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TO OUR READERS AND FRIENDS,

HAPPY NEW YEAR - 1982

On the occasion of the New Year - 1982, we extend to you warm fraternal greetings and wish you a happy New Year.

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## THE 9TH PLENARY SESSION OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF ISRAEL

On October 13-14, 1981, the 9th plenary session of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Israel took place, with the participation of the members of the Central Control Commission.

The chairman of the session was Comrade Tawfiq Toubi, Deputy General Secretary.

Comrade Meir Vilner, the General Secretary, lectured about the political situation and the organizational work of the Party.

Comrade David (Sasha) Khanin, member of the Political Bureau and Secretary of the Central Committee delivered a report about the work of the Political Bureau and the Secretariat.

A debate took place, which was summed up by Comrade Meir Vilner.

The Central Committee confirmed the lecture, the report and the summation.

The Central Committee adopted the following resolutions:

### 1. AGAINST THE BARBAROUS ACTS OF OPPRESSION IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Israel condemns the brutal acts of oppression carried out by the Begin-Sharon government against the Palestinian people in the occupied territories. The oppressive actions have assumed a most barbarous character and dimensions after the appointment of Erick Sharon to the post of Minister of Defence and of M. Milson to the post of head of the "Civil Administration" in the occupied territories.

The Central Committee denounces the crimes of collective punishment, the imposition of curfew on towns, villages and refugee camps, the blowing up of houses, the closing down of the Bir-Zeit University and the shut down of the "Al-Fajr" newspaper, the mass

arrests of demonstrators, the tortures inside the prisons, the detention of public figures, mayors, leaders of the organisations of workers, teachers, students, pupils, and the brutal attacks of the occupation army against demonstrators and strikers.

The Begin-Sharon government attempts to liquidate with blood and fire the existence of the Palestinian Arab people, to bring about complete colonization of the West Bank, with the aim of its annexation to Israel.

The stepped-up actions of oppression by the military government on the West Bank, has as its aim to aggravate the situation to its extreme, to find quislings who will collaborate with the occupation authorities and to impose by mere force the "administrative autonomy" of the Camp David brand, which has as its aim to ensure the continuation of the occupation and colonization of the occupied Palestinian territories.

The Central Committee states that no barbarous oppressive actions, which in accordance with international law and the Geneva Convention are crimes against humanity, will not succeed in breaking the spirit of the Palestinian Arab people, who is waging a just struggle for national liberation from the yoke of occupation and for the establishment of its independent state alongside the State of Israel.

The Central Committee calls upon all forces of peace, on all conscientious people in Israel, to raise their voice against the barbarous acts of oppression of the Begin-Sharon government and for a just Israeli-Palestinian peace, for the benefit of both peoples.

## 2. TO PREVENT A NEW AGGRESSION AGAINST LEBANON

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Israel states, that in view of the failure of the Camp David accords and the plan of the "autonomy", a new stage has been opened in the struggle for the establishment of comprehensive, just and stable peace in the Middle East. On one hand, the demand of the peoples is intensifying and there is a growing number of states which are in favour of a just and realistic solution within the framework of the UNO. On the other hand, the ruling circles in Israel, backed by American



imperialism, act for blocking the road to Israeli-Palestinian peace and for a comprehensive and fundamental solution of the Israeli-Arab conflict.

Under these circumstances, the Begin-Sharon government acts for sharpening the situation in the region. It intensifies the oppression in the occupied Arab territories, carries out provocative reconnaissance flights above areas of Saudi Arabia and prepares a new aggressive action against Lebanon.

The government and leaders of the Labour Party are also interested, to obstruct, by means of a new initiated war against Lebanon, the efforts exerted for bringing about a national reconciliation in Lebanon, to ensure the continuation of the Israeli occupation of southern Lebanon, to come back again and try to break the Palestinian Resistance Movement and the Lebanese patriotic forces, to hit Syria, which conducts an independent and anti-imperialist policy.

The preparations for war against Lebanon have been stepped up with the expansion of the support given by Arab states and many states in the west, to the proposal of the President of the Soviet Union L. Brezhnev, to convene on the issue of the Middle East an international conference with the participation of the Soviet Union, the USA, Israel, the PLO and all the sides involved in the conflict, in order to establish comprehensive, just and stable peace, in whose centre should be Israeli-Palestinian peace.

The hysterical campaign waged by the Begin-Sharon government and the leadership of the Labour Party against the proposals of Saudi Arabia for the establishment of comprehensive and just peace in the Middle East, which are based on UNO decisions, and against any possibility of convening an international conference on the issue of the Middle East, with the participation of the Soviet Union and the USA, proves again that the ruling circles in Israel are not interested in peace, but in occupation and annexation.

The failure of the Camp David accords, which were aimed at bringing about American domination over the region and at liquidating the national rights of the Palestinian Arab people proves that comprehensive,

just and stable peace in the Middle East can be achieved not by way of intensifying the arms race and by strategic blocs with American imperialism against the peoples of the region and against the Soviet Union, but by struggle against those dangerous steps, by extending the detente to the Middle East, by convening an international conference under the auspices of UNO, with the participation of the Soviet Union and the United States and all parties in our region which are involved in the conflict.

The Central Committee warns against the danger of an initiated war against Lebanon and calls upon all forces of peace in Israel, upon all those who oppose a new military adventure, to act in common, and urgently for blocking the plot, which is liable to bring disaster on the Israeli people and the Arab peoples alike.

The Central Committee calls upon all champions of peace and independence to struggle unitedly against the strategic alliance with the USA, which bears within itself the gravest perils for peace and security.

### 3. SUPPORT FOR THE WORKERS' STRUGGLE

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Israel expresses its full support for the struggle of the workers in defence of their wages and working conditions, against dismissals and restriction of their rights.

The expansion of the workers' struggles and their militant spirit express their will to defend their wages and rights in face of the concentrated offensive of the employers and government.

The Central Committee expresses its full support of the just struggle of the flight engineers of "El-Al" airline, who are striking against arbitrary dismissals.

The Central Committee points out the solidarity of all "El-Al" workers with the struggle of the flight engineers; the mobilisation of the work committees of the 13 big enterprises in support of the "El-Al" workers.

The Central Committee expresses its opposition to the policy of the Histadrut leadership, which in general does not side with the struggles of the workers and even comes out against them.

The alienation of the Histadrut leadership with regard to the just struggles of the workers in "El-Al", the textile industry, public service and other branches of the economy, intensifies the distrust of the workers towards the Histadrut, assists the demagogy of the Likud, enables the ministers of the Begin-Aridor-Levy government (Aridor is the Minister of Finance, Levy is a Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Housing - IB) to intervene in labour conflicts. This policy of the Alignment leadership in the Histadrut, which puts the brakes on the struggles of the workers under the pretext of "concern about the economy", is liable to bring about in the next elections, seizure of power by the Likud, the political bloc of the big capitalists, also in the Histadrut.

The Central Committee demands from the Histadrut leadership to change its policy and to side with the struggle of the workers.

#### 4. AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "NATIONAL UNITY" GOVERNMENT

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Israel warns against the danger of establishing a "national unity" government of the Likud and the Labour Party.

Such a "national unity" government will be a government of political hawks, united on the basis of the four NOs which prevent Israel from achieving peace: NO to the withdrawal from the Arab territories occupied in 1967; NO to the cancellation of the annexation of Eastern Jerusalem; NO to an independent Palestinian state alongside the State of Israel; NO to the recognition of the PLO, the sole and authorized representative of the Palestinian Arab people.

A "national unity" government will be a government which will entangle Israel in war adventures, a government which will act against the interests of

the workers and popular masses, and will isolate Israel still more in the international arena.

The Labour Party's joining the Likud government will symbolise its turning into a puppet of the Likud and external and internal policy, in economy and society.

The Central Committee calls upon Mapam, on the realistic and workers' forces within the Labour Party, to jointly struggle with the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality against the establishment of "national unity" government, for a fundamental change of Israeli policy in the direction of peace, democracy, equality of rights and social progress.

5. FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE DEMOCRATIC MUNICIPALITY  
IN NAZARETH AND FOR EQUALITY OF RIGHTS FOR THE  
ARAB LOCAL COUNCILS

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Israel expresses its energetic protest against the policy of discrimination and deprivation of rights which is waged by the government against the democratic municipality in Nazareth and in general against the Arab local councils.

The Central Committee accuses the government with non-fulfilling of its responsibilities and promises with regard to the municipality of Nazareth, in an intended attempt at foiling it.

The Central Committee expresses solidarity with the direction of the Nazareth municipality and its workers, who have been on strike already two weeks, demanding from the government to transfer the amount of the budget which are due to the municipality, in order to pay the workers their wages and prevent the suffering of the city residents.

The Central Committee calls upon all democratic forces in Israel to raise a voice of protest against the discrimination pursued against the municipality of Nazareth and for equality of rights to the local councils.

Let us defend the democratic municipality of Nazareth!

ZO-HADEREKH, Nov. 18, 1981

## THE STRATEGIC ACCORD BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES

Speech of Comrade Meir  
Vilner, delivered in  
the Knesset on December  
2nd., 1981.

Mister Chairman, Members of the Knesset,

We believe that the day of signing the strategic accord between Israel and the United States is a black day for Israel and the region. The Likud government is turning Israel into the American military base number one in the region, against the Soviet Union and all the states in the Middle East, the Persian Gulf and Africa which are not following the lead of Washington. For these aims the Israeli army will be placed at the disposition of any wars initiated by the United States.

We are convinced that the strategic accord absolutely contradicts the vital interests of Israel, endangers her security to an unprecedented extent, endangers the very existence of the State of Israel.

I definitely agree with what I have read this morning in the leading article of "Davar", and I quote from it the following: "The strategic accord is a superfluous provocation of a world power." And further: "The State of Israel has taken a far-reaching step by the decision of a handful of persons, as if Israel was a tyrannical regime in which the ruler decides in collusion with two to three advisors chosen by himself. This method of "let us act and later hear", that is to say - let us first commit ourselves and later discuss, cannot be tolerated in a democratic state."

This smacks of the dictatorship of one individual or several individuals. Even members of the government had not seen the document. They hurriedly discussed something that was not clear to themselves, and the Knesset is being belittled. What is perhaps the most fateful matter is decided upon without the Knesset. Is this not an unprecedented adventurism, when on the scales lies the jeopardy of the whole future of the State of Israel? The signing of the strategic accord is liable to become the source of a catastrophe for Israel and the peoples of the region.

An overdose of cynicism is required in order to declare, as the minister of defence, Sharon has done in the United States, that this strategic accord constitutes a contribution to world peace. This is a step in the spirit of the cold war in its darkest days. This is an encouragement of extremist forces in the United States which are liable to thrust mankind into a nuclear holocaust, as the danger of a nuclear world war in our generation stems from the United States.

