

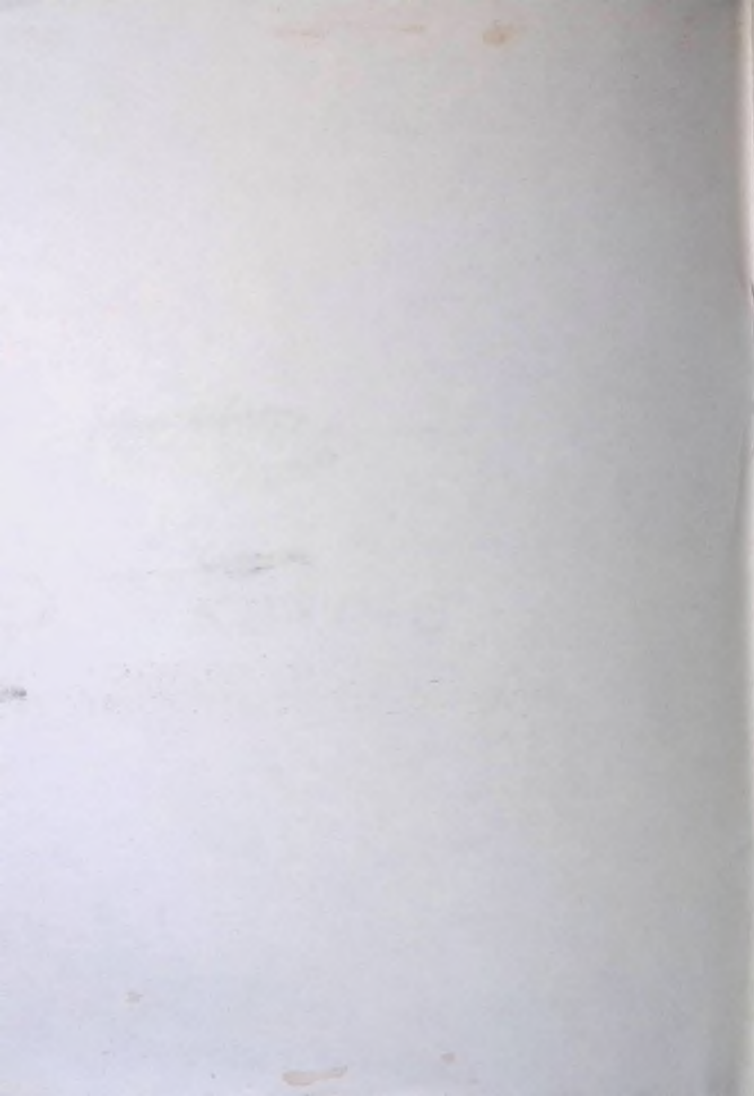
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THE 13TH PLENARY SESSION OF
THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF ISRAEL WARNS
AGAINST AN ALL-OUT ATTACK UPON WEST BEIRUT

The 13th Plenary Session of the Central Committee took place on July 16, 1982, with the participation of the members of the Central Control Commission. The Chairman of the session was Comrade Menashe Khalifa, member of the Central Committee. Comrade Meir Vilner, the General Secretary, lectured about the war in Lebanon and the political situation. A debate took place which was summed by the lecturer. The Central Committee confirmed the lecture, the summing-up, and the following resolution:

"The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Israel warns against the monstrous designs of the Begin-Sharon government to order the Israeli Army to attack West Beirut, where half a million Palestinian and Lebanese civilians live. This would be a war crime of utmost gravity against the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples and against the Israeli people themselves. This would be a barbarous crime against humankind."

In continuation, the Central Committee warns that as a consequence of the aggressive war in Lebanon, the assault upon democratic liberties in Israel has grown and the danger of fascism has intensified. It calls upon all democratic forces to be alert and unite in struggle in order to repulse the danger of fascism.

The Central Committee expressed its opposition to the policy of the Histadrut leadership, which lends a hand to the policy of the government and to the employers who strive for imposing the burden of the expenditures for the aggressive war in Lebanon on the workers by hitting their real wages, rights and living standards.

The Central Committee accused the leadership of the Labour Party of assisting the aggressive policy of the Begin-Sharon government by supporting the war and its fundamental aims. The Central Committee states that the aggressive war in Lebanon, which is a colonialist war of genocide, is a joint U.S.-Israeli war, planned and prepared jointly by the administration of President Reagan and the Begin-Sharon government.

