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AMERICA-THE ENEMY

The United States has begun delivery of Phantom jets to Israel. The timing of the delivery coincides with reports from Israel of an impending new aggression aimed at securing the capitulation of the Arab states and the crippling of the Palestinian armed struggle, having failed in this objective on June 1967.

Once more U.S. Imperialism is in desperate need for its Zionist client-state to make another attempt to stem the tide of the Palestinian and Arab liberation movements. The Libyan revolution has dealt a heavy blow to western imperialism and adds an element of urgency to the U.S. -Zionist planned aggression.

Few people should have been surprised by this latest of America's action in support of Israel. There are those, Arabs as well as non-Arabs, supporters of the Arab case, who persist in ignoring or playing down the obvious role of the U.S. in steering and backing Israel's criminal aggressions. Some do so in good, but misguided faith; naively hoping that U.S. policies could be altered through diplomacy and propaganda. Others sidetrack U.S. complicity guided by pure imper-

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FEDAYEEN SCORE FURTHER VICTORIES

ISRAELI MILITARISTS PRESS FOR ALL-OUT STRIKE



Reports from Israel indicate a state of extreme tension resulting from the ever-increasing frequency and scale of Fedayeen attacks inside Israel. Pressure is being exerted by Israeli military circles for the launching of a preventive war against the surrounding Arab states in the forlorn hope that the Palestinian liberation movement would be dealt a crushing blow, either by direct Israeli military action or through action by Arab governments whom, it is hoped by the Zionists, would surrender to Israeli demands.

So far most of the Arab governments appear to be resisting the Israeli threats of war and are not attempting to curb the activities of the Palestinian

freedom fighters. Lebanon, however a well-known hot-bed of Western imperialism's intrigues and pressures appears to be moving against the Palestinians and their armed revolutionary vanguards. Lebanese army units recently attacked a Palestinian refugee camp, killing and wounding a number of its residents. The Lebanese President has issued declarations in the form of ultimatums in Lebanon. The Fedayeen organisations, along with patriotic and progressive forces inside Lebanon, have rejected the Lebanese governments demands and insisted on the right of the Palestinians to wage their struggle for liberation against Israel along all its frontiers.

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AL-AKSA FIRE!

blatant Zionist atrocity

MUST NOT SERVE AS DIVERSION FROM PEOPLES ARMED STRUGGLE

The burning of Al-Aksa Mosque is yet another Israeli atrocity to be added to the long list of Zionist atrocities such as the shooting at school girls in the Gaza strip, the attacks on irrigation dams and the daily bombardment of Palestinian villages. No matter how many enquiries or commissions, or who gets arrested, the Zionists cannot escape their responsibility for the fire. Jerusalem, like the rest of the occupied territories, has been under direct Israeli military control since the June war. Israel is thus responsible for the administration of these areas. The fact that Rohen, an Australian, looks like confessing to the crime does not take the blame off Zionist shoulders. Not only did Rohen go to Palestine by an Israeli visa, but also he was working in an Israeli kibbutz for a few weeks before the fire. It was there that he planned the fire and carried it out. The kibbutzim are simply Zionist institutions created with the sole purpose of spreading the Zionist ideology of Jewish supremacy and intense racial hatred of the Arabs: that is why they are so heavily subsidised by the world Zionist movement. Rohen, apparently felt "quite at home" in the kibbutz where he was working. He is reported to have said that after the fire, he was in a panic—he decided to go to the Mishmar Hasharon kibbutz, the place he considered as "home".

What is more important than the actual fire is the time it took place. It came at a time when some of the major plans for the liquidation of the Palestinian question have been exposed, shelved or abandoned. Since the June war, the UN, the various imperialist powers and the Arab reactionary regimes have tried to concoct a so-called solution to the Middle East, in an attempt to divert the Palestinian people from the only road to liberation, the protracted armed struggle.

IMPERIALIST SCHEMES EXPOSED

First the UN Security Council, dominated by the U.S. and the Soviet Union, passed its resolution of December 1967. Though accepted by some Arab governments, it was rejected by Israel which hoped to get a better bargain being the victor in the June war, and rejected by the Palestinian people as a complete sell-out. The resolution remained so much ink on paper. The UN then sent a special envoy, Dr. Gunner Jarring, to the Middle East to act as an imperialist broker between the Arab governments and Israel. (The people of Palestine are never considered by the UN: they are just so many "refugees"). The Jarring mission was a complete failure. Denounced by the Palestinian liberation organisations and the Arab people as nothing but an attempt to give status and recognition to Israel and the imperialist aggression in 1967, Dr. Jarring had to beat a retreat. Meanwhile the U.S., the Soviet Union, Britain and France, were planning the "four power talks".