In no international document, including conventions of NATO, SEATO and CENTO, the Soviet Union is explicitly mentioned as the declared enemy of those sides. In the strategic accord with the United States, Israel now declares the Soviet Union to be an enemy of Israel. This is something which even western powers have not dared to do, and they know what the risk is in opening a global campaign against the Soviet Union or being involved in such designs as will be unable to save their own peoples.

In what is styled as "the strategic memorandum of understanding between Israel and the United States" it was said: "The sides recognize the necessity of advancing the strategic cooperation in order to deter any menace to the region on the part of the Soviet Union." And this was reiterated many times. Minister Sharon declared in the United States that the Soviet Union will be in ten to twenty years a main enemy, a main threat to the State of Israel. He added: "We are more and more surrounded in the Middle East, the Persian Gulf and Africa by states which are friendly with the Soviet Union."

In the first point it was written: "The strategic cooperation United States-Israel, as it is outlined in this memorandum is directed against the threat to the peace of the region and its security which is caused by the Soviet Union or by forces controlled by the Soviet Union, which were introduced into the region from outside."

We know that the defence minister was in Africa, and at least in two states where he was, he proposed to organize, with the help of the Israeli air force, in a camouflaged form, an attack on Libya and the overthrow of the present regime there. We know that it

is possible to interpret these words of the memorandum also when ten Libyan soldiers are in Lebanon as forces which allegedly were introduced into the region by the Soviet Union.

In the paragraph of the first point it was written that Israel and the United States "will render to each other military assistance to an action of the their armed forces in the region." What does that mean "will render to each other military assistance to an action in the region?" At the same time, the minister of defence declares that we do not want American soldiers to fight alongside Israel. What, then, does this mean: to render military assistance to actions of the forces in the region? The meaning is that in case of Israel's not needing American soldiers, the soldiers of Israel will fight at the side of the United States, or in the service in wars or in a military intervention in the Middle East or outside it. These are matters of utmost gravity.

In point two it was said that there will also be cooperation "in the establishment and maintenance of joint actions of alert as agreed upon by the sides." As all Israeli and American commentators explain, the intention is assistance rendered by Israel to the American Rapid Deployment Forces which are aimed at "defending" the oil fields in the Persian Gulf. This is a commitment to take part in wars in a much greater area than we were used until now.

This accord also contains secret points. I definitely believe the minister of defence who has declared that in addition to what was signed publicly, there are also secret accords - which, as he said - will be passed on to commissions that have been set up and these contain details which have already been agreed upon and will yet be agreed upon in the commissions. There - as he said, and I quote the newspaper "Davar" of today - "are also operative matters which we had requested". Reference is to actions of a joint military intervention of a character of war or other subversion in extensive areas in the Middle East, the Persian Gulf and Africa.

There is no doubt that these secret accords contain an additional aggravation and are liable to entangle Israel in dangers of a kind which she has never known.

There is also a point about "cooperation in defense trade". This means the supply of arms for dirty purposes, to El-Salvador, Chile, Uruguay, Guatemala - countries in which fascist-military tyrants kill their own peoples with Israeli arms, a fact which evokes anger at Israel among the peoples of Latin America and in broadest circles in the world. Also the atomic cooperation with South Africa is part and parcel of that.

Israel is officially turning into a base for American aggression and the Israeli army is officially turning into a mercenary force for American aims of intervention.

Minister of Defence, Sharon, has claimed at one of his appearances in the United States that the strategic accord constitutes a historic turning point. Let us suppose that this is so - so what? In what direction? Is this historical turning point to the benefit of Israel or a terrible peril for Israel? Is the historical turning point, as you define it, for the benefit of peace and security or is it an endangerment of security at an unprecedented extent? It is correct as you have said in the United States, that this puts the relations between Israel and the United States on a higher level and that this accord is only a beginning and will yet have a content of joint military actions.

It is correct that one of the "achievements" which you have defined is, as you have said, that "the targets of the accord are not only aimed at Soviet forces, but also at forces which are influenced by the Soviets, such as Cubans, North Koreans, etc". Indeed, there is no limit to adventurism!

The Israeli government has proposed to the Americans to write the following explicit point, and I quote: "Against forces under Soviet control in the region itself". The wording which was adopted is not identical with the wording which had been proposed by Israel, because the Americans were not interested in openly declaring war on part of the United States against the Arab states, against states in Africa and the Persian Gulf. But the secret parts and secret accords complete this. The accord is also explicitly directed against the states and peoples in the Middle East which do not dovetail the American line.



On whom do you declare enmity and war? On the Soviet Union, which saved Jews, which saved the survivors from the hands of the nazis. You declare war on the Soviet Union which sacrificed 20 millions of her sons for saving the world from the nazi beast; you declare war on the Soviet Union, which contributed such a great share to the establishment of the State of Israel in the framework of the decision of November 29, 1947 about the establishment of two states in the country - a Jewish and an Arab. The Soviet Union, from its side, has never changed its principled position towards the State of Israel, its right to security and peace. Not against Israel does the Soviet Union conduct its policy but against the ruling policy, against the occupation, which is a disaster also for the State of Israel and the Israeli people.

At the 26th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union which has taken place this year, the President of the Soviet Union, Brezhnev, proposed, and I quote: "If true peace in the Middle East is wanted, the Israeli occupation of all the Arab territories which were occupied in 1967 must cease. The rights of the Palestinian Arab people, including the establishment of their own state must be realized. It is necessary to ensure the security and sovereignty of all the states in this region, including Israel. These are fundamental principles. As regards details, it is self-evident that they can constitute a subject of discussions". He proposed to convoke for this aim an international conference with the participation of all the sides involved, including Israel and the PLO and with the participation of the United States and the Soviet Union.

This is not a hostile policy towards Israel. On the contrary, Brezhnev has proposed international guarantees to Israel and the Palestinian state and to the peace accord which will be signed with all the Arab states, in order to ensure the peace frontiers which - and they alone - can be security frontiers.

At the meeting which recently has taken place in Moscow with the President of North Yemen, Brezhnev said that the Soviet Union seeks friendship with all the states of the Middle East, without any exception, and the intention is again clear - Israel.

Now Soviet representatives are sitting with American representatives in Geneva, and I am certain that the Soviet Union exerts there supreme efforts in order to dispel the tension, put an end to the arms race which imperils world peace, consolidate detente. And here, at this hour, a knife, though a small one, is handled by Israel in order to stab also the international efforts, by means of the strategic accord which is explicitly directed against the peoples in the region and against the Soviet Union.

For what purpose you are doing all this? In order to receive American backing for the continuation of the occupation of the Palestinian territories; in order to receive American backing for the annexation which you are preparing; in order to bring about the annihilation of the Palestinian people as a people; and out of extreme anti-communist ideological reasons.

Members of Knesset,

I know that here is a majority which will perhaps reject the proposal of no-confidence. However, your act is not so much against the Soviet Union : The Soviet Union will withstand also your threat. It has withstood bigger heroes, the enemies of the Soviet Union, fascists and nazis, and has prevailed over them. It is not the Soviet Union which you will endanger; you are endangering our own people, our own homeland - it is Israel which you are endangering. And this is what arouses us.

Israel, as a small state in the Middle East, must not enter the jaws of the American lion. The interest of Israel is just peace, sovereignty, independence of foreigners - this is an Israeli interest; neutrality in foreign policy - this is an Israeli interest. Improvement of the relations with the Soviet Union on this basis - this is an Israeli interest. Even friendship can exist between Israel and the Soviet Union. There can be diplomatic relations, economic and cultural relations. All depends on us. The Soviet Union has never changed its preparedness to resume the diplomatic relations and establish friendly relations also with the State of Israel.

However, with a State of Israel which is not an occupant, which does not endanger peace in the region. But Israel, in a certain respect contributes - as proved by the present strategic accord - a provocative share against world peace.

Members of Knesset,

We will yet need the Soviet Union. You commit the same fatal error which was committed by Arab elements in 1947-1948, when they attacked the Soviet Union because it supported the right of self-determination and national independence of both peoples in this country. At that time, Gromyko told them: Do not spit in the well from which you will yet have to drink. And I tell you: Do not spit into the well from which you will yet have to drink. You will yet need the assistance of the Soviet Union, which is so near to us and which is the friend of all peoples without exception, who are for peace, independence and who do not stand for aims of wars, occupation and annexation.

## THE LAW OF ANNEXATION OF THE GOLAN IS A WAR-LIKE PROVOCATION

Speech by Comrade Tawfiq  
Toubi, delivered in the  
Knesset on Dec. 14, 1981

The tabling of the bill for the annexation of the Golan Heights one hour before the opening of an ordinary session of the Knesset is an unprecedented parliamentary and political scandal. We protest categorically against this terrorist behaviour of the majority towards the Knesset.

This is parliamentary terror which cannot be endured. This has destroyed this house, the Knesset and the parliamentary foundations on which the State of Israel rests.

On the other hand, the decision of the Alignment to boycott the debate because of the contradictory positions within it is a flight from the battle, also when that battle is forced on one, the responsibility for the cause of peace, the fate and future of the State in the region, the future of its relations with the neighbouring Arab states, obliges one to stand up and oppose the bill.

This is a bill for the annexation of the Golan Heights, the Syrian territory occupied in June 1967. This is the annexation of a territory which has been defined by all international conventions and accords as Syrian territory. The historio-graphic arguments which we have heard today from the Prime Minister and representatives of the coalition factions will be of no avail. The international frontiers which Israel has pledged to respect when it was founded in 1948 define in the most explicit manner that the Golan Heights are within the sovereign territory of the Syrian state. In the course of the 15 years after the June 1967 war, the Israeli governments accepted various documents, whether that is Resolution 242 of the Security Council, which the Israeli government accepted several years after its adoption in the Security Council, or Resolution 338 of the Security Council, on whose basis international agreements were signed. The disengagement accords with

Syria were based on Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. Thereby the State of Israel recognized the fact that the Golan Heights are Syrian territory in the hands of the Israeli army as an administered area until the peace agreement when such will be forthcoming. The Israeli government pledged itself to respect Resolution 242 of the Security Council, which negates the annexation of territories which were seized by the force of arms. And here now the Begin government comes out and adopts an adventurist decision, which does not only contradict international law and decisions of the family of nations, which Israel must respect out of its self-interest and concern about itself. Thereby the Likud government raises yet another serious obstacle on the path to just and stable peace, which the masses of the people in Israel and all the neighbouring Arab peoples are looking forward to and aspire to achieve.

When the Israeli government throws off all restraint, when it throws off every obligation to respect international laws, decisions of the UNO institutions and the accepted system in relations between states also in time of war and after it - by this demeanour the Likud government even surpasses the bounds of behaviour of savages in the jungle. Thereby the government renounces the defence of the laws and conventions in the system of relations of the states in the international arena, which Israel needs perhaps more than any other state. The Likud government takes upon itself a heavy responsibility, and by this mad step it undermines in the gravest manner the status of the State of Israel, renouncing its state as a law-abiding state, and turning Israel into a state of robbery and pillage at the point of the sword. History has taught that it is impossible to exist within the family of peoples by only relying on the sword.