The war aims are to liquidate the national existence of the Palestinian Arab people and its exclusive, recognised representative - the PLO; to liquidate the progressive patriotic forces in Lebanon; to set up a U.S. puppet government in Lebanon; to establish in Lebanon a U.S. military base under the cover of a multinational force, in addition to the Israeli occupation; to drive out the Syrian Army from Lebanon and even

to hit Syria itself, as it opposes the Camp David plot; to annex the occupied Palestinian territories - the West Bank and the Gaza Strip - to the State of Israel; to drive out the majority of the Palestinian people from the occupied territories to Jordan, by carrying out warlike provactions against Jordan.

All these aims are a link in the global strategy of U.S. imperialism, which is directed against detente, against the independent anti-imperialist states and national liberation movements, and against the Soviet Union and the community of socialist peoples. This imperialist policy, to which the Israeli government is an active partner, endangers the peace of the world.

The Central Committee expresses its greatest admiration for the policy of the Soviet Union in respect to the crisis in the Middle East. The support of the Soviet Union given to the just struggle of the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples, against the aggression and designs for liquidation, contributes an all-important share to deterring the aggressors. It constitutes a warning to the U.S. imperialists and the ruling circles in Israel, who imperil the peace of the region and of the world and are liable to bring a catastrophe to the people of Israel and the Arab peoples alike.

The proposals made by the President of the Soviet Union and the General Secretary of the Communist Party of the USSR, L. Brezhnev, in his messages to the President of the U.S.A., R. Reagan, are constructive proposals whose aim is to put an end to the aggression in Lebanon; to ensure the sovereignty and rights of all the states and peoples in our region; to establish comprehensive peace in the Middle East for the benefit of all sides, including Israel and the Palestinian Arab people.

The Central Committee extols the great struggle waged in Israel against the war in Lebanon, the mass demonstrations of civilians and soldiers against the aggression and against the Begin-Sharon government. The Central Committee points out that this is the first time in the history of Israel that a mass struggle has been waged by various public circles against the aggressive war initiated by Israel. Men and women, members and sympathisers of the Party, members of the Young Communist League of Israel, all have mobilised their forces in the struggles against the aggressive war.

The Central Committee called for continuing, intensifying and extending the united mass struggle against the war, for the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of the Israeli army from Lebanon and for Israeli-Palestinian peace - a just peace based on the establishment of an independent Palestinian state alongside the state of Israel.

REAGAN DOES NOT STRIVE FOR PEACE
BUT FOR U.S. DOMINATION OVER OUR REGION

Statement of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of Israel.

The Political Bureau of the Communist Party of Israel states that the plan of U.S. President Reagan is not a plan for just and stable peace in the Middle East because the Reagan plan explicitly denies the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. It asserts, a priori, that Israel shall not retreat from all the territories which she occupied in June 1967 - that is to say, it permits seizure of territory by force of arms, in contradiction to Security Council Resolution 242; it does not recognise the PLO as a side in the negotiations for a peace settlement. Thereby, the Reagan plan leaves the Palestinian problem, which is the heart of the Israeli-Arab conflict, intact, and sabotages the international efforts which have intensified in consequence of the aggression in Lebanon and sabotages the achievement of a settlement of comprehensive, just and stable peace in our region.

Exploiting the aggressive war in Lebanon against the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples, which was started by Israel in partnership with the USA, the U.S. imperialists strive for expanding the Camp David Accords in order to impose U.S. domination on the region under the mask of a "pax americana".

The Reagan plan bears within itself the danger of further and continued aggression against the peoples of the region in order to advance the global plans of the USA against the peace of the world. This plan exploits the Israeli occupation in Lebanon also in order to attempt to divide the Arab national movement, particularly the Palestinian one, and to strengthen the forces of Arab reaction.

The tactical differences of view between the rulers of Israel and the USA express the perilous, adventurous aspirations of the Begin government for the total annexation of all of the occupied Palestinian territories and the liquidation of the existence of the Palestinian Arab people. At the same time, the differences of views assist Arab reaction to adopt the Reagan plan. The Reagan administration denies the national independence of the Palestinian people; it feeds and is feeding the aggressive plans of the Begin government, including actions of oppression, colonialist settlements and annexation of the

Palestinian territories which were occupied in 1967.

The Communist Party of Israel energetically opposes the false peace plan of Reagan. We strongly emphasize that there is no prospect for just, comprehensive and stable peace except through Israeli-Palestinian peace, which must be based upon the withdrawal of Israel from all the Arab territories which were occupied in 1967; the establishment of an independent Palestinian state alongside Israel, founded on mutual respect for the independence and sovereignty of all the states of the region, including Israel and the Palestinian State.

The Communist Party of Israel calls for the immediate convocation of an international conference with the participation of all sides involved - Israel; the PLO, legitimate representative of the Palestinian Arab people; the Arab states; the Soviet Union; the USA and other states in order to establish the longed-for peace.