"FOUR POWER TALKS"

The "talks" got under way in April this year. They were greeted with great enthusiasm and optimism by the Western press. The Times wrote: "There can be little doubt that Russia and America make a reasonably balanced pair of brokers. At every stage of the "four power talks" and the bilateral talks between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, reports came of closer and closer agreement, till finally arriving at what is termed as a "package deal". In essence the "package deal" is a manoeuvre to reward Israel for its aggression in 1967. In return for some "concessions" by Israel, the Arab countries among other things are asked to recognise Israel, establish permanent frontiers and allow Israel free passage through the Suez Canal. Further it demands a

liquidation of the armed vanguard of the Palestinian people. Having arrived at this deal, the "four powers" then went away individually trying to sell the package. The U.S. discussed it with Israel and Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, went to Egypt and had extensive talks with Nasser. As could have been expected, the reception of this deal by the Arab governments was a cool one. No Arab government will voluntarily accept such a deal as it would be tantamount to political suicide. The Arab people will not allow any government to interfere, let alone liquidate the Fedayeen. The lesson of Lebanon in April this year did not pass unnoticed. As for the Palestinian organisations, they rejected the "four power talks"



right from the start. Therefore, short of armed intervention by the "four powers" to impose their deal, the latter will remain on the shelves of the four "big powers". (Armed intervention by the "four powers" has not been completely discarded—talk of a UN "peace keeping force" has been current in the Western press.)

Faced with this opposition and determination of the Arab people, the "four powers" adjourned their meetings on July 1st to an unspecified date.

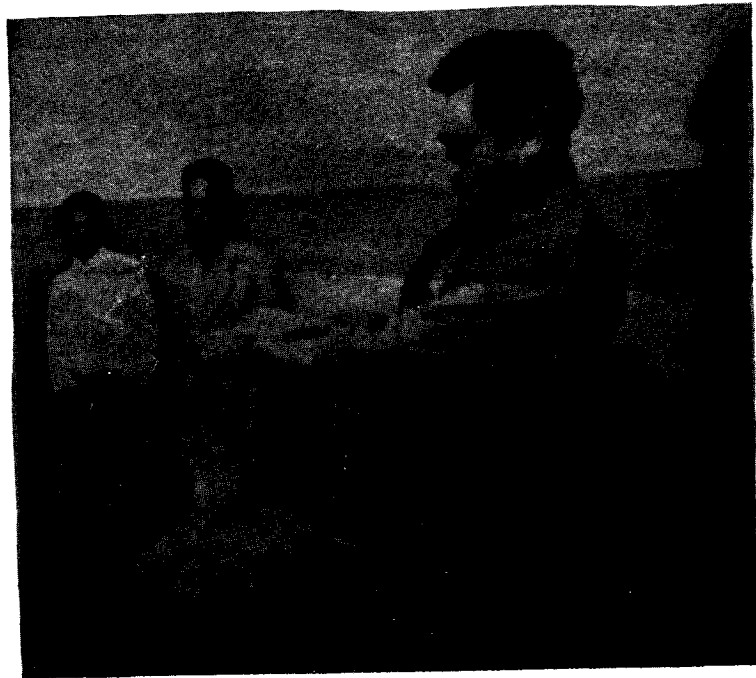
PEOPLES WAR THE ANSWER

It was in this situation that the fire of the Al-Aksa Mosque took place. The Palestinian and Arab masses as a whole have exposed the imperialist manoeuvres and are realising more and more that armed struggle is the only road to liberation. This is why the Al-Aksa fire is being used to divert attention from the real issues. King Faisal's proposed Islamic Conference is an attempt to change the struggle from a

Zionists use Nazi methods

national liberation war to a religious holy war. All-Arab conferences and Arab Summit conferences are also proposed. These are welcome provided they have the aim of helping the Palestinian liberation organisations and not the aim of inventing other diversionary ways to "defeat" Israel. It is the duty of all Arab governments to direct all their resources to help and give all possible assistance to the armed Palestinian fighters who are daily inflicting heavy losses on the Zionist aggressors.