Members of the Knesset,

This is an act which proves the limitless aspirations and plans of expansion and annexation of the Likud government. Basing itself on historical frontiers, the Likud government proves the existence of the appetite for expansion and annexation of the Zionist rulers up to the Euphrates and perhaps the Nile. You prove that this government does not want any peace settlement with the Arab states which would fix the frontiers of Israel.

You prove that you do not envisage peace. This government refuses to attain peace not only with the Palestinian people but also with the other Arab peoples and states. By this act of aggressive annexation, this government wants to perpetuate the state of war with Syria, and thereby with the neighbouring states, as it does, in order to perpetuate the state of war with the Palestinian Arab people.

The government annexes a Syrian territory and says demagogically and cynically that Israel envisages peace, while the Syrians do not want peace. This is a cynicism steeped in crime, when the whole world knows that the Syrian government has agreed with the decisions of the Security Council, the decisions of the UNO and is prepared for a peace settlement in the Middle East on the basis of the withdrawal of Israel from the territories occupied in June 1967, on the basis of recognition of the right of the Palestinian Arab people to establish their state in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, and on the basis of mutually respecting the independence and sovereignty of all states and peoples, including Israel.

This position comes to expression at all sorts of occasions by the Syrian government; but the Israeli government grossly disavows this.

By this act, the Israeli government proclaims before the people and the world that it does not want true peace with the Arab peoples and states in the region. You, members of the Likud government, prove that the Israeli government wants the continuation of the bloodshed and wants that finally, only the sword should determine.

This step, Members of Knesset, is not only a step contradicting the international principles and laws, but also want thereby to perpetuate the expulsion of the inhabitants of the Golan Heights, who were expelled in 1967 and prepare the soil for the expulsion of the sons of the Syrian-Arab people who had held on their land and have not renounced their staying there. They withstood and will withstand every pressure and terror intended to rob them of their identity and adherence to the Syrian-Arab people, and just as they have withstood the terror intended to

force on them the Israeli identity cards, they will also heroically withstand their uprooting and the disjunction of their lands from the Syrian homeland.

One cannot interpret the act of this aggressive annexation of the Golan Heights but as a provocative step. This is in fact an act of war. By this act the Likud government thinks that it can, by exploiting certain situations, succeed in creating new accomplished facts of annexation. The Likud government provocatively exploits the Camp David accord, which has neutralized Egypt by the disruption of her relations with Syria and the other neighbouring Arab states, and has carried out the act of annexing the Golan before next April - the term of the evacuation of Sinai.

By this war-like act, the Likud government pushes towards the unleashing of an aggressive war in Lebanon, against Syria, against the Palestinian Arab people and against Lebanon. About this adventurist step Brzezinski spoke in the New York Times of Dec. 6, 1981, as has been written in the Israeli press.

It is possible that the Likud government, in coordination with the United States, thinks that today it is a suitable time for this provocative aggressive act and even for unleashing war against Syria, simply calculating that the focus of international interest will be today directed at Poland and then they can carry out the design of annexation and aggression without encountering an appropriate reaction. This is a tragic mistake. The government representatives will come to know that by this act they will not only provoke against them, against the Israeli government, the Arab peoples, but also the family of the peoples which wants true peace in the Middle East on the basis of mutual respecting rights of the Arab peoples and their territorial sovereignty as well as the rights of Israel and its sovereign territory, without any annexation and occupation.

You speak about a day of feast? This is a tragic day, this is a fatal step, which raises before the people in Israel new obstacles to peace, to integration in the region. By this you only create a situation of continuation of bloodletting. However, I am

certain that the masses of the people in Israel will know, from their own experience, to draw conclusions and will overthrow this government and its strivings for occupation, annexation and war; they will overthrow it and will repeal the laws of annexation, the laws of war.



## NO-CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT WHICH CONDUCTS A LICENTIOUS AND PROVOCATIVE POLICY

Speech of Comrade Tawfiq  
Toubi delivered in the  
Knesset on Dec. 2nd, 1981

A pretended discussion is taking place as to which of the two sides, the United States or Israel, had exerted the drive and pressure for signing the agreement for strategic military cooperation between the two sides. The USA pretendedly appears as the ravished side which attempts to play down the dimensions of the agreement, while the Israeli side appears as the one who pushed towards and attained a great victory. The truth is that the two sides to the one intrigue have placed the region and the world before a new dangerous step in the aggressive policy of American imperialism, which leans upon and is assisted by the rulers of Israel in their role as the gendarme against the peoples of the region in the service of the American oil tycoons and monopolies, and for advancing the aggressive plans of the USA - global as well as regional - against the Soviet Union on the one hand, and against the security and peace of the peoples in the Middle East region, on the other hand.

In the interview given by the Prime Minister to "Yedi'ot Ahronot" on the eve of the Jewish New Year (Sept. 29, 1981), Begin said: "The conceptual initiative in the matter of strategic cooperation with Israel came in fact from the American Secretary of State, Alexander Haig. This initiative of Haig was expressed in an interview with him that was published in the "New York Times", in which he stated: 'In the course of the years there has been much rhetoric about a strategic cooperation between Israel and the United States. We have had enough of rhetoric. The bone of rhetoric must be clad with flesh'. (Quotations retranslated from Begin's Hebrew quotation - IB). Thus the Prime Minister cited Alexander Haig's words.

The American State Department is indeed the architect of the strategic cooperation, and the Israeli government is, in practice, a cat's-paw - not a passive cat's-paw, but an active and initiating one that impells

towards joint plots and impells towards the adventurist cooperation with the principal imperialist power, in an ardour of blind enmity towards the Soviet Union. This is apparently done out of the faulty calculation that thereby the Israeli government will strengthen the backing given by the USA to the policy of occupation and territorial expansion and the trampling of the rights of the Palestinian Arab people.

The new accord for strategic cooperation is a step of aggression against the neighbouring peoples and a provocation against the Soviet Union, which bears within itself grave dangers of a new aggression, of imperialist intervention in the region, with the help of Israel, after the paradigm of the tripartite aggression against Egypt in 1956 - for the defence of the interests of the American oil tycoons and monopolies, with the active help of Israeli soldiers, whom the Israeli government is prepared to send far beyond the borders of Israel, as far as the Persian Gulf, Saudi Arabia and Africa.

Reacting to the criticism levelled at him at the time preceding the signing of this accord, Minister Sharon declared in the centre of his "Herut" Party in September - as published in the press, that "the people who criticize the accord for strategic cooperation for its serving foreign interests, are the same people who, themselves, had placed the soldiers of the Israeli army at the disposal of the British and French adventurism in 1956." Minister Sharon demagogically stated: "We are not mercenaries but are defending our lives." However, in the same words, the helmsmen of Israel at that time justified the tripartite intrigue and aggression in Sinai-Suez in 1956, when they put the soldiers of the Israeli army at the service of the British and french aggression, in order to prevent the nationalization of the Suez Canal. With the same demagogy of "defence of our lives" and "defence of the 'free world'", the present helmsmen of Israel, Begin and Sharon, cover up the new intrigue, the perilous adventure of placing the military strength of Israel, the placing of its 700 thousand soldiers - as boasted by Begin when speaking in the United States last September - at the disposal of the American oil tycoons and monopolies, in order to defend their interests in the region - without any connection with the problems, security and concerns of Israel - against the independence of the Arab peoples

in the process of their liberation, and at the service of the global aggressive plans against the Soviet Union.

The new 'strategist', Minister Moda'i, has declared (according to the Jerusalem Post of December 2, 1981) that the defence of the frontiers of Israel will be, in accordance with this agreement, in Turkey or in Iraq. Thus Minister Moda'i has again confirmed the adventurist essence of this strategic agreement, which turns Israel into an imperialist base and puts the soldiers of Israel at the service of the imperialist plans of the USA in the region.

What is strange and amazing is the fact that at the same time when the peoples of Europe are getting on their feet and standing up against the American adventurist policy of frenzy arms race for gaining a hopeless military superiority, at the same time when the peoples of Europe say NO to the adventurist American policy which endangers Europe and the world - the Israeli government enthusiastically stands at the side of the American policy in the Middle East and thereby assists in sharpening the dangers of war, of aggression and a global flare-up with all the attending destructive results for the region and the popular masses of Israel.

What is strange and amazing is the fact that at the same time when the peaceful policy of the Soviet Union in Europe, the Middle East and the whole world is clearly visible; at the time when confronting the war-like and aggressive madness of the Reagan administration, which pushes the world into a nuclear catastrophe, the Soviet Union appears in the international arena, in Europe and also in the Middle East, with a policy of peaceful coexistence, with a policy of stopping the destructive arms race, with a policy of restricting the murderous strategic arms; and in the Middle East, the Soviet Union comes forward with a realistic plan for the solution of the crisis in the region, for just and stable peace, based on respecting the rights of Israel to sovereignty, security and peaceful coexistence, without any occupations and annexations, and for respecting the right of the Palestinian Arab people to their own independent and sovereign state alongside Israel; the Soviet Union comes out in the region as a decisive factor for peace and ensuring the rights of all the peoples - in contradiction to all these evident facts,

the Likud government is submerged in the swamp of poisonous hostility towards the Soviet Union and loses every sense of balance and any level-headed consideration.

In this accord and the licentious utterings of the rulers of Israel on this question, is something like a factual declaration of war against the Soviet Union. And this is a policy of suicide, to take up a Don-Quixotic, adventurist and crazy stand against the Soviet Union. It is an unconstrained behaviour which has not even be reached by President Reagan, to declare, as was done by the Prime Minister in the above-mentioned interview to "Yedi'ot Ahronot", that the proclaimed strategic accord against the Soviet Union will not only not give rise to negative responses in the relations with the Soviet Union, but that the Russians know to respect this language. Thus he said. And Begin added: For six years the foreign ministers of the two countries had not met. When did Gromyko and Shamir meet? After the conclusion of the strategic cooperation with the United States. This raises the reputation of Israel - says the Prime Minister.

This is a licentious and provocative utterance. Everybody knows that Gromyko met with Shamir, just as he had met more than six years before with the foreign minister of the Alignment government - after he had been requested by them to meet with him. Out of his wish to emphasize the principled peace policy of the Soviet Union and its principled relation towards Israel as a state which has the right to existence like all the states in the region, the Soviet Foreign Minister granted these requests in the past as well as now with regard to Minister Shamir, and gave his consent already before the Prime Minister's visit to Washington, where he discussed the strategic accord.

The Likud government drags by their policy the people into a most perilous adventurism, whose results are impossible to predict.

The State of Israel, the Israeli people, as well as the other states and peoples of the region, will find their security and quiet not by siding with the war-like plans of the United States against the Soviet Union, but by ensuring coexistence and peace between the great powers, by removing further away, the states and peoples

of the region, from the global scene, by removing from it the foreign bases, and by conducting a policy of independence and neutrality. Those who seek security for Israel in the strategic agreement with the United States only remove Israel and the Israeli people from any real security and from peace. This agreement will only deepen the hostility with the Arab peoples, will remove peace further away from the region and will drag Israel into military intrigues, into a dangerous adventurism and will turn it into a target in a murderous global war.