In this hour of danger, we repeatedly call upon all the forces of peace in Israel to act courageously and work in unity to end the war against the consolidation of the Israeli occupation in Lebanon, for the immediate return of the soldiers, and for achieving just and stable peace - Israeli-Palestinian peace.

September 5th, 1982

STATEMENT OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF ISRAEL

ISRAEL MUST NOT REJECT THE ARAB HAND WHICH IS EXTENDED
IN THE NAME OF PEACE!

A new perspective has been created for the establishment of the longed-for peace between Israel and the Arab world. Israel must not reject the Arab hand extended in the name of peace!

The Political Bureau of the Communist Party of Israel assesses positively the peace plan of the summit conference in Fez, which includes the foundations of an Israeli-Palestinian peace, for the establishment of stable peace between Israel and the Arab states, and which is commensurate with the international consensus and United Nations' decisions.

The Political Bureau points out that by confirming the Fez Convention, the Arab states, together with the PLO, have adopted a peace plan which includes the recognition of Israel as an independent and sovereign state with which one must reach stable peace. This peace shall be based on the withdrawal of Israel to the lines of June 1967; on the establishment of an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip; on the respect of the independence and sovereignty of all the states in the region, including Israel and the Palestinian state; and on guarantees to be fixed by the Security Council.

The Fez plan for Israeli-Palestinian peace, which respects the right of both peoples of the country to self-determination and national independence, is based on the principles according to which the State of Israel had been established subsequent to the United Nations' decision of November 1947.

The Begin government has resolutely rejected the peace plan of the Fez Conference, demagogically and evilly spreading the falsehood as if that plan strives for the liquidation of Israel by stages, and as if the Arab states do not want peace with the State of Israel. This rejection contradicts the true interests of the Israeli people and expresses the nationalist and adventurist policy of the Begin government, which strives for territorial expansion,

perpetuation of the occupation of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, and denial of the rights and very existence of the Palestinian Arab people. This rejection dooms Israel to continuing living by the sword, and thereby endangers its own security and future.

The Political Bureau states that the position of the Alignment leadership, who also reject the Fez plan out of aspirations for territorial annexation, assists the Begin government in perpetuating the conflict and hostility, and moves Israel further away from peace.

By rejecting the Arab peace plan, the Begin government again demonstrates that it is not inclined towards peace, but to the extension of war and aggression against the Palestinian Arab people, against the Lebanese people, against Syria and the other Arab peoples. The Political Bureau warns against the grave perils which lie before the region, consequent on the rejection of the peace plan by the Begin government.

The Arab summit conference in Fez has called for stopping Israeli aggression against the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples and for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the sovereign territory of Lebanon, in accordance with the decisions of the Security Council. The cessation of aggression in Lebanon, and the retreat of the Israeli armed forces are a necessary condition for establishing just and stable peace between Israel and the Arab states.

The Political Bureau points out that the Fez peace plan creates the conditions for talks between Israel and the PLO as the legitimate and sole representative of the Palestinian people and assists the two sides, the Israeli side and the Arab one, to extricate themselves from the intrigues of the U.S. imperialist patronage, which attempts with the assistance of the Reagan Plan to perpetuate the conflict - not to solve it.

The Political Bureau again calls for the convocation of an international peace conference with the participation of Israel, the PLO and the Arab states, the Soviet Union, the USA and other states, as a vital framework for the establishment of peace in the region.

The Political Bureau of the Communist Party of Israel calls upon the masses of the people in Israel, peace champions and all circles who oppose the war and strive for peace and cooperation with the Palestinian Arab people and the other Arab peoples, to

unite their ranks, irrespective of party affiliation and political and ideological views, and to work with all their force for a positive Israeli reply and for not rejecting the Palestinian and all-Arab hand, which has been extended for true, just, honourable and stable peace.

September 12, 1982

STATEMENT OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF ISRAEL

THE BEGIN-SHARON GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MASSACRE OF THE PALESTINIANS IN BEIRUT, MUST RESIGN!

THE ISRAELI ARMY MUST IMMEDIATELY WITHDRAW FROM BEIRUT AND LEBANON!

The Political Bureau of the Communist Party of Israel condemns the abominable massacre of masses of Palestinian refugees in Beirut and calls for the resignation of the Begin-Sharon government, which bears full responsibility for the horrible massacre of defenceless people, women, elderly and children.

All efforts to hush-up, and all mock attempts at putting the blame for the mass murder on mercenaries, will not whitewash Begin and Sharon and will not remove from the Likud government the responsibility for the bloodbath which has shocked the whole world.