The answer to the Al-Aksa fire is the same answer that must be given to all Israeli atrocities, the intensification of the armed struggle inside Palestine. There are no short cuts to achieve liberation, no easy way and no quick victory. Only protracted people's war, people's war that is carried inside occupied Palestine, will finally defeat Israel and their imperialist masters.



PSC MEMBERSHIP

If PSC is to be a mass organisation and give effective support to the Palestine liberation movement, it must develop strong base groups throughout the country to carry out local activities presenting the case of the Palestinian people and their armed vanguards and opposing the reactionary propaganda of the Zionists and their imperialist allies.

Membership of PSC is open to all those who agree with the Manifesto of PSC (See last edition of Fedayeen) and who pay 5/- membership fee. Members will be entitled to attend and take part in the PSC Membership Conference. (See Page 5 for details)

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The Western press hardly gives a mention to the barbarous methods of suppression used by the Zionists against the people of Palestine. Bomb attacks on villages and the destruction of irrigation dams are described as "retaliatory action"; the rounding up of hundreds of Palestinians, their interrogation and torture is described as "investigation". At the same time the resistance of the Palestinian people to Israeli aggression and their struggle to liberate their homeland is called "terrorism". This is another example of how imperialists turn things upside down to confuse and mislead the masses.

The Zionists have always used the massacre of Jews by the Nazis to gain the sympathy of the ordinary people. In fact the Zionists, whose ideology is as racist as that of the fascists, use very similar methods of terror and extreme repression.

In order to drive the Palestinian peasants out and acquire their land, the Zionists as early as the 20's and more so in the 30's and 40's, used para-military organisations to attack the civilian population, shoot women and children, destroy their houses and burn their farms. In 1948, whole Palestinian villages were wiped out: the Massacre of Deir Yaseen, where the whole population was slaughtered,

is just one example. In the 1956 war, Israeli soldiers who took part in the imperialist war of aggression told stories of blowing up houses packed with hundreds of Arab "suspects."

Today the Israelis, scared out of their wits at the successes achieved by the Fedayeen, have increased their reign of terror against the Palestinian people. Frequent round-ups of Palestinians between 14 and 65 take place in occupied Palestine. After every guerrilla activity, the Israeli army surrounds the area and arrests every Arab who happens to be there. These arrests sometimes go up to a few hundreds, who are taken for "interrogation". The picture above shows the type of "interrogation" the suspects are subjected to. Extreme methods of torture are used. A UN Commission looking into "allegations of torture" recently received a lot of evidence from Palestinians about the tortures they received at the hands of the Israeli Zionists, and about attempts to intimidate them from giving evidence to the Commission.

But despite their extreme brutality, the Israeli Zionists will never succeed in suppressing the just struggle of the Palestinian people, who are responding by daily going to join the Fedayeen.

REPORT FROM PALESTINE

BY NICK BATESON

On my trip to Jordan this summer as a guest of the Congress of the General Union of Palestinian Students I found not only great optimism, enthusiasm and determination among the students but also great clarity about the way forward for the Palestinian revolution. This seems to be due to the very effective political work that has been done among the students by Al-Fatah. I will try to summarise their outlook very briefly.

The whole of Palestine is to be liberated; there can be no partial solution such as a separate Palestinian state on the west bank of the Jordan. This means the Zionist state of Israel must go out of existence and be replaced by a secular state including Moslems, Jews and Christians. After twenty years of humiliation the Palestinians have no illusion that this can be achieved by the intervention of some other country or by negotiations. They will have to regain their homeland themselves, and as Yaser Arafat, official spokesman of Al-Fatah, said at the closing session of the Congress, "the liberation of Palestine grows out of the barrel of a gun". Their relations with other Arab states are guided by a policy of mutual non-interference in each other's internal affairs. At the same time the Palestinians give the following graphic description of the connexion between their revolution and that of the other Arab countries. The Middle East, they say, is an orange tree with 14 oranges. Al-Fatah's task is to shake the tree to dislodge one of these oranges (Israel). But some of the other oranges are even less securely attached than Israel and they may also fall.