Only just and stable peace in the region, only peace with the Palestinian Arab people, which can be achieved if Israel agrees to live without occupations, without annexations and colonial settlements, will bring true security to Israel.

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## TOWARDS THE FORTHCOMING ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE AND IN THE PATH FOR A JUST PEACE

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With the approach of the convocation of the Arab Summit Conference (to be held in the Moroccan city of Fas on Nov. 25th.,) the real fundamental controversy, namely the Saudi plan for the settlement of the Middle East conflict will become obvious. The main issue will be whether the trailing after American imperialism and its futile promises will lead to a kind of lasting and just settlement - namely the path of Sadat and Camp David, or whether such a settlement cannot be achieved except by intensifying the struggle against the wild imperialist onslaught and by depending upon the forces of liberation and just peace, locally and internationally, headed by the Soviet Union.

At the same time, the Palestinian national leadership - the PLO - has emphasized its rejection to any compromise regarding the fundamental and legitimate Palestinian national rights and above all the total Israeli withdrawal from all the territories occupied since 1967 and the establishment of the independent Palestinian state with Arab Jerusalem as its capital under the leadership of the PLO - the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian Arab people.

Stemming from this position, we have considered the positive sides in the Saudi plan taking into consideration the following two: Extracting the issue of just settlement out of the framework of compromises with imperialism and rejecting a compromise regarding the legitimate and fundamental Palestinian national rights.

If we are allowed to lend our advice, we would advise all champions of just peace to concentrate their efforts upon those two clear and just demands which cannot be distorted by any side and to be cautious from falling into any traps or marginal splits, planned by the aggressors and enemies of peace.

The declaration made last Friday in Washington by the head of the Likud-Alignment Knesset delegation Moshe Arens - was neither a coincidence nor a "slip". He declared that: "Israel is ready to negotiate with Saudi Arabia regarding the Fahid 8-point plan only on the basis of understanding, that this plan is rejected by Israel and cannot constitute a prior condition for these negotiations." He added: "They (the Saudis) can start the negotiations with any working paper they find fit" ("M'ariv", Nov. 15th, 1981). This means that Moshe Arens is calling upon the Saudis to follow the path of Anwar A-Sadat who started his negotiations with the rulers of Israel with a similar working paper.

It appears that "appetite comes with eating", therefore the "appetite" of Begin and his government has increased. "Al-Hamishmar" and other papers have informed us that: "The Office of Prime Minister Begin" declared that: "Israel is ready to conduct negotiations, directly or indirectly - with Saudi Arabia without prior conditions but not on the basis of the Fahid plan which Israel totally rejects." "The Prime Minister's Office" reiterated the invitation made by Menahim Begin to King of Saudi Arabia, to visit Jerusalem as Sadat has done, and that Menahim Begin will visit Saudi Arabia, just as his American jet-fighters have done a week ago.

However, as it is presented up till now, the Saudi plan does not mention neither "an opening working paper" nor "direct or indirect negotiations". It refers to an international conference, in the framework of the UN and with the participation of Washington and Moscow.

The Saudi ambassador to the United Nations has clearly reiterated Saturday Nov. 14th., that there is no dispute regarding the recognition or non-recognition of the existence of Israel. The real dispute is that official Israel (along with the United States) refuse to recognise the Palestinian Arab people and their legitimate national rights. As long as this official Israeli position (and the official American position) are still valid, no one has the right to demand from the Palestinian people to compromise regarding the issue of his very existence. In a speech delivered in Beirut last Friday, the Palestinian leader Abu-Iyad (from Fateh) pinpointed the truth by declaring: "It is

regretable that the United States did not find anything to agree upon in the Saudi plan except the 7th article" which points out that the Arabs are ready to recognise Israel's existence (The Voice of Palestine). It is known that the American Secretary of State Alexander Haig has repeatedly emphasized this to the press and also to the Knesset delegation.

The aforementioned clarification by the Saudi ambassador was published in the "New York Times" in an interview last Friday. There were certain contradictions in his declarations. On the one hand he declared that Saudi Arabia intends to present its plan to the Security Council and that it will establish contacts with Washington and Moscow for that matter. On the other hand he considered the Saudi plan as just "a point of compromise and not a final position". He added: "If all paths were blocked in the Security Council, it is possible to continue direct contacts with the concerned parties". Therefore, it was natural that these contradictory declarations have increased the appetite of the Israeli rulers who demand additional steps towards the American path of Camp David.

Therefore, it was natural also that these contradictory positions have aroused caution among the Arab patriots especially the Palestinians.

But legitimate caution is one thing and falling in pre-arranged traps is another thing and illegitimate. One of these is the attempt to compare between the detailed articles of the Soviet Plan (of Brezhnev) and the Saudi Plan (of Fahid). The issue is not a question of articles but of implementation or non-implementation. All champions of just peace agree upon the fact that giving American imperialism a mandate to decide upon the right to self-determination to the Palestinian people is nothing but a mandate which leads to the continuation of bloodshed, aggression and abortion of the rights of peoples, foremostly, the Palestinian Arab people. Therefore, any plan cannot be judged but on this basis.

It is known that the PLO did not leave any opportunity without clarifying its readiness to accept the just solution based on the total Israeli withdrawal from all the territories occupied in 1967 and the establish-



ment of the Palestinian state within these borders provided that official Israel and its American "protoge" are ready to accept this solution. In this framework, there is nothing new in the Saudi plan. It was understood that the 7th article of this plan was directed not to the Palestine Liberation Organization but to the rulers of Israel, who while depending on the American position - obstinately reject the mere recognition of the national existence of the Palestinian Arab people. Therefore we do not foresee any benefit from concentrating the Palestinian debate and the general Arab debate on this article, which in turn might lead to pre-arranged traps. We foresee all benefit in concentrating the debate upon two fundamental matters: The extraction of the Palestinian problem out of the traps of imperialist intrigues and the rejection of any compromise regarding the legitimate Palestinian national rights which were continued by the United Nations and the vast majority of the states in the world.

Therefore, we regard as beneficial and positive, the appeal of the Chairman of the PLO, Yasser Arafat, for consolidating the Palestinian national unity and the general Arab unity and the strengthening of the cooperation with the Soviet Union for a just peace and a bright future and especially the consolidation of the unity and the role of the Front of Steadfastness and Confrontation.

It is worthwhile mentioning the warning issued by the Palestinian national leader Arafat against the serious dangers: "The coming six months will be decisive to the Palestinian revolution, because we are bound to witness politico-military surprises, conspiracies, assassinations and series of explosions." ("Al-Sh'ab", Nov. 15th.). Hence, it is the right of all champions of just peace to evade falling into marginal disputes regarding a plan rejected by the United States as well as the rulers of Israel while the imperialists are going wild in their open and aggressive military operations.

Within this framework and as it appears to us, "the Open letter to the Arab leaders" was published by the mayor of Ramallah, Karim Khalaf ("Al-Sh'ab", Nov. 16th.) in which he emphasized this fact by stating

the following: "The Arab region is witnessing dangerous developments which aim at its independence and resources. The hostile challenges facing this nation are becoming more obvious and dangerous and have led the Arab world into a stage, the most perilous throughout its long history." He has rightly added by saying: "This challenge imposed upon the Arab nation presents significant and hard questions, foremostly, how to respond to these mounting challenges".

He addressed his open letter to the forthcoming Arab summit conference by stating: "The forthcoming Arab summit conference will be held under the shadow of a certain and direct American military threat which openly and according to the declarations of the leaders of Washington - aims at the submission of the Arab region and bringing it under the American sphere of influence".

He pointed out to the forthcoming summit conference what the Palestinian patriots in the occupied territories consider the way to confront these decisive challenges. He summed this in 18 articles. We consider it beneficial to point out to some of these articles: "To define openly and publically the parties involved in the Middle East conflict. The hostile American role is no more secret. Consequently, the nature of the Arab relations with it should be defined. The participants in the forthcoming summit conference must realize that the hostile parties reject any attempt to reach a just solution regarding the Middle East conflict. This rejection will continue as long as the Arab countries live in this state of disunity. It is imperative to use the Arab potentials in the service of the aims and aspirations of this nation, especially the oil and Arab capital in the banks owned by hostile parties. The practical planning for forcing the states that provided military bases for the United States - to dismantle them and regain the people's independence. Deepening cooperation with the Soviet Union and rejecting the idea put forward by hostile parties as if the Soviet Union constitutes a danger to the Arab nation. It is necessary to draw a precise demarcation line between the enemies and friends in all the Arab and international spheres. The necessity to act for the cessation of the Iraq-Iran war. To solve the Lebanese crisis on the basis of thorough study of the real roots of the crisis, and

stemming from the fact that the United States, Israel and their agents do not want to solve this crisis in order to keep this wound open and bleeding in the interest of the policy which is hostile to the Arab nation. The Arab states must support the PLO in an active, clear and practical way. At the same time they must stop surrounding it and respect its independent decisions and prevent any evil group from working within it against the leadership of this people. To outline new foundations for Arab solidarity and to define it on a sound and clear basis."

If it is permissible for us to add another article to these 18 articles, we would add the following: It is necessary to totally strip off the enemies of just peace and emphasise that just peace is the aspiration of the Palestinian Arab people and they had paid a dear price for it and eventually will realize it.

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## THE SOVIET UNION AND PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

From a speech by comrade  
Tawfiq Toubi, delivered  
at the celebration in  
Tel-Aviv held on the occa-  
sion of the 64th anniver-  
sary of the October Revolution

Today again the truth stands out clearly, the truth which we have repeated for more than 15 years. That is, ever since the outbreak of the Middle East conflict in all its strength and with all its inherent dangers. This truth is that of all powers, it is the Soviet Union which maps out the principled road to achieving just and stable peace for all peoples and states in the region. Again the truth stands out clearly, which the imperialists, the Israeli governments and Arab reaction have attempted to ignore. This truth is that it is impossible to arrive at a just peace settlement without the active participation of the Soviet Union.

Historical experience proves this: Imperialism - and in the present epoch, reference is to American imperialism - has tried to remove the efforts exerted towards a peace settlement from the framework of international cooperation with the Soviet Union for strengthening peace in the region and the world. Imperialism has tried to direct all settlements to come under its own auspices, for advancing its aggressive, regional and global plans, which contradict the independence of the peoples, and also world peace. Imperialism attempted to impose, with the help of its stooges - the Israeli rulers and Arab reaction - "settlements" which stand in contradiction to the atmosphere of detente and international cooperation. These "settlements" turned out to be unjust and directed against the independence of the peoples. The conclusion is that such attempts always fail and that the price of failure is paid by all peoples of the region - the dear price of blood.