By their order, and exploiting the murder of Bashir Jumayel, Israeli Army forces occupied West Beirut and, under the cover provided by this occupation, the barbarian crime was carried out, which reminds one of the crimes of the Nazis. The horrifying massacre in Beirut is a new stage in the aggressive war in Lebanon, which is pursued by the Likud government for the fourth month now with the support of the Reagan administration and with the aim of realising the crazy, delusive dream of the "Complete Land of Israel" and of turning Lebanon into an Israeli colony.

The continuation of the aggression in Lebanon - and its expansion by the Begin government, which is aimed at assisting it to extract itself from its debacle - necessarily creates new annexations, causes new crimes, sacrifices additional Israeli victims, and stains the name of Israel among the peoples.

In this fateful hour in the life of the peoples of the region, the life of the State of Israel, the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of Israel calls upon all champions of peace and democracy, irrespective of political and ideological views and party affiliation, to denounce the shocking crime in Beirut and to demand bringing Begin, Sharon and Eitan to trial; to work in unity in order to stop the aggressive war in Lebanon and to bring about the immediate withdrawal of the Israeli army

from Beirut and the whole of Lebanon.

All attempts, as brutal as they may be, to perpetuate the occupation and liquidate the national rights of the Palestinian Arab people, and even its very existence, will finally fail. Bitter experience has proved that no military force is able to solve even one of the problems of Israel.

The Political Bureau of the Communist Party of Israel calls upon all the patriotic forces, all champions of peace and democracy, to work for the resignation of the Begin-Sharon government - the government of blood and national disaster - and for the establishment of a new government which will embark Israel on a new path, a road to peace and national salvation. For its peace, security and future, Israel needs a policy which will save it from slithering down to a catastrophe. A policy is needed which will strive for Israeli-Palestinian peace, which will respect the rights of both peoples, including the right of the Palestinian Arab people to the establishment of its own independent State in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, alongside the State of Israel.

The Begin-Sharon government, the government of occupation and war, must resign!

The soldiers must be returned home !

Let Israeli-Palestinian peace be established !

September 19, 1982

ZO HADEREKH

STATEMENT OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE COMMUNIST
PARTY OF ISRAEL

AN END TO THE TERROR AGAINST THE ARAB POPULATION IN ISRAEL !
LET NOT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT ADD INSULT TO INJURY !

The general strike, the processions of protest and mourning of the Arab population in Israel, which took place on September 22, have expressed the energetic protest and the excruciating pain of the Palestinian Arab citizens in Israel against the horrible bloodbath which has been carried out on their brothers in Beirut. The Begin-Sharon government, instead of respecting the feelings of the Arab inhabitants in Israel, sent the police and "Frontier Guards" in order to provoke the Arab population, to cause disturbances among them and add insult to injury.

The rampage of the police and "Frontier Guard" in Nazareth was especially grave. They entered the town without any justification provoking the inhabitants, brutally attacking them, even shooting at random. The police attacked shops and dwellings by shots and stones, among them the home of Member of Knesset Tawfiq Zayad, the Mayor of Nazareth.

Fifty inhabitants of Nazareth were wounded and hospitalised as the result of the bloody attack of the police and "Frontier Guards".

The Political Bureau of the Communist Party of Israel denounces the police assault on the Arab population. The transfer of the brutal, colonialist systems from the occupied territories, where they are used, to the State of Israel, including shots at random, against the Arab inhabitants in Israel constitutes a dangerous slithering-down in the policy of discrimination and oppression of the Begin-Sharon government, which threatens all the inhabitants of Israel - Jews and Arabs alike.

The Political Bureau calls upon the Arab population to rally their ranks and to cooperate with the Jewish democratic forces so as to successfully repulse this attack on them, to defend their rights, and to intensify their political struggle for just Israeli-Palestinian peace.

The Political Bureau calls on the democratic forces in Israel, on all those concerned with the future of relations between the two peoples, to unite and voice their protest at the police terror against the Arab population.

A non-biased investigation committee must be set up in order to bring to trial and punish those responsible for the bloody onslaught on the inhabitants of the town of Nazareth and other Arab localities!

The hundreds of arrested Arab citizens must be set free!

The terrorist campaign against the Arab population must be stopped!

September 23, 1982

ZO HADEREKH

The War in Lebanon and "The Great Plan"

From the lecture of Comrade M. Vilner, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Israel, at the 13th session of the Central Committee of the C.P.I.