Just before I left I had the opportunity to put some questions about Al-Fatah to Abul-Hassan, a leading member of Al-Fatah. I asked about Al-Fatah's views on the need for a party of the working class to lead the Palestinian revolution. He told me that over 90% of Al-Fatah's members were workers or (landless) peasants from the refugee camps, the remainder being mainly students. Al-Fatah was a movement at present but would

BOMB INCIDENTS: P.S.C. STATEMENT

Recent bomb incidents involving Zionist offices in Britain and in Europe have attracted the attention of the press and the police to groups active on behalf of the Arab and Palestinian cause including the P. S. C.

The P. S. C. is a solidarity organisation which aims at mobilizing British public in support of the just struggle of the Palestinian people. It is our opinion that this can best be done by public meetings, debates leaflets, demonstrations, etc. The direct struggle against Zionism and Israel, tool of imperialism is best carried out by the Palestinians and Arabs peoples, led by their armed vanguard organizations. Our strategy does not include bomb attacks or any other similar activities. Neither does it include succumbing to threats smears or other kinds of intimidations. It has always been the strategy of the Zionists, helped on many occasions by the police, to initiate violent attacks against us, using well tried fascist methods of hiring known thugs and ambushing individual PSC members. The cause of the Palestinian people is a just one and we are confident that we will win the vast majority of the British public to our stand.

develop into a party towards the end of the national revolution. (When would that be? "In perhaps five or six years, if political conditions remain as they are now.") Al-Fatah had been founded in 1958, at a time when the Palestinian people were very disillusioned with parties. Palestinians had played active roles in founding the Baath parties, the reformist "communist" parties and the Arab Nationalists, but all these parties did was talk; they did nothing to restore the Palestinian people to their homeland. "The art of dealing with the masses forced us to begin as a movement," he said---a movement that would take armed struggle as its principal task; "through military victories the youth and the nation would listen to us." The Karamah

A statement has been issued by Al Fatah, the Palestine National Liberation Movement, in which it disclaims responsibility for the bomb incidents and stresses the Movement's aim of confining its struggle against Zionism to the area of Palestine and its surrounding territories.

The PSC feels that it would be impertinent of it to pass moral judgement on the methods chosen by the Palestinians in their struggle against Zionism and imperialism.

Finally, the PSC deplores the methods used by Zionism and its supporters in the press to implicate the PSC and other British based organisations in the attacks on the Zionist offices. It is obvious that the Zionists in Britain, alarmed at the increasing support that the Palestinian cause is gathering are now resorting to defamatory and smear tactics in an attempt to discredit the pro-Palestinian forces taking root in this country. Such tactics will not, it is needless to say, sway us from our task.

The Executive Committee
Palestine Solidarity Campaign

victory in March, 1968, was a turning point in the development of Al-Fatah. Before Karamah its members had been numbered in hundreds, after in thousands.

I asked Abul-Hassan about payment of Al-Fatah cadre. A slander spread by opponents of Al-Fatah, envious of its recruiting pull, is that cadre get paid according to rank. He told me that cadre were paid according to family responsibility and nothing else. There are three grades: married with family; unmarried supporting family; unmarried with no responsibilities. In fact, recruits do not join Al-Fatah to get rich but because this is the organisation that really is leading the struggle to liberate Palestine.

LONG LIVE HO CHI MINH!



The death of Ho Chi Minh is an occasion for mourning for all revolutionaries around the world and especially for the revolutionary peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America. In 1919, a time when imperialism was trampling on the rights of all colonial peoples, when the national liberation movement was in its infancy and when Britain and France were carving up the Arab countries among themselves, Ho Chi Minh led an unofficial delegation to the Versailles peace conference where he demanded that French imperialism should get out of Indo-China. Over the next twenty years he organised national resistance movements in many South-East Asian countries under extremely difficult conditions of underground struggle. He once told an Australian reporter that the two things he never could remember were all his aliases and all the places he had been in prison. When the Japanese armies marched into Vietnam Ho Chi Minh organised the Viet Minh, a great national united front, which fought a people's war and defeated Japanese imperialism. For a short period Vietnam was an independent nation with Ho Chi Minh the first elected president. When the French moved into Vietnam again Ho led the popular resistance war for nine years till the victory at Dien Bien Phu. American imperialism tried to recover the lands lost by the French, and we may be sad that Ho Chi Minh did not live to see the final victory of the national struggle for independence and freedom that he had led for fifty years.