In the framework of international cooperation, centering on American-Soviet cooperation, decisions were adopted and effective foundations were laid for

the solution of the conflict; the solution of the territorial problems; for ensuring the right of the Palestinian Arab people to a state of their own; for ensuring the independence and security of Israel, and all other states in the region. In accordance with this, the following decisions were adopted: The Security Council's resolution 242 of November 1967; resolution 338 of October 1973; and the various UNO resolutions since 1967. In accordance with this, the international framework - the Geneva Conference - was established, with the participation of the two powers, the United States and the Soviet Union in the capacity of chairmen of that Conference.

In accordance with this, that Conference began its work and great hopes were set on it. In accordance with this, the joint Soviet-American declaration about the Middle East was published on October 1, 1977, and there the USA speaks for the first time about the rights of the Palestinian Arab people as a condition for a peace settlement through the Geneva Conference.

#### FROM TURNING THE BACK ON THE DETENTE TO TURNING THE BACK ON PEACE IN THE REGION

With the USA turning its back on the policy of detente, its embarking on the road of the arms race, its striving for military superiority, its imperilling world peace and its attempt at dominating our region, it also turned its back on all the joint efforts for establishing just and stable peace in our region. Instead of that, the USA searched for a way to "Pax Americana" settlements, whose object is not a peace settlement, but the advancement of the plans for American hegemony in the region. Under these conditions, the Camp David process and the Camp David accords were born, where Sadat and Begin served as ardent help-mates of American imperialism against the true interests of the two peoples - the Egyptian and the Israeli, and against the interests of peace itself.

Already in September 1978, with the convocation of the Camp David conference, and again on September 1979, when the Camp David accords were signed, we warned that this does not lead to peace, but to undermining and removing peace, because those accords connect

all the factors which contradict just and stable peace. And why is this so?

- \* This is a bilateral Israeli-Egyptian agreement under the auspices of the USA; its main aim is Israeli-Egyptian coordination in the service of the military target of the USA in the region, and not a peace agreement between Israel and Egypt;
- \* This is an agreement which ignores the Palestinian problem and its just solution, and practically it is a fig leaf for the continuation of the Israeli occupation and the denial of the rights of the Palestinian Arab people to self-determination and a state of their own, even alongside the State of Israel;
- \* This is an agreement based on a plot between two sides, which met on the basis of pro-imperialist policy, against the independence of the peoples of the region, against the national liberation movement and the Soviet Union.

#### THE EXPERIENCE OF CAMP DAVID

Three years have passed and all the assumptions of the Communist Party of Israel have been confirmed.

Indeed, the above mentioned bilateral Egyptian-Israeli agreement was reached, but the whole region has moved further away from peace. The situation in Lebanon, in the occupied territories, the American military influx into the region and the danger of renewal of war, especially in Lebanon - all these testify to the grave situation at which we have arrived under the cloak of the Camp David accords.

The Camp David accords, which have encountered the opposition of the entire Arab world, the Palestinian people and all champions of peace, have become an abandoned hope. No renewed attempt at saving the talks about the "autonomy" will bring about any true peace.

The American imperialist policy encounters today difficulties in the region and the world because of the Camp David accords. They and the pro-imperialist road, which has been symbolized by Camp David, were also hit hard by the death of Sadat.

It is already clear that that part of the Camp David accords, which is most important to the Israeli government, because its object is to ensure, under the cover of "an administrative autonomy", the continuation of the occupation of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, this part too is disintegrating in view of the resistance of the Palestinian Arab people, who are supported by the Soviet Union and all the peace-forces, and in view of the growing opposition of all the other Arab peoples.

In this situation the dissociation of the West European governments from the Camp David agreements is intensifying and they are compelled to increasingly take into consideration the rights of the Palestinian Arab people (declarations of the French government, the British foreign minister Carrington; the position of the new Greek government (which has officially recognized the PLO).

In this situation there is an aggravation of the difficulties of American policy, which is forced to search for a way out. Even imperialist circles in the USA, who are worried about their interests, declare that it is necessary to incorporate the PLO in the peace efforts (as has been declared by two former presidents - Ford and Carter).

Against this background, this situation of the bankruptcy of Camp David and because the efforts to save the positions and interests of the USA, the Saudi-Arabian plan has appeared. On the one hand, the American imperialists hope to make use of it, with the assistance of their allies, the Saudi Arabian rulers, in order to replace Camp David by a new framework for their activities, which are inimical to the peoples of the region and the struggle of the Palestinian national movement. But on the other hand, this plan stresses the failure of Camp David and the failure of the policy of ignoring the rights of the Palestinian Arab people, and reflects in its points the international consensus and UNO resolutions for a just solution of the Middle East conflict.

The negotiations regarding the "autonomy" were indeed renewed, but this is an idle discussion and cannot lead to any settlement, because they are being conducted on the basis of the plan for annexation, under

the cover of Begin's plan for a sewage "autonomy".

The isolated Israeli government, which in this question has entered an impasse, acts nervously and does not disdain from any means in order to realize the annexation and trample the rights of the Palestinian Arab people, on the basis of the opportunities which the Camp David agreements have accorded to them.

Minister Sharon has indeed announced that the "civil administration" in the occupied territories, is a step intended to prepare the soil for the "autonomy", but it is a step to embellish the occupation and under the cover of "the civil administration" he carries out a policy of terror for oppressing any opposition and for finding "quislings" and collaborators.

#### THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT IS NOT INTERESTED IN PEACE

The opposition of the Begin government to the Saudi-Arabian plan, under the pretext that it is, allegedly intended for "the annihilation of Israel in stages" is an old demagogy. Today the world already understands that if any danger threatens Israel, this is the existence of Begin's Likud government, the continuation of occupation and the absence of peace.

A danger exists that the Saudi-Arabian plan is not intended to be realized at all and that its aim is nothing more than the creation of a framework for American activity to save the Camp David policy, and not at all any establishment of just peace. But when the Begin government nervously and obstinately rejects the plan for a settlement, which also contains an explicit point calling for ensuring the sovereignty of all the states and mutual recognition among them, which means also Israel, the impression is produced that the Begin government is not at all interested in a just peace settlement, also if that would bring mutual recognition and coexistence of Israel and the Palestinian State and the other Arab states.

The Begin government reacts with nervousness and adventurism - and all this in order to undermine every opportunity for a just peace settlement. The minister of defence, A. Sharon suddenly declares that Saudi Arabia is a confrontation state and provocatively sends



planes of the Israeli air force into Saudi Arabian air space. We denounce this war hysteria and warn against it. We call upon all champions of peace in Israel to raise their voice against this dangerous adventurism. No demonstration of military force will save the occupation, nor will it prevent a just solution.

#### THERE IS NO SOLUTION WITHOUT THE SOVIET UNION

Developments prove again clearly and distinctly that without the Soviet Union and without its active participation, the region will not advance towards a peace settlement. Even the Saudi Arabian government, the loyal ally of the USA, is forced to recognize this fact and to declare that the participation of the Soviet Union in the efforts for a peace settlement is vitally necessary, that the peace settlement shall be achieved only in the framework of an international peace conference with the participation of the Soviet Union and other countries. Thus the Saudi foreign minister, Saud al-Faissal, declared at a press conference in Riad, on November 5, 1981.

Sober-minded circles in Israel see today what the Begin government does not want to see because its anti-Soviet blindness. Haggai Eshed considers in his article in "Davar" of November 6, 1981, the direction of the development which is heralded by the Saudi-Arabian plan and the European initiative, and calls upon the Israeli government to take up an initiative of a Palestinian state by their mediation and intervention, so that peace will be stable ... and he does this on the basis of stating the fact that no stable and comprehensive settlement can be established without the Soviet Union.

However, as well-known, the Israeli government has taken up a diametrically opposite line, which has brought about strategic cooperation with the USA, out of hardened anti-Soviet motives and also out of an erroneous calculation that this will perpetuate the occupation of the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and the Golan Heights. However, this strategic cooperation will not save the policy of occupation, but is liable to lead the Israeli people to a disaster in which its sons will be sacrificed on the altar of the plans of American imperialism, and it will be Israel herself and not the Soviet Union

which will be turned into a battle-field in a global war, if it will break out.

The Communist Party of Israel reiterates its appeal to all champions of peace and independence to rally in a front of common struggle for detaching Israel from the disastrous strategic cooperation with the USA and for independence and neutrality.

#### REGARDING THE RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE SOVIET UNION

Sober realistic circles in Israel understand the necessity of normalization of the relations with the Soviet Union, but the policy of the Israeli government does not only remove Israel farther away from the normalization and resumption of diplomatic relations.

On which basis will normalization be resumed? On the basis of provocative declaration of the prime minister, Begin, after the meeting of the foreign ministers of Israel and the Soviet Union, that the meeting had taken place only after the agreement of strategic cooperation with the USA and that the Soviet Union understands only this language?

It is clear that a policy which generates declarations of this sort, does not produce conditions for a normalization of relations with the Soviet Union, but only heaps up additional obstacles. Even president Reagan, who is more in enmity towards the Soviet Union than all the presidents who preceded him, takes care not to speak in such a provocative, impudent form about the Soviet Union.

And what is the truth? The meeting between the two foreign ministers - the Soviet and the Israeli - took place in September, in accordance with a request of the Israeli delegation in the UNO and this fact was confirmed by foreign minister Shamir himself.

In the past, too, such meetings had taken place, since the disruption of relations in June 1967, and they always took place at the request of the Israeli foreign minister. A responsible prime minister must tell the truth and not speak demagogically.

The normalization of relation between Israel and the Soviet Union and their rehabilitation depends, first and foremost, on the steps of the Israeli government: Whether its steps will advance peace, if it will turn towards just peace, based upon withdrawal from the occupied territories and on the recognition of the right of the Palestinian Arab people to its independent state, alongside Israel, or whether it will continue steps which lead to an additional war.

How does the foreign minister, Y. Shamir, react to the bankruptcy of Camp David, to the inevitable failure of Begin's plan of "autonomy", to the distress of the Israeli policy resulting from all this? He threatens that he will reconsider the Israeli position "after the numerous concessions which were made" according to him. He threatens that the withdrawal from Sinai will be stopped, as a danger exists - "a terrible danger" - that the growing support for the Saudi-Arabian plan will cause a renewed intervention of the Soviet Union in the process of solving the conflict. Shamir said: "Sadat came to Jerusalem in order to put an end to Soviet intervention and now the Saudi-Arabian plan has come in order to change this situation..." These are empty threats.

At the same time it must be said that Sadat and Begin and Carter were unable - and so now Reagan - to remove the Soviet Union, which is a mighty international factor, and exists adjacent to this region, from involvement in the process of solution of the problems of the region.

Today, there exists no problem in any region, far or near to the Soviet Union, which can be solved in favour of peace, without the active participation of the Soviet Union, because the Soviet Union, being a world power, bears a responsibility for guarding peace and preventing war, stands up to the imperialist plans, which contradict the independence of the peoples. She has close links of cooperation and friendship with many countries in the region, including the Palestinian National Movement. The Soviet Union stands in no need of a Saudi-Arabian or any other plan, in order to fulfill its responsible task in ensuring peace in our region.