War is the continuation of policy by military means. Therefore, in order to correctly assess the character of a war we must know its motivations and political targets. The aggressive wars that were started by the Zionist circles ruling Israel in the wars of 1956 and 1967 were not unleashed only according to the wishes of Israel. The first of these wars was a French-British-Israeli intrigue; the second, a U.S.-Israeli one. In these two wars, the imperialist organizers-partners attempted to conceal their identity and the preliminary preparations and agreements which had preceded the war initiative. Only in the course of time were the facts openly published. It emerges that, without the military, economic, and political backing by an imperialist power or group of powers, Israel is unable to initiate total war. In spite of the megalomania which has overcome the Likud government and its followers in the Alignment, Israel is no world power. Let us take for an example the U.S. F-15 and F-16; let us take for an example the U.S. engines in the planes stamped "Made In Israel"; the U.S. loans and grants to Israel which, in their scope, outweigh the loans and grants given by the USA to any other state; the U.S. veto in the Security Council against the proposal of France - a member of NATO - in regards to the war in Lebanon; and take the isolated U.S. votes (together with Israel) in the General Assemble of the U.N. against 127 states (without any abstentions) - then Israel can be seen in its true light.

* THE AMERICAN-ISRAELI PARTNERSHIP

One of the differences between the 1956 and 1967 wars, on the one hand, and the war in Lebanon in 1982 is that the intrigue was overt from the beginning. The administration of President Reagan of the U.S.A. sided openly with the Begin-Sharon government, openly justified the starting of the aggressive war. On the eve of the beginning of that war the Defence Minister, A. Sharon, had, as it is know, gone over all the details with the heads of the U.S. administration at his visit to Washington. And, at the second stage, in the middle of the war, the Prime Minister, M. Begin, visited the USA and elaborated the details connected with the next stage of the war together with President Reagan, Secretary of State Haig and Secretary of Defense Weinberger.

The Minister of Communications, Mordechai Tsipori, said in his speech in Holon, "Never before has Israel received such backing by the U.S. as it has received now." ("Al-Hamishmar", July 11, 1982)

And if divergencies of opinion between the two partners in the crime sometimes arise, they are unessential differences of opinion. The Begin-Sharon government is interested in using military means the whole way. The USA supports the military actions of Israel but is forced from time to time to take into account the influence of its policy on the Arab world, the global consequences of its policy, and also its relations with its allies in NATO.

However, in the main, the differences of opinion are over tactics. The Americans wanted (in the Lebanon war) to achieve by diplomatic means the same aims which Israel wanted to achieve. This is in reference to the activity of Phillip Habib, who was sent to the region in order to complete the military aggression by diplomatic aggression and to put U.S. pressure on the PLO and the democratic forces in Lebanon and in Syria.

* THE U.S. MAXIMUM PLANS AND THE TASK INTENDED FOR THE ISRAELI RULERS

The exposures by Haggai Eshed in "Davar" (July 13, 1982) about the U.S.-Israeli partnership in the war against the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples are very informative.

H. Eshed criticised the U.S. administration for its leaving Israel in Beirut in a situation of "encirclement without breakthrough" and for not giving the green light for the breakthrough which Begin and Sharon desired. He claims that this behaviour of the U.S. contradicts the agreement between them and Israel over the carrying out "the great plan" of the war.

In his article, entitled "The Israeli Failure in Beirut", Haggai Eshed, who expresses the opinion of personalities in the top of the Alignment and also of the Likud, claims that "the longer the situation of the siege continues, more the mutual attrition and the encirclement without breakthrough will turn Israel out of necessity from being a senior partner into being a junior partner. The status of 'encirclement without breakthrough' robs Israel of the ability of a political or military resolution, transferring it to the PLO, as every settlement which will be reached about their evacuation from Beirut will depend on their agreement."

And here follows the main point. On what strength does the Israeli establishment, as things stand, come to find fault with the U.S. administration on this matter?

H. Eshed says, "The Americans have openly stated the maximum aims of the war in Lebanon which is being carried out by Israel, but has not enabled Israel to achieve a military solution which is a condition for achieving these maximum aims. These maximum aims are the removal of all the foreign forces from the whole territory of Lebanon (and this, of course, includes the Syrians as well as the PLO) and the setting-up of a strong government in Lebanon. These maximum aims cannot possibly be achieved without a clear-cut military subduing of the PLO and the Syrian army."

Thus, it is the U.S. who fixed these maximum aims for this war, with which the Israelis indeed identify themselves. Hence, these are U.S. aims and not only Israeli ones. The temporary polemic between the partners to the aggression in Lebanon is over the question of if it is possible by diplomatic means, as a continuation of the military aggression, to achieve the maximum aims of the war; or, if one must continue and carry out additional stages of the military aggression in Beirut, northern Lebanon, and even against Syria.

The USA does not, as agreed upon with the Begin government, oppose the military aggression. Still, it tries by diplomatic means and by using the threat of the possibility of continuing Israeli military activity, to achieve the maximum aims of the aggression in Lebanon.