But grief must be turned into revolutionary deeds, as the Vietnamese have said. With the glorious example of Ho Chi Minh in their minds his people will continue their struggle in the spirit of his appeal: "So long as there remains a single aggressor on our land we still must fight on to sweep him away." The finest memorial that revolutionaries in other lands can erect to Ho Chi Minh is ever-mounting victories over imperialism and all reaction, those enemies against which he fought so valiantly throughout his 79 years.

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"GREEN BERETS" UNDER ATTACK

In Amman, during a showing of the John Wayne film "The Green Berets", the enraged audience ripped down the screen. The film glorifies and attempts to justify the U.S. war of aggression against Vietnam, and centres on the activities of the "Green Berets" or Special Forces, whom even the U.S. military are now admitting to be cold-blooded murderers from their commanding officer downwards. The audience shouted "Phantom, Phantom!" when they saw American Phantom fighter-bombers being used to slaughter the Vietnamese people. The U.S. is now delivering 50 Phantom jets to its tool Israel, to be used to slaughter Palestinian and other Arab peoples, and to carry out Israel's so-called "police actions" of naked aggression against the neighbouring Arab states. The action taken by the hundreds of people at this Amman cinema is a reflection of the growing hatred of the Arab peoples for Israel and its imperialist backers.

Police Investigate Al Fatah supporters

A group of British youth returning from Jordan were interrogated at Heathrow airport and accused of receiving training in the use of arms and sabotage for the benefit of a foreign government. The group in question had returned from a month's stay in Jordan where they participated in a summer work camp organized by the Palestine National Liberation Movement, Al Fatah.

During the course of the group's stay in Jordan, Western and Zionist press sources dreamed up stories relating to the purpose of the camp including an allegation that the European members of the camp were receiving training and were to be sent on 'missions' of sabotage in their own countries. Zionist circles attempted to exploit this allegation by drawing attention to pro-Palestinian groups including the PSC and implying a connection between their activities and the 'training' received by the Europeans in Jordan.

A MONTH WITH AL FATAH

Friends of Palestine report on their stay with Al Fatah. A speaker from the British group who lived with the Palestinian guerrillas will address a public meeting.

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'Friends of Palestine' the local group which organized the trip from Britain denied that Al-Fatah had given training to members of the camp. Al-Fatah itself, in a statement issued in Jordan and Beirut also denied these false press reports. The members of the camp, before leaving Jordan held a press conference which explained their experiences in the camp. They confirmed that they had not received any military training and declared that the purpose of the camp was two-fold;-1. The providing of first hand knowledge to a selection of European youth on the Palestinian Liberation Movement with a view to

deepening the sympathy and support of European revolutionaries for the Palestinian Revolution. The Europeans could then act as emissaries explaining and interpreting the Palestinian armed struggle to their comrades.

2. By engaging in work among the Palestinian refugee masses, a spirit of comradeship would develop and the Palestinian masses would become aware of the support that European revolutionary youth give to their just struggle for liberation. This is of particular importance because of the complete distrust and suspicion with which the Palestinian people regard the people of the West.

The members of the camp declared that support for the Palestinian armed struggle was not a 'fad' replacing support for the Vietnam cause or any other cause. It was a just and revolutionary cause in its own right which is mobilising support by virtue of the heroic effort and determination exhibited by the Palestinian liberation fighters. Several Jews among the members of the camp testified to the total absence of anti-Semitism among the leadership and rank-and-file of Al-Fatah and among the Palestinian people.

On the contrary, the Europeans felt the constant insistence on differentiating between Jews and Zionists and on the aim of creating a liberated multi-racial and multi-religious Palestinian state, in which Jews will live and participate as equals.

During the press conference members insisted that, despite some differences of opinion that existed within the camp and despite criticisms that were made by a few of some aspects of Al-Fatah, their support for Al-Fatah was total and unconditional. The interrogation and publicity that accompanied the British group's return aroused some curiosity among interested observers. The accusation levied against the returning group, even were it to be true, seemed an impertinence coming from the British authorities who do not, it seems, care to question British mercenaries fighting for foreign governments in Africa or Zionists flying to and from Israel after doing their tour of duty for the Israeli aggressors.

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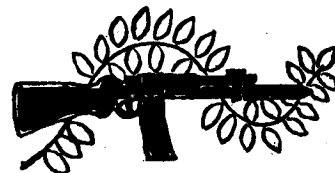
Hunger Strike in swiss jail

The authorities of Switzerland continue in their persecution of the three Palestinian liberation fighters held in a Swiss jail. The ill-treatment of the three guerrillas, members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, who attacked an Israeli airliner in Zurich Airport last February, has led them to begin a hunger strike on August 20th which is still going on.