The failure of Camp David is also the failure of the foolish attempt at setting up in the region an anti-Soviet pax americana, and it again makes conspicuous the historical truth that it is impossible to establish here a settlement of just and stable peace without the participation of the Soviet Union in these efforts. This truth does not find favour in the eyes of Shamir nor in the eyes of Reagan. However, this is the reality and anyone who ignores it, will break his head against the wall of this reality.

The establishment of just and stable peace in our region demands the participation of the Soviet Union. And indeed, thus will it be and not only because the Soviet Union is a great power and a neighbour of our region, but, first and foremost, because its policy is just and principled, clean of any egotistical interests - it is the true guarantee for the establishment of such a peace and its maintenance. And it is only such a peace which benefits the independence and security of all the peoples in the region. Those who cheered the death of the Geneva Conference, who cheered for Camp David and the attempt at excluding the Soviet Union from the process of establishing peace, now come to see that this was foolishness. Reality again demands the convocation of an international conference under the auspices of the UNO, with the participation of all interested factors, including the PLO, as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian Arab people, and the participation of the Soviet Union and the United States.

Furthermore: From day to day it becomes clearer that the road to establishing peace must be based on the fundamental lines which were laid, which are again and again proposed by the UNO and its organizations, and by the Soviet Union, as has been done recently by Comrade Brezhnev, the General Secretary of the CPSU and President of the Soviet Union, at the 26th Congress of the CPSU in February this year.

These fundamental lines have not changed: The solution will be reached only on the basis of Israeli withdrawal to the lines of June 6, 1967, of the establishment of a Palestinian State on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, respect for the independence and sovereignty of all the states in the region, including Israel, and

international guarantees for this settlement.

These are the sole foundations for establishing just and stable peace - and the Soviet Union holds them up for the benefit of all the peoples of the region, including the Israeli people and the Palestinian Arab people.

We reiterate our call upon the Begin government to cease the anti-Soviet madness, to detach itself from the plans for an anti-Soviet war, to embark on the road of peace and thereby return to normalization and fruitful and friendly cooperation with the Soviet Union.

ZO-HADEREKH, November 25, 1981

## FASCIST DEMAGOGY AND THE KIBBUTZIM

By Shmuel Shaked

The German nazi party did not by chance call itself a "Workers' Party", and it was not by chance that the Italian fascist dictator Benito Mussolini connected the word "fascist" with the word "proletarian". The first and foremost aim of the fascist parties between the two world wars was to deceive the working class and the popular masses, and to divert their anger at the capitalist exploiters against somebody else. If Adolf Hitler would have openly come out in defence of the bourgeoisie and capitalism at the time of the great crisis, in the thirties of our century, when in Germany many millions were unemployed and unemployment threatened additional millions, he would have lost in one day the support given him by the masses. The nazis could not defend the German capitalists directly. Therefore they invented the false slogan of the "raffendes" and the "schaffendes Kapital" - the "graping and the productive capital". Of course, the productive capital was German capitalism. The German capitalists were presented as good and honest capitalists. As against them the grasping, robbing, capital which was exploiting the German masses, was the capital of the Jewish capitalist with his long and crooked nose...

In this manner, German fascism succeeded to a great extent in directing the anger of the desperate masses against the Jews and turning the latter to scape-goats.

### IT IS NOT EASY TO BE A JEWISH FASCIST

In this respect the Jewish fascists have no luck. Already in the thirties, members of the Betar Jabotinsky's and Begin's fascist youth movement - IB) were asked: "How can you wear brown shirts, like the nazi storm troops, the SA?" They were forced to explain stammeringly that they had allegedly been the first to wear these shirts and the nazi storm troops had imitated them and started wearing the Betar's brown shirts...

Here, too, in Israel, bad luck was clinging to them: They had no Jews against whom to incite. The capitalists in Israel are all of them Jews and Israeli fascism serves the interests of this whole class, regardless of the form

of their nose and their communal origin.

Are there no Arabs? Was it impossible in Israel to turn them into "Jews" for this purpose? Indeed, against the Arabs no one can incite on a nationalist level. One can shout that they are "the enemy of the state", "PLOists", "extremists". But, to the regret of the fascists, it is impossible to represent them as exploiters and oppressors of Jews who get fat on the labour and sweat of Jews. About who can they tell that they exploit us, Jews? About the Arab building workers, who stand on the scaffolds and build towns for Jews? Or perhaps about the sanitary labourers who come every morning to Tel-Aviv to clean the streets? Or about the Arab agricultural labourers who work for a pittance on Jewish-owned farms or the Arab textile working-women? As it is well known you will not find, even with a magnifying glass one Arab capitalist, who arrives at his factory in a luxurious car, with a fat cigar in his mouth, while in his factory Jewish workers are sweating.

#### WHEN THERE ARE NO "YIDS", LET IT BE KIBBUTZIM

I do not intend in this article to analyse what the kibbutzim were in the past and what they are objectively and subjectively. Only, in order to avoid misunderstandings, I will say a few words on this matter: One must not forget the tasks fulfilled by the kibbutzim in the "conquest of work" and the "conquest of land", which simply meant the eviction of the Arab inhabitants from their homeland from the places where they worked and from the land which they cultivated. The important part which members of the kibbutzim took in the aggressive wars waged by the governments of Israel is also well known. This is said in respect of the Zionist tasks of the kibbutzim.

Subjectively, reference here is to petty-bourgeois young people in Europe, who did not want to continue living like their parents. They set up communes in Palestine - perhaps the last generation of the utopian communes. They drew their ideas not to a small degree from the Russian revolutionary, pre-Marxist epoch.

Later, when the kibbutz farm strengthened and expanded, kibbutzim started employing wage workers, not only in special cases, like the construction of buildings, but

also as a permanent feature. This usually is less prominent in the farmyard and the fields, where few wage workers are employed. It is more prominent in the industrial enterprises of the kibbutzim, in the regional factories, where members of the kibbutzim are general managers and foremen, while the simple workers are hired labour. In these cases, the kibbutzniks are the employers, the owners of the means of production, who exploit not less, but also not more than any capitalists, the wage workers who sell them their labour power.

In the past, the kibbutzim were pampered, because of their "national rights" as well as of their being places of "The Beautiful Land of Israel", attracting tourists and young people from abroad.

And then, suddenly it is they which were turned into a target for the anger of the masses. This anger has quite frequently a communal component (wage-earners drawn from the Jewish oriental communities - IB), in addition to the class component.

This sounds absurd and looks like a ridiculous caricature of the situation, which was known to us in European countries between the two world wars. However, Jewish fascism contains - in spite of its being not less demagogic, ugly, anti-worker and reactionary components more than any other fascism - something of a caricature of fascism.

#### FOR THE INTENSIFICATION OF THE STRUGGLE AGAINST ISRAELI FASCISM

About this strange situation, A. Salpeter has written (in "Ha'aretz", January 6, 1981): "Mister Begin is an excellent politician and it is doubtful if he has his peer in today's Israel. He knows that the question of the kibbutzim has turned, among certain strata of the population, into a symbol of the wealthy Ashkenazi (European-American Jews, in contradistinction to the Sepharadi, the oriental Jew - IB), which evokes feelings of envy and anger, both because the kibbutzim are an elite and because they behave like an elite. A populist rhetoric needs the figure of a capitalist who actuates a system of exploitation against the "little man". The Likud government cannot now direct its rhetoric against the fat capitalist with a fat cigar in his mouth and



therefore the member of the kibbutz, who has a good time in the swimming pool of the kibbutz is a wonderful substitute. (My emphasis - S.S.), who is precisely known and identified in the neighbouring poor "development townlets" as one of the "haves". At the same time, the industrialist, the banker and the businessman in Tel-Aviv is personally unknown to the inhabitants of Ofakim or Betshan" (poor small towns, located near some kibbutzim - IB). The German fascists turned the "Jew who has money even under his skin" into the one responsible for all the economic troubles of Germany in the thirties, in order to defend the German billionaires, who stood behind the nazi party, such as the Volgers, Thyssens, Krupps and others, whose names appeared afterwards in the Nuremberg trials. And here, in Israel: "the overbearing kibbutz member", who has got his "private swimming pool" - incitement against him must be directed, in order to cover up the Meridors (Meridor, one of the leaders of the Begin-led terrorist gang "Etzel", later of Begin's Herut party and a billionaire - IB) and other billionaires; the monopolist banks like the Discount Bank, the Anglo-Palestine Bank, which after the establishment of Israel was christened as "Bank Leumi le-Yisrael" - a name which sounds so patriotic! (The name means: "National Bank of Israel - IB).

The attack on the kibbutzim looks strange, but its aim is clear. First of all, by directly attacking the kibbutz, the Alignment indirectly comes under fire. Secondly, in Israel a stratum of rich people is growing, which is close to the Likud government. A great scandal would be aroused if the searchlights were turned at them and their sources of wealth. Therefore, it is to the good that there are kibbutzim and one can talk about the kibbutzim and keep quiet about the rich who are ruling the construction corporations, the land speculators, the insurance companies and the industrial concerns.

But there is still something strange in the accusations. Not less strange is the reaction from the side of the kibbutzim. When the fascists in Germany, Austria, and Hungary attacked the Jews, the latter took out of the drawers their old decorations from the First World War, in order to prove their loyalty to the state and their heroism in the defence of their countries, as if that interested the fascist inciters.

After Begin's incitement against the kibbutzim in his interview on the occasion of the Jewish religious New Year, he was invited by the Kibbutzim to see life in the kibbutz, in order to learn the truth, just as the Jews in Austria used to do with their decorations. As if Menahem Begin is interested in the truth about the kibbutzim. A.Z. from kibbutz Evron asked in "Al-Hamishmar" of October 21, 1981: "Is this the way to congratulate on the eve of the new year? Instead of preaching good-will among our brothers and brotherhood of the peoples who are living among us, hatred and incitement is being sown. From whose mouth? From the mouth of the Israeli prime minister!"

And Y.H. from kibbutz Ruhana writes: "Your words perplexed me but did not disappoint me because they were told by the leader of the Likud - but where is my prime minister? I, too, am a citizen of this state, I also deserve to have a prime minister."

Kibbutz members can speak from morning to evening about their being a "good child of Jerusalem". It will be of no avail. There is incitement because the Likud is interested in that and not because they have a swimming pool or a house of culture.

The advice that one can give to the kibbutzim is an old one, but there is no other one: If they do not want to be trampled under the wheels of the Likud juggernaut, if they wish to continue living in their form of living, they must intensify the anti-fascist struggle, look for allies in this struggle and work for a broad anti-fascist front. This is their road. No attempt at convincing the Likud prime minister that they are indeed good children and are not stuck up, will not help them.