Haggay Eshed proposes to present an "ultimatum" to the U.S. - Let them either permit Israel to continue the military steps immediately, or - "Let the U.S. themselves achieve their maximum aims - let their marines remove the Syrian army from Lebanon and the political-military PLO from West Beirut. Let them set up, without us, a strong central government in Lebanon and everything will be fine. Amen. Let them pull the chestnuts out of the fire. And if they do not pull them out - let their fingers be scorched and not our hand be burnt."

Indeed, these are important exposures. The maximum aims are explicitly defined as the aims of the U.S. administration: "If they, the U.S., wish to be assisted by us in the achievement of their maximum aims in Lebanon (as we, too, are interested in their achievement), let them request us, unreservedly, to do this as a respected and desirable partner."

If the U.S. does not consent to the immediate continuation of the Israeli military aggression, thus proposes H. Eshed - one must be content with the Israeli occupation of 45 km. of the Lebanese territory and dividing up the country of Cedars into spheres of influence...

Not a poor appetite at all. But what is most important in this scenario is the explicit things about the jointly agreed, far-reaching U.S.-Israeli aims, and not the tactical discussion about the ways and means of achieving it.

Hence, the facts in the military and political spheres in Lebanon, the Middle East, and the international arena fully confirm our definition which we had given immediately after the starting of the aggressive war which had been prepared a long time ago - that the war in Lebanon is not only an Israeli aggression, but an Israeli-U.S. one, and even a U.S.-Israeli one.

The aggression against the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples and the provocations against Syria do not constitute a separate course. This is an important link in the overall global aggressive policy of U.S. imperialism, which has assumed extensive and very dangerous dimensions since the establishment of the Reagan administration in Washington.

The policy of the U.S. administration, which is directed against detente in international relations, which again fans the cold war full volume, which foments local and regional wars, works for stationing missiles with medium-range nuclear warheads in West Europe directed against the main cities in the Soviet Union, interferes in the internal affairs of sovereign states, strives for "local" atomic wars and achievement of military superiority over the Soviet Union, this policy imperils world peace, intensifies the danger of a third world war - a nuclear war - and threatens to impose a holocaust on mankind.

The ruling zionist circles in Israel take upon themselves a heavy, historic responsibility when serving as an important supporting element for the most aggressive imperialist circles which menace world peace. Out of their extreme hostility towards socialism and the Soviet Union, out of their aspiration to liquidate, with the help of U.S. imperialism, the national existence of the Palestinian Arab people, they are ready for any crime, and do not shrink back from serving as the match which is liable to set the world afire.

* THE WAR IN LEBANON - A DIRECT CONTINUATION OF THE CAMP DAVID DEAL

The aggressive U.S.-Israeli war in Lebanon is one of the grave results of the Camp David Accords between Egypt, Israel and the USA. To any objective observer it was clear from the outset that these Accords are an aggressive, strategic alliance against the Arab and other national liberation movements, especially against the Palestinian Arab people and its representative the PLO, and, in a wider respect, against

the Soviet Union, social progress and socialism.

The initiators of the Camp David intrigue have failed in their attempt to harness additional elements to it. Not a single Arab state has joined the Camp David Accords in spite of the deep divisions in the Arab world. The Palestinian Arab people and its representative the PLO have rejected the Camp David deal, which denies its right to self-determination. Among the neighbours of Israel, Syria has manifested a resolute, anti-imperialist position against the Camp David deal, one of whose important aims, if not the most important, is to let U.S. imperialism establish additional military bases in our region instead of those which it lost in Iran and other places. Such a base has been set-up in the Sinai. Now an additional base is being prepared in Lebanon under the cover of a "multi-national force".

The target of U.S. imperialism is to achieve military and political hegemony in the Middle East, close to the frontiers of the USSR and to strangle any progressive national and social liberation movement in the whole region.

The Lebanon war is therefore an aggressive, colonialist, dirty war of the USA and Israel, an inseparable part of the campaign of the Reagan administration against national and social liberation movements, against socialism and the Soviet Union. All this U.S. aggressive strategy in which Israel serves as one of the partners and instruments and, in our region, as the central partner, very much endangers Israel and over a longer range endangers even its very existence.

* THE GREAT PLAN OF BEGIN AND SHARON

The carrying out of the U.S.-Israeli "great plan" did not start with and is not foreseen to end with the Israeli invasion of Lebanon. The campaign for liquidating the national rights of the Palestinian Arab people had begun before that in the West Bank and Gaza Strip by the establishment of "civil administration", the most brutal radicalisation of oppression in the occupied Palestinian territories; by the disbandment of the municipal councils and the removal of the mayors; by closing down universities and developing a murderous terror which caused a great number of killed and wounded; by setting-up the pogromist "Gush Emunim" and the quisling "village associations".