The Swiss authorities concealed news of the hunger strike even from the two lawyers appointed by these authorities to act as defence attorneys for the guerrillas. The two lawyers, Juerg Meister and R.R. Treadwell, learned of the strike 17 days after it had begun and resigned in protest against the suppression of the news. One of the lawyers, Mr. Meister, stated that he visited the guerrillas and discovered that they were "very weak and absolutely exhausted."

It will be recalled that after the attack on the Israeli airliner, an Israeli "security officer" on board the aircraft shot one of the Palestinian guerrillas after he had surrendered. The Israeli murderer was arrested by the Swiss authorities but was soon set free on bail. The three Palestinians also arrested were refused bail by the same authorities.

The deplorable bias shown by the Swiss officials and their criminal treatment of the Palestinian liberation fighters has aroused the hostility of many Arabs. It is up to the supporters of the Palestine cause to also make known their feelings to the outwardly neutral but in reality pro-Zionist and fascist authorities of Switzerland.



Confrontation at Speakers Corner ; Sunday



Part of the large crowd gathered round the Palestinian stand

One Sunday in April this year, a small group of students ventured out to Speaker's Corner to speak on the case of the Palestinian people. The reception was varied, with stages from the sympathetic to the openly hostile. On leaving that day the idea was born and formulated along the line that here was an audience, which, although containing a large hostile element, was at least a guaranteed weekly audience.

On the strength of this assumption the group concerned formed themselves into the Hyde Park Association with the decision to make permanent their stand at Speaker's Corner to address the public on the subject of the Palestinian struggle.

The hostile element among the audience jeered and cat-called their way through the first few meetings. With each successive meeting their numbers grew and the jeers turned into threats, but as their numbers increased so did the support for the Palestinian stand.

To the Zionists the situation was horrific: that Palestinians should actually speak their case was one thing (a phenomenon that had been successfully crushed over the last twenty years by their well-organised propaganda machine) but the real disaster for them was the fact that some people were actually listening and the effects of their Zionist hecklers was completely ineffectual

and a cause of irritation amongst the now large and attentive audience. Something had to be done or members of the British public might at last find the other side of the coin and hear the truth that has been the Zionists' closely guarded secret for 20 years.

THE ZIONIST COUNTERATTACK

Leaders of Zionist organisations met at Rex House in Lower Regent Street, the headquarters of the Zionist Federation in Britain to review this problem and discuss their tactics for counterattack. The stories to tell and the yarns to spin were explained to the perspective speakers. Excerpts from one of these "lessons" was shown on Panorama in July.

Having had a crash course in how to put over Zionist propaganda, and armed with a brand-new Israeli flag, the graduated speakers set off for Hyde Park. Their venture was hopeless: nobody wanted to listen, nobody even bothered to heckle.

The police who every week have stationed themselves around the Palestinian stand would leave Speaker's Corner when they brought their meeting to a close. The Zionist speaker then leapt up on his orange box, hoisted his new flag and called to the "poor, disillusioned public" that had been gathered around the Palestinian flag to rally round him while he tried to explain the "true

facts" of the case. But the stories he told them of "the desert that bloomed" and "the non-existence of the Palestinian people" would no longer wash for they had seen a Palestinian and heard him tell of the tragedy and heroism of his people.

In a month the new Zionist stand had given up in despair while the stand of the Palestinians returned week after week in greater strength.

ZIONISTS RESORT TO VIOLENCE

New tactics had to be sought by the Zionists, and as is well known, the decision was taken to resort to violence.

At the following meetings the Zionist aim was total disruption. Apart from constant jeering, booing, even singing and dancing, fights started, at first isolated but as the temperature rose the fighting became more widespread and increasingly vicious. As a supporter of the Palestinian struggle, to attend these meetings is becoming increasingly dangerous.

But the Palestinian people have decided that the only course open to them is one of self-reliance and have taken up arms to liberate their homeland. Why then should members of the British public be intimidated by Zionist thugs and threats of violence?