ZO-HADEREKH, November 4, 1981

## UNDER THE YOKE OF OCCUPATION

### SADIST TORTURE OF YOUNG PALESTINIANS

Six young people from Beit-Sahour whose houses were demolished - were severely beaten during interrogation and their confessions regarding the throwing of Molotov Cocktails were given after the demolitions. This was revealed in a telegram that was dispatched on Nov. 23, by advocate Felicia Langer to the ministers of defence and interior-police.

The detainees reported to advocates F. Langer and Abed Assali that they were severely beaten and insulted by the interrogators, who hit them on their sexual organs, spat on them and kept them all night long outside in the jail yard.

One of the detainees, 16-year old Walid Kumsiyeh, received the most severe beating. As a result of the beating he was unable to stand and could not sit either because of a wound inflicted in his anus. During the interview with the lawyers he was forced to lie down on a chair. Another detainee, Iman Abu-Atiya was beaten on the stomach despite the fact that he told the interrogators about a recent stomach operation that he underwent.

Another shocking maltreatment took place in the Nablus police station where 18 high school students were arrested after taking part in a demonstration protesting against the shut down of the Bir-Zeit University. Some of the students were ordered by Israeli soldiers to lie down on the floor while the rest of the students were ordered to march on top of them including their heads. After that they were divided into two rows and while facing each other, they were ordered to beat each other. The students who did not obey the orders, were severely beaten by the soldiers. The hand of one of the students was broken as a result of the beatings. The students reported that they were also beaten on the head by rubber pipes. All these were punishments for the students on charge of disturbing order.

The next day all the students were brought to the military court and were fined heavily.

MK Tawfiq Toubi, strongly condemned the torture of young Palestinians when he took the floor in the Knesset on Nov. 24.

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#### THE TENT OF THE FAMILY WAS SET ON FIRE

A mean act was carried out on Nov. 23, in Beit-Sahour by "anonymous people" who were not deterred from setting fire to the tent that was put up by the members of the Kumsiyeh family whose house was demolished.

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#### DEMOLITIONS AND MASS ARRESTS

- \* Another house was demolished by the occupation authorities in Ramallah. The "explanation" this time was: "the owner of the house attempted to carry out sabotage."
- \* On Nov. 16, 80 students from Al-Najah University were arrested while on a bus travelling to Hebron. They wanted to hold a demonstration against the actions of the occupation forces in Hebron.

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#### HUNGER STRIKE BY POLITICAL PRISONERS

Three political prisoners, Dr. Samir Katbeh (chairman of the physicians union in the West Bank), Dr. Azmi Shuaib (member of the Ramallah municipal council) and Akram Haniyeh (editor of the A-Sh'ab daily), who have been arrested two weeks ago - held a 3-day hunger strike (Nov. 20 - Nov. 23) in the Ramallah prison.

They protested against their arbitrary arrest. During a visit to their prison, they told their lawyer Felicia Langer: "Our arrest is in revenge of our political views. They are attempting to fabricate absurd charges which we deny." They stopped their hunger strike

because one of them became ill.

They also expressed their gratitude to the democratic forces in Israel who are active in support of their release.

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#### PHYSICIANS DEMONSTRATED IN JERUSALEM

About 50 Arab physicians from all over the West Bank held a demonstration on Nov. 19, in front of the Red Cross offices in East Jerusalem. They protested against the arrest of their colleague Dr. Katbeh and Dr. Shuaib. The presence of the occupation forces and the registration of their names did not deter the demonstrators.

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#### THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT CLOSES DOWN BIR-ZEIT UNIVERSITY

On Nov. 2nd., 1981 the students of Bir-Zeit University held a campus meeting in protest against the "autonomy plan". They declared a sit-in strike inside the Bir-Zeit University campus. In response, occupation forces besieged the University and prevented anybody from either entering or leaving the campus.

When the students went out of the campus, nine were arrested. Later, Israeli soldiers broke into the dormitories and arrested five additional students. All the detainees were taken for interrogation in Ramallah.

On Nov. 4, the students decided to protest the arrest of their colleagues. They held a quiet demonstration in the streets of the town of Bir-Zeit. After a short time they were encircled by Israeli soldiers who forced them, by means of tear gas, to return to the campus.

In the evening, all university staff, lecturers and students were forcefully evicted from the campus. In carrying out the eviction the military rule has violated an order issued by the Supreme Court of Justice. Many students and lecturers were arrested while others were put under house arrest. Later that

evening, the military rule closed down the university of Bir-Zeit for two months.

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#### ISRAELI OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES ARREST STUDENTS IN THE GOLAN HEIGHTS

The Israeli occupation authorities in the Golan Heights have sentenced on Nov. 19, about 50 high-school students to prison terms or the payment of heavy fines. The students were charged with incitement for strike and demonstration. The fines ranged between IL 15000 - IL 45,000 and the prison terms ranged between 15 - 45 days. The students chose the jail terms.

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#### DEMOLITIONS AND MASS ARRESTS IN BEIT-SAHOUR

On Nov. 14, Israeli occupation authorities declared a curfew on the West Bank town of Beit-Sahour under the pretext that a molotov cocktail was thrown on an Israeli bus. Despite the fact that no harm was done to the bus, Israeli occupation forces besieged the town and after cutting all telephone lines, they held terrorist searches in most of the houses and arrested 44 young people.

In the early hours of Nov. 16, Israeli soldiers attacked the residents of three houses (one house, 3-stories while the other two: two stories each). They evicted the residents who were still in their pyjamas, threw some of their furniture from the windows and demolished all three houses.

After carrying out these crimes, the occupation authorities lifted up the curfew. The residents of Beit Sahour held a general strike of stores and schools.

On Nov. 16, the residents of Beit-Sahour held a protest demonstration that was led by the Mayors of Beit-Sahour and Bethlehem. The occupation forces attacked the demonstrators, fired over their heads and arrested 17 of them, including a 13-year old teenager.

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## ISRAELI SOLDIERS SHOOT DOWN A PALESTINIAN YOUNGSTER IN RAFAH

On Nov. 26, the Palestinian physicians and pharmacists in the Gaza Strip held an open strike in protest against the imposition by the occupation authorities of the Value-Added-Tax on their incomes. Their strike was joined by the lawyers and architects of the Gaza Strip.

On Dec. 2nd, the city of Gaza held a total strike against the application of "civil administration" in the Gaza Strip and in solidarity with the strike of the physicians and pharmacists. The strike encompassed schools, stores, work places, the services and offices.

On Dec. 2nd, also, the Gaza city municipality went on strike for two days in protest against the imposition of "civil administration" and in solidarity with the strike of physicians and pharmacists.

On Dec. 3rd, the Israeli military ruler held a meeting with the Gaza Strip Pharmacists. During the meeting several pharmacists were apprehended while others were taken inside a military vehicle and were ordered to open their pharmacies. Later on, the occupation authorities sealed off three pharmacies in Gaza city. Other meetings were held between the military ruler and the pharmacists and physicians in order to discuss the issue of Value-Added-Tax but of no avail.

A demonstration headed by students was held in Rafah on Dec. 7, in protest against the imposition of the "civil administration". While the demonstrators were marching in the streets of Rafah, the military ruler attempted to stop them by blocking their way with his military vehicle. The demonstrators responded by stoning his car. Soon after that, the Israeli soldiers opened fire on the demonstrators and killed 16-years old Mahmoud Salem Abu-Nahleh and injured three other youngsters. Later Israeli parachutists were dropped from the air. They began an onslaught on the demonstrators, using clubs and tear gas bombs. Then they arrested several hundreds of them.

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## A WEEK OF PUBLIC PROTEST AGAINST GOVERNMENT TERROR IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

The intensified oppression in the occupied territories - such as the shut down of the Bir-Zeit University, the blowing up of houses, mass arrests and torture of youngsters - all have aroused the reaction and activity of additional democratic circles whereas the focus of the protest centered around the policy of collective punishment which is being pursued more systematically and brutally by the artichets of the "civil administration".

The following is a short review of acts of solidarity organized in Israel with the struggle of the Palestinian population in the occupied territories against oppression and occupation and for just peace.

\* Last Wednesday (Nov. 18th) an on the spot rally of students and lecturers was held at the University of Tel-Aviv in an aim to dissimiate direct and conclusive information regarding the general situation in the West Bank and particularly the arbitrary measures against the Bir-Zeit University. The rally was presided over by the stage-director Yossi Yisraeli who stated that he has an uncomfortable feeling regarding the fact that "the news-media is feeding the public with only secondary details regarding what goes on half an hour drive from here... This is a roaring silence and it is impossible to pass over it."

The journalist Dani Rubenstein, reviewed in short the blows inflicted by the authorities upon the inhabitants of the occupied territories whereas there exist two kinds of human beings: Levinger and his gangs who are the only "citizens" in the region and the Palestinian population who are deprived of any position, of civilian, political and defined legal rights.

According to an invitation, three lecturers from the University of Bir-Zeit participated in the rally. They spoke about the maltreatment of the military government against their institution also when it was still opened. They called upon the democratic public opinion in Israel to intensify their solidarity with Bir-Zeit University. They pointed out the



positive echos in Bir-Zeit and Ramallah which were generated by the demonstration of Israeli students and lecturers which was held two weeks ago. In continuation, a political debate took place regarding the ways of solving the conflict. The debate was conducted in a good spirit and in a mutual aim to continue the dialogue and intensify the common struggle.

- \* It became known to the guests that lecturers at the University of Tel-Aviv who are organized in the framework of "Forum" inform their students at the beginning of every lecture that the Bir-Zeit University is shut down and that the military government arrests students and lecturers (in the occupied territories - IB) and that the "continuation of studies here (in Tel-Aviv University - IB), take place under the shadow of oppression there."

In the framework of a similar initiative, professors from Israel and abroad lectured on Nov. 23rd., to students and lecturers from Bir-Zeit University. The lecture was held in the "Club for Arab Thought" located in Arab Jerusalem. The following professors took part in it: Ruth Gvizon, Shaul Fogel, Daniel Amit and Avishay Margalit. The guests from Bir-Zeit distributed leaflets in which they expressed their gratitude to the Israelis who supported their struggle.

- \* In an advertisement that was published in "H'aretz" (Nov. 19, 1981) by 65 public figures, artists and university lecturers, it was stated among other things, that: "Experience proves that inasmuch as oppression and collective punishment increase - mass resistance intensifies.

Only a just solution of the Palestinian problem and the liquidation of the occupation will bring a just peace and security for both peoples".

- \* The kibbutz of Kerem Shalom published on Nov. 24, 1981, an advertisement in "H'aretz" in which it condemned collective punishments.
- \* A group of 40 people, headed by professors Aryeh Dvorsky, Yoram Ben-Phorat and Mordachay Bar-On (the ex-officer in charge of educational affairs in Israel's armed forces) have visited Beit-Sahour (in the West

Bank -IB) on Nov. 20, 1981 and expressed their indignation regarding the demolition of houses.