The war for exterminating the PLO in Lebanon is a continuation of the terror carried out by the Israeli authorities in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The adventurist and brutal plans of the Begin-Sharon government, as it appears, include the following aims:

1. The liquidation of the PLO and the national leadership of the Palestinian people in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.
2. The liquidation of the PLO in Lebanon and the removal of the Palestinian people from that country.
3. The establishment of a new Palestinian leadership which would be composed of U.S., Israeli, and other reactionary agents.
4. The liquidation of the forces of the Left and all other patriotic forces in Lebanon.
5. The setting-up of a puppet government in Lebanon, the partition of that country into spheres of influence, and/or the turning of the whole of Lebanon into an actual Israeli colony.
6. The establishment of a U.S. military base in Lebanon under the cover of a "multinational force".
7. The removal of the Syrian army from Lebanon.
8. Political, economic, and military pressure on Syria in order to bring about a change of its independent policy or the overthrow of its present regime.
9. The official and full annexation of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip to Israel.
10. Military provocations against Jordan and the Palestinian population in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, with the aim to bring about the expulsion of the majority of Palestinians from the occupied territories.

There are already visible signs of preparation of these steps for carrying out the "great plan".

Within the Likud government the view is strengthening that in order to give expression to the "troublesome" Palestinian question, one must work for turning Jordan into a "Palestinian state" or into a "Palestinian-Jordanian" state. In this spirit, Defense Minister Sharon and Foreign Minister Shamir have expressed themselves in public. This abortive scheme has begun to win the support of Reagan, and this is the reason for the perplexity of King Hussein.

By creating "a Palestinian solution" in Jordan and driving out 800,000 Palestinians from the occupied territories into that country, the government in Israel wants to kill two birds with one stone. First of all, get rid of the Palestinian problem by its factual liquidation; secondly, to prevent a large minority of Palestinians being in "Greater Israel" as this would turn it into a bi-national state.

Recently, supporters of this satanic plan were also found among the leadership of the Labour Party. Nissim Calderon wrote in "Davar" of July 16, 1982, "The Israeli

policy has definitely decided to crush the Palestinians in Nablus and Sidon, not to have any dialogue with them and not to try to compromise with them. Here, with this political choice, begins the brutality of which war is the means in one place and the Milson ('civil') administration in another place."

And further, "Sharon openly announced the second stage of his 'great plan' of a war for a new order in Jordan. This will be probably called 'peace for the Jordan valley', and its first 40 kilometres will receive the blessings of the Alignment as they are the defence belt of the Allon plan. There is no need to have a vivid imagination in order to conceive what fate will befall the Palestinians in Hebron and Ramallah when Sharon will set up the Council for National Salvation for them in Amman; and what awaits the Israelis in whose name that movement would be carried out. No one knows if it will be carried out, but everyone knows that it is planned."

These are the additional lines of the "great plan". And the greater the aggressive and annexationist plan, the greater is its debacle liable to be.

* THE WAR ACTS LIKE A BOOMERANG AGAINST ITS INITIATORS

There are already many signs that this aggressive war in Lebanon is boomeranging against the U.S. and Israeli initiators of it. They have not achieved the fundamental political aims to which they set themselves; and, from the military point of view, it is out of the question to talk about a victory. Israel has put its full military force into action, using the most up-to-date U.S. arms, and receiving all-round, open U.S. backing. Israel has perpetrated barbarous, monstrous acts against a civil population, has destroyed towns, villages, and refugee camps. And the result is the longest Israeli-Arab war, causing Israel very serious losses.

The war is still in full swing after six weeks. The PLO fighters supported by the popular masses have manifested exemplary steadfastness and heroism, few against many, with relatively light arms against the most modern U.S. ones which were tested on the battlefield for the first time. Israeli sources even admit this. They also admit that the Syrian units in Lebanon which were attacked by the Israeli army stood fast and firm in battle. They also pointed out the excellent quality of the Soviet arms.

The political results till now completely contradict the expectations of the aggression:

1. The war in Lebanon has put the Palestinian question into the centre of international policy with reference to the Middle East. Many additional international elements now demand the realisation of the right to self-determination for the Palestinian Arab people and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state alongside Israel.
 2. The status of the PLO has very much gained in strength in the political respect. States which up till now abstained from recognising the PLO have now taken up direct contacts with them.
 3. The status of Israel in the world has been very much lowered. Israel lost the last remnants of the sympathy which she had received. Many sources which until now were thought to be pro-Israeli par excellence are now disgusted with the Israeli barbarous aggression and stigmatize it.
 4. Various Jewish circles in the world who, until now, had supported the ruling Israeli policy, now dissociate themselves from it and even fight against it.
 5. The hostility towards Israel and the Arab world and the countries of the Third World has reached such dimensions so as to even prevent pro-imperialist circles from siding with them.
 6. The enmity towards U.S. imperialism among the Arab peoples has reached a peak without precedence, in spite of the attempt of the reactionary circles to lead their peoples astray by means of lying propaganda.
 7. In spite of the deep division within the Arab world, which is one of the causes making the Israeli-U.S. aggression in Lebanon possible, a process is visible of rallying the popular forces in the struggle against U.S. imperialism, against its Israeli ally, and against the Arab reactionary, pro-imperialist factors.
 8. The last fact, though not the least important one, is the division which has begun within Israeli society during the war in regards to the position towards the war. For the first time in the history of the Israeli-Arab wars, a wide popular resistance movement has sprung up against the war, against genocide, and for just Israeli-Palestinian peace.
- Now it is clear to much broader circles that the war is unjust, that it is impossible to solve the Palestinian question by military means, that the ruling policy is a danger for Israeli itself.