FROM THE AIMS OF PSC

PSC opposes all forms of racism. It will actively struggle against Zionism and anti-Jewish racism as rigorously as it will fight against anti-Arab racism, a legacy of imperialism fostered by Zionist propaganda. PSC joins the Palestinian liberation fighters in declaring solidarity with all Jews inside and outside Israel who are fighting against the Zionist, racist and expansionist state of Israel. It calls on all progressive anti-Zionist Jews in Britain to organise themselves for the defeat of Zionist propaganda and the liberation of the Jews from that aberration that has transformed many of them into unabashed racists, subservient to imperialism.

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ialist interests; they hope they can protect their other interests in the Arab world by glossing over imperialism's commitment to Zionism or pretending that no such commitment exists.

The Phantoms that are now in the hands of the Israelis should spell the end of all illusions about U.S. imperialism. Those who still advocate a "rapprochement" between the United States and the Arab world are serving to blind the Arab peoples as to the identity of their enemy, and to the inevitability of confronting that enemy, the United States.

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The situation within Israel itself is one of alarm as a completely new stage in Fedayeen activity unfolds itself. For several weeks now the Israeli army has had to face large-scale attacks along all of Israel's frontiers often simultaneously. A particularly significant new development is the use of large units of Fedayeen combining fighters from two or more guerrilla organisations to strike against enemy strongholds along wide fronts. One such operation was "Operation Green-belt" carried out on August 8 by a combined force of Al Assifah (military arm of Al Fatah) PLA (Palestine Liberation Army), and PLF (Popular Liberation Forces) comprising hundreds of guerrillas attacked Israeli strongholds and settlements along a four-mile front.

According to a communique by the Palestinian Armed Struggle Command three Israeli military posts and three settlements were attacked and occupied; after hoisting the Palestinian flag over the captured positions and distributing leaflets in Hebrew, the forces withdrew to their bases before Israeli army units could surround them. Scores of Israeli soldiers were killed and wounded, while four tanks, five tracked vehicles, a rocket unit, and many installations were destroyed.

On the night of 3rd-4th September what was described as the heaviest attack against Israeli positions since the June war was launched by the forces of Al-Fatah. The attack consisted of two operations "Operation Bayonets of Fatah", and "Operation

The Good Earth". The latter operation involved an attack on the town of Al Himmeh in the occupied Syrian Heights, resulting in the commandos breaking through the Israeli defence and exploding charges within Israeli installations. Simultaneously, the "Bayonets of Fatah" unit attacked a string of Israeli positions in the Galilee region. Both operations resulted in the inflicting of heavy casualties on the Zionist forces and the destruction of large quantities of equipment.

On 2nd. September a 25 man unit of the Al-Saiqa forces ambushed an Israeli armoured car convoy in the occupied Syrian Heights. The attack, which took place in broad daylight, destroyed three armoured vehicles and killed and wounded all their occupants. Israeli sources admitted the death of four soldiers and the wounding of several others and expressed alarm at the fact that the Fedayeen had started to operate in daylight, a reflection of their increased power and confidence.

The magnitude and proliferation of today's Fedayeen operations, and the implications of the combined nature of many of them which cement the links between the guerrilla organisations, are the cause of intense anxiety inside Israel. Israel and its imperialist backers are preparing for a new aggression. The Zionist propaganda machine is now active in psychologically preparing Western Opinion for a new Israeli "defensive war".

Supporters of the Palestinian armed struggle should exercise great vigilance in facing up to the Zionist propaganda offensive, and in being alert to the machinations of imperialism should they manifest themselves in the counter-revolutionary activities of any Arab government.

Al-Assifa

Blows Up Dam



In an important military operation, an engineering unit from Al-Assifa (the military wing of Al-Fatah) blew up an Israeli dam in the north Galilee region.

The operation, carried out at 1 am on Friday, September 12, demolished the dam situated in the locality of the Zionist colony of Nehraim at the point forming the juncture between the Yarmuk and Jordan rivers.

The operation resulted in the overflow of the huge reservoir controlled by the dam and the flooding of large areas of agricultural land exploited by a string of Zionist colonies south of Lake Tiberias.

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VICTORIES IN AUGUST

323 military vehicles destroyed. 14 ammunition dumps set on fire. Attacks on Israeli military governors' headquarters in Gaza City, Nablus, Al Khalleh, Qalqilia, and in Beit Lahm. 131 Israeli military posts destroyed. On August 31, attacks were made on Israeli posts along a six-mile stretch in the north Jordan valley, more than 70 Israeli troops were killed and wounded, and 10 vehicles including two tanks were destroyed.