\* On Nov. 22, 1981, a press conference was held in Beit-Agron, in Jerusalem, which was attended by the families from Beit-Sahour and Bethlehem whose houses were demolished and whose sons were arrested. This press conference was attended by journalists from Israel and abroad. On behalf of the organizing body the following took part also: Uzi Burstein, spokesman of the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality; advocate Felicia Langer, representative of the families whose houses were demolished and whose children were arrested; and Dr. Avi Oz, lecturer of theatre at the University of Tel-Aviv and member of the directorate of the "Kameri Theatre", as well as mayor of Beit-Sahour, Hanna Al-Atrash and his deputy, Khalil Khayr.

Uzi Burstein, who presided over the press conference, stressed that the aim of the conference is to sound an alarm against additional and intensified blows and to call for public mobilization for the cessation of these actions which are causing unprecedented damage to the people and state of Israel.

Hanna Al-Atrash described the events that took place in his town in which seven families were hit and emphasized that this policy "works against coexistence". He concluded by saying: "We appeal to public opinion in Israel in a demand: to build the houses anew and to release all the detained young people!"

Dr. Avi Oz introduced himself as the representative of "the insulted side for whose sake, so to speak, these blows were committed against the inhabitants of the occupied territories." He pointed out that many university lecturers share with him revulsion regarding the actions committed by the military government. He added: "Melson (the appointed head of the so-called "Civil Administration" - IB) was appointed only for oppression! There is a wide opposition against these acts and there is only one alternative - the end for occupation."

George Komsiyeh and Miriam Abu-'Ela from Beit-Sahour and Musa T'amri from Bethlehem recounted how they were evicted from their houses by means of violence, deceit and insults.

Advocate Felicia Langer gave the definition of war criminals to those who gave the orders for collective punishment and expressed her concern for the safety of the arrested youngsters (age 15-16).

- \* "Soldiers out, Students in!" shouted about 250 participants who took part in a demonstration that was held in front of the prime minister's office on Nov. 22, in Jerusalem. The protest demonstration was organized by the National Union of Arab Students in Israel with the participation of Jewish circles, mainly students and lecturers. The demonstration was addressed by prof. Shaul Fogel (Jerusalem), Dr. Avi Oz (Tel-Aviv), Prof. Daniel Amit (Jerusalem) and Mohammed Baraki (Chairman of the N.U.A.S.). For about one and half hours the demonstrators shouted slogans such as: "Two States For Two Peoples - Israel And Palestine", "Melson - Go Home", "Begin, Ehrlich, Sharon - Get Out Of The Occupied Territories" and "Fascism Will Not Pass".
- \* MK Tawfiq Toubi (DFPE) presented an urgent motion to the Knesset regarding the demolition of the houses in Beit Sahour, and added a demand to put an end to collective punishment.

MKs Sh. Aloni, M. Bar-Zohar (Alignment) and A. Rubenstein (Shenoi) presented similar motions. These motions were debated in the Knesset on Nov. 25th.

## ISRAELI DEMOCRATS DEMONSTRATE IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

On Nov. 28, about 200 Israeli Jewish democrats managed to arrive to Ramallah in the occupied West Bank, despite military check-posts. After arriving there, they took out their written slogans, began to distribute leaflets and held a demonstration against the Israeli occupation. Their slogans read as follows: "Down With the Occupation", "Open the Bir-Zeit University", "Stop the Demolition of Houses" and "Stop the Oppression in the Occupied Territories".

After a while, local Palestinians began to gather. In a short while heavily armed Israeli soldiers arrived at the scene and began to throw tear-gas canisters at the demonstrators. The demonstrators began to run away, but the soldiers followed them and continued to throw tear-gas canisters at the demonstrators. Later, they charged at them and began to beat the demonstrators with their clubs. They arrested 49 of them.

On Nov. 29, the Israeli occupation authorities released 43 demonstrators and kept 6 in the Ramallah jail.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF COMMUNIST STUDENTS  
IN ISRAELI UNIVERSITIES CALLS FOR:

THE INTENSIFICATION OF STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM  
OF SPEECH AND ENSURING THE RIGHT FOR HIGHER  
EDUCATION TO THE CHILDREN OF THE POOR

On Nov. 27 and 28, 1981, the National Conference of Communist Students was held in Haifa

The Conference was opened by comrade Joseph Al Gazy who welcomed the participants and reviewed the severe situation faced by the students inside the Israeli universities.

After that, comrade George Toubi, member of the Secretariat of the Central Committee and Head of the CPI Central Department of Students, gave a lecture in which he dealt with the international political situation and the imperialist American and Israeli reactionary intrigue in the Middle East region.

He also dealt with the severe socio-political crisis in Israel which is a result of the Likud policy, the legislation of oppressive laws in the Knesset and the fascist onslaught inside the occupied territories as well as in Jerusalem, Haifa, Tel-Aviv and other universities.

Comrade George Toubi hailed the positions of the Committees of Arab Students, their Fronts, the CAMPUS organization and the party cells inside the campuses. He emphasized the necessity for widening the activity of the Jewish-Arab organization of CAMPUS.

Comrade Isam Makhoul from the University of Haifa reviewed the impressions of the student delegation which had visited the GDR last summer.

The next session (Saturday Nov. 28) was dedicated for a political-organizational debate in which 30 comrades took part.

Dr. Emile Touma, member of the Political Bureau, summed up the political debate and reviewed the situation generally in the world and especially in the Arab

world. He also dealt with the ideological struggle in face of the ruling Israeli reaction.

Dr. Wolf Ehrlich, Chairman of the Central Control Commission dealt with the organizational situation of the Communist Students inside the Israeli universities and the imperativeness in knowing the Marxist-Leninist ideology in face of the bourgeois ideology which is dominant in the universities.

Comrade George Toubi summed up the organizational debate and responded to the issues that were brought up in the meeting.

The meeting adopted a number of resolutions in which they condemned the occupation and its brutalities committed against the Palestinian people, especially against the students and lecturers, and the shutting down of the Bir-Zeit University. The meeting demanded the opening of the Bir-Zeit University. It also condemned the brutal onslaught that was carried out by the occupation forces against the Nov. 28 demonstration of Israeli democrats in Rammallah. The meeting expressed its solidarity with the struggle for equality of the municipality of Nazareth and the rest of the Arab local authorities.

The meeting called upon the students and lecturers to intensify their struggle for ensuring freedom of speech inside the universities and the stopping of the activities of the fascist gangs and putting a stop to the maltreatments of the "security" departments.

The meeting adopted other resolutions which dealt with the high fees, the discriminatory allocation of scholarships and the forced supplementary courses for Arab students in Israeli universities.

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#### NAZARETH FIGHTS FOR ITS RIGHTS

On October 29, 1981, the entire staff of the municipality of Nazareth held an open strike in protest against the delay in receiving their September and October salaries. The strike was supported by the democratic municipality of Nazareth, and by Jewish-Arab democratic forces.

During the strike, which lasted for one month, a meeting was held between the mayor: Tawfiq Zayad, his deputy Ramez Garaysi and treasurer of the municipality Yousif Jabali on the one hand and Minister of Interior, Yousef Burg.

Mayor Tawfiq Zayad revealed in the meeting the severe financial situation of the municipality which stems from the meager government budgetary allocations. Mayor Zayad declared: "The situation cannot be endured any more. We are suffering from a financial distress all year long. Our budget does not exceed 25 per cent of the average budget of the Israeli municipalities."

He pointed out the demands of the municipality as follows:

- \* The immediate allocation of funds that include current expenditures of the municipality and the salaries of the staff for Septmeber and October;
- \* Approving the budget proposal of 160 million Shekel which was already presented by the municipality;
- \* Approving a development budget which meets the needs of the city of Nazareth.

Other financial demands were also presented to Minister Burg who in turn promised to answer some of them.

In solidarity with the municipality of Nazareth, the Committee of the Heads of Arab Local Councils held a meeting of solidarity on Nov. 3rd. Several delegations, from Nazareth and other places, of students, academicians, Jewish democratic forces, and others, visited the municipality and expressed their solidarity with its struggle.

On Dec. 4th, the strike of the municipal staff came to an end after the Ministry of Interior transferred to the municipality a total of 6 million Shekels.

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## DOCUMENTS AND MATERIALS

The following letters and cables were sent by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Israel:

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TO DEAR COMRADE LEONID ILYICH BREZHNEV

Dear Comrade Brezhnev,

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Israel in the name of all members and tens of thousands of its supporters, extends to you heartiest greetings on the occasion of your 75th birthday.

Your substantial contribution during all your life time to the upbuilding, defence and to the all-round strengthening of the motherland of socialism - the Soviet Union, justly acquires the utmost appreciation of the peoples of the Soviet Union and of all the forces of progress in the world.

Your contribution to the defence of world peace, for the prevention of a catastrophe of nuclear war, for the defence and consolidation of peaceful coexistence among states of different social regimes, for the cessation of the dangerous arms race; your contribution to the defence of the independence and freedom of the peoples in face of the imperialist aggression and its lackeys justly entitles you as the great hero of peace and freedom of the peoples in our epoch.

Your immense contribution to the consolidation of the unity of the peoples of the socialist community and the international communist movement on the basis of Marxism-Leninism and Proletarian Internationalism constitutes a living example to all communists in the world who consider the attitude towards the Soviet Union and towards the Soviet Communist Party as a test-stone for devotion to the cause of communism and internationalism.

Dear Comrade Brezhnev,

We the Israeli communists follow with admiration your all-sided and intensified activity in the fields of the foreign and domestic policy of the Soviet Union.



The feeling of confidence that the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, which holds the central responsibility in the fateful struggle of the peoples, for ensuring world peace and for advancing the revolutionary process - under the leadership of the Central Committee which you stand at its head honourably, wisely and principally - is carrying out its historic tasks and is a source of encouragement to all communists, to all anti-imperialists and to all the forces of peace and progress in the world in their difficult, but most noble struggle.

We wish you, Dear Comrade Brezhnev, good health and many additional years of fruitful activity in the interest of peace, the peoples independence, democracy and socialism, for the interest of the Soviet peoples and the interest of the peoples in the whole world.

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TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CUBA

Dear Comrades,

On the occasion of the 23rd. anniversary of the victory of the Cuban revolution we extend to you and through you to all Cuban Communists and to the heroic people of Cuba, warm fraternal greetings.

The victory of the Cuban revolution has inaugurated a new era in the history of the American continent, paved the way to socialism in Cuba and enhanced the revolutionary process in the world.

Despite the US imperialist intrigues and the repeated military interventions, the heroic people of Cuba under the leadership of your party have frustrated these treacherous attempts and safeguarded the revolution. The firm internationalist support of the Soviet Union and other socialist countries have substantially contributed to the consolidation of socialism in Cuba.

Dear Comrades,

We wish you further successes in the socialist upbuilding for raising the material and cultural standard of the Cuban people for the interest of the struggle against imperialism, for peace and socialism.

Long live the glorious Communist Party of Cuba,  
Long live the Cuban Revolution,  
Long live Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism,  
Long live Peace and Communism.

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