in both cases, the purpose of such struggle is for the return of right and justice which the imperialist forces and their agents in the region have usurped by force. The imperialist aggression against the region, aims at keeping the region and its resources under imperialist control." But Dr. Sovianos ended his remarks by stating that in the end the Palestinian people's struggle and sacrifices will be crowned with victory.

U.S. BLACK WOMEN'S DELEGATION: "THE TRUTH ABOUT PALESTINE"

A delegation of U.S. Black women has visited the PLO in May 1980 on an invitation extended by the General Union of Palestinian Women and the Palestine Red Crescent. They visited Palestinian institutions and were received by PLO Chairman Arafat. The delegation included journalists, professors, church officials and students. They all expressed their interest in the Palestinian cause and in world peace. In a common statement they declared:

"We are deeply concerned that all human beings be allowed their basic human rights, human dignities and the right to a homeland and

self-determination. We have concluded that major American media representatives do not generally report the total and objective truth about the situation in the Middle East, especially the truthful objectives and conditions of the Palestinian people. We also recognize that the aggressions of the last 30 years have wrecked havoc on the people of Palestine and Lebanon, and we are morally obliged to undertake a fact-finding mission throughout the Middle East and hopefully throughout the occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Our mission is in the interest of peace and understanding and we will do our best when we go back to the U.S. to inform the American media about the truthful facts of the Palestinian people and cause."



Palestinian popular art dress with embroidery

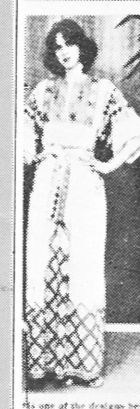
ISRAELI THEFT OF PALESTINIAN CULTURE AND ART

An example of how the Zionists attribute Palestinian heritage to themselves. This picture shows the design of the Israeli El Al airlines hostesses copied from a Palestinian national dress (Appeared in the newspaper Jerusalem Post of 7.2. 1980).

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Weizman in Knesset debate: 'We're in Hebron and we're staying there'

Post-Knesset Reporter
We have returned to Hebron, and we will stay there. Defense Minister Ariel Weizman declared in the Knesset yesterday. He was making a government statement on the situation in Hebron, following the murder there last Thursday of Jewish Rabbi, a Kibbutz Arab resident.

Weizman made no specific reference to the aggression made at last Sunday's cabinet meeting that Jews be encouraged to live in Hebron, which is ruled by our religious and national heritage.

Weizman said that security measures in the territories would be tightened in order to ensure the continuation of yesterday's

Egypt cancels boycott Tohami's shadow over talks

Post-Knesset Reporter
Egypt and Syria last night opened negotiations for advancing the implementation of full normalization of relations, although the event was heavily overshadowed by the anti-Jewish statements made by Palestinian leader Yassir Arafat.

Meeting in Tel Aviv, the negotiators were quick to make announcements that Arafat's statements would not affect their determination to establish complete bilateral ties. Their aim is to set up negotiations for negotiation of bilateral agreements to be signed by mid-March, instead of next July as stipulated by the peace treaty signed last March.

The normalization of relations was also linked to January 28, one day after the completion of Israel's annual withdrawal from territories of Israel. The Egyptian



This is one of the designs being considered for the wardrobe of

Though the Palestinian people have suffered from displacement since the usurpation of Palestine by the Zionists, they have continued to preserve their national art. The Zionists have not confined themselves to expropriating the land and displacing most of its people. They have consistently endeavored to steal the Palestinian national heritage and to claim possession of that heritage or efface it altogether because it is an integral part of the Palestinian cultural struggle. For the Palestinians, preservation of their culture, arts, and crafts is not only a matter of cultivating and expressing their historic identity, but an important form and part in the struggle of resistance against the annihilation campaign being waged by Zionism. The Zionists have attempted to obliterate the Palestinian national heritage and encourage its continued development.

PALESTINIANS PROTEST

The *Jerusalem Post* reported in its February 7, 1980 issue that the El Al airline company has designed a uniform based on the "most beautiful

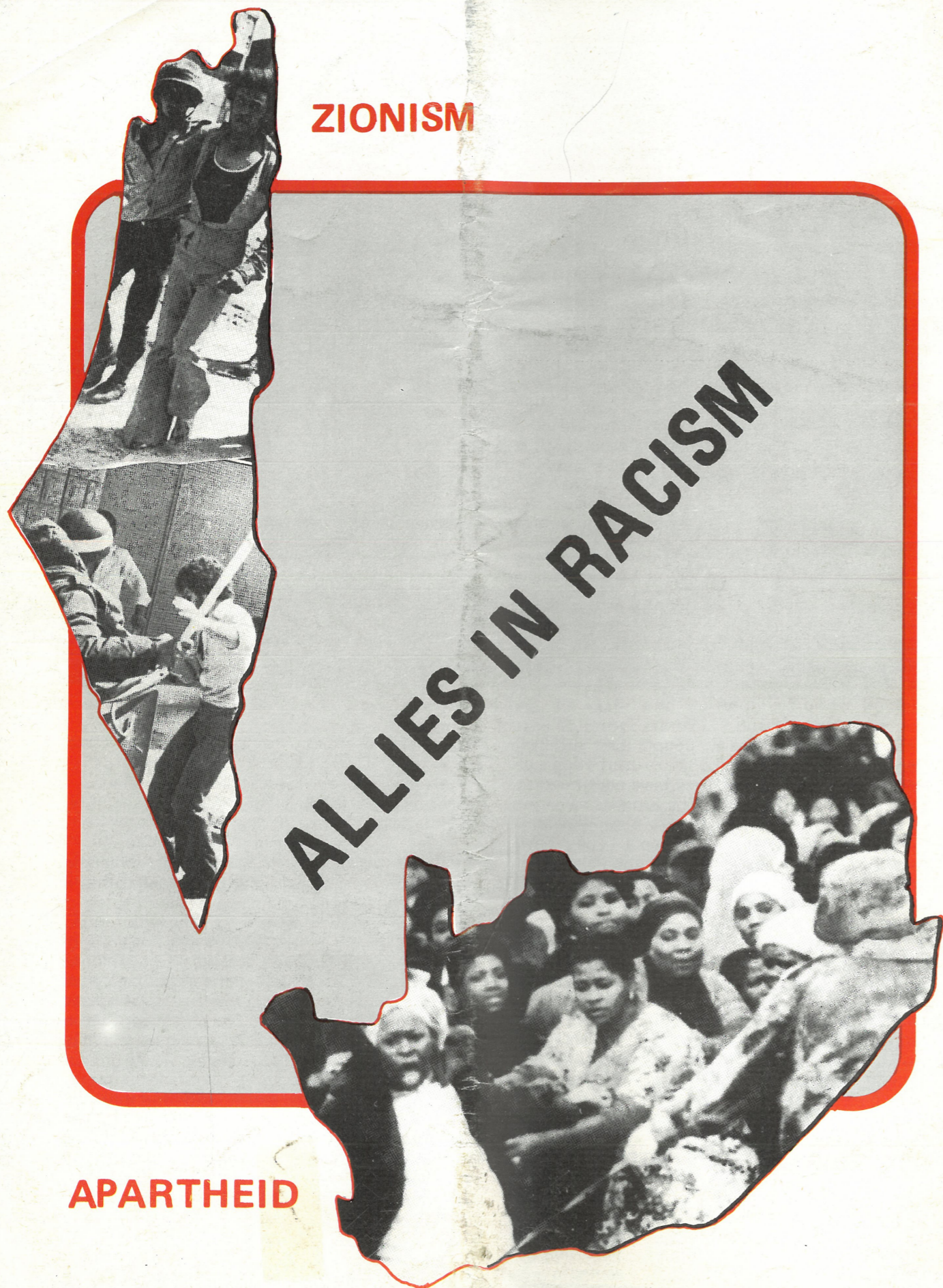
national costumes... emphasizing the Israeli character of our planes." On the front page a photo of the proposed uniform was displayed. It was obviously modelled after Palestinian embroidered dresses.

In response a Palestinian woman, a member of the "Ina'sh al-Usra" cultural organization in al-Bira, sent a letter to the newspaper protesting such theft of Palestinian art. She pointed out that El Al's proposed uniform is inspired by Palestinian folk culture, adding: "For hundreds of years, Palestinian women were making these costumes, picking their colors and creating new designs all the time. Suddenly we are appalled to be faced with the Israeli occupiers claiming Palestinian embroidery as theirs. They are not content with confiscating land and property, robbing homes and farms and forcibly and unjustly planting settlements in the midst of our towns and villages, but they insist on forging history and claiming it as theirs. We denounce strongly such bold distortion of facts and protest vehemently that the El Al hostesses should wear our Palestinian costume, which is an integral part of our tradition and folklore."

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