The Communist Party of Israel has fulfilled and is fulfilling an important task in the struggle against the aggressive war, in instilling the understanding that only by mutual respect for the rights of both peoples, the Palestinian Arab people and the Israeli people, true peace will be established and security will be achieved.

Already on the first day of the invasion of Lebanon, on June 6, 1982, the Political Bureau of the Party published a public statement which was distributed in the streets of Tel-Aviv and other places. It condemned the aggression in Lebanon and called for the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of the Israeli army from the territory of Lebanon and the resignation of the Begin-Sharon government.

* THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE WAR - NEW PHENOMENA

The struggle against the aggressive war has attained wider dimensions from day to day. The Committee Against The War In Lebanon was established. This committee organised the historic demonstration against the war in Lebanon which took place in Tel-Aviv on Saturday, June 26, 1982, in which 20,000 people took part.

This demonstration gave a push to the activity of additional circles who, in spite of their disagreement with the war, had decided not to demonstrate against it "as long as our soldiers are fighting at the front." This opportunist attitude had brought about the failure of the "Peace Now Movement" to act against the war. In the debates which took place in the leadership, the attitude of "sitting and doing nothing" had gained the upper hand.

But the great success of the demonstration which had been organised by the Committee Against The War In Lebanon, and the lengthening of the war with all its attending monstrosities and victims, led to the decision of the "Peace Now Movement" to call for a mass meeting on Saturday, July 3, 1982. In this anti-war demonstration more than 100,000 people took part, among them civilians, many youth from different groups, and officers and soldiers.

A mass public struggle against the war is a new phenomena in Israel. This is the first time that wide resistance to a war has crystallised among the citizens and among the army. In the wars of 1956 and 1967, the Communist Party of Israel was the only political force which struggled against the aggression. In those wars we were absolutely isolated. The ruling zionist circles succeeded in those wars to mislead the people, all its strata and parties, with the exception of the Communist Party.

In this respect, a most significant change has taken place. The struggle against the beginning of the war had taken place for many months preceding the invasion of Lebanon on June 6. The preparations for war were undertaken almost openly and the war aims were announced in various channels and various forms before the war broke out. Therefore, already before the Begin-Sharon government unleashed

the war in all its force and scope, almost all the political parties, except for the government coalition, opposed an Israeli-initiated war in Lebanon. But, to our regret and misfortune, after the war became a fact, the leadership of the Labour Party and also of Mapam and Shinui stood at attention and demonstrated an alleged patriotism.

* THE HISTORIC RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LABOUR PARTY IN THE PARTNERSHIP IN THE AGGRESSION

The political test was on June 8, 1982, the third day of the invasion. Our parliamentary group in the Knesset, the group of the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality (DFPE), presented a proposal for no-confidence in the government because it unleashed the aggressive war in Lebanon. Prime Minister Begin said, in his reply, that the aim is limited - only the removal of the PLO to 40 km. from the Israeli frontier so that their cannon would not be able to shell the populated areas of the Galilee.

The truth is that for an entire year, silence had reigned on the Israeli-Lebanese frontier. There had been a cease-fire which was strictly observed by the PLO. The Begin-Sharon government decided to start the war for the aims which we defined above, without any connection with what happened on the Lebanese-Israeli frontier, which was completely quiet for a long time.

The government carried out a murderous bombing of Beirut, refugee camps, and villages in Lebanon several times before starting the war in order to provoke the PLO into reacting. It was completely clear that the Israeli government was only searching for a pretext for starting the war. The situation was characterised by a headline in "al-Hamishar" about a month before the war, "A War Is Looking For A Pretext".

However, the main Zionist parties outside the government coalition, and in particular the leadership of the Labour Party, immediately announced their consent to the "Peace for the Galilee" operation, for the "removal of the terrorists to 40 km. from the frontier."

At the decisive voting on June 8 about our proposal for no-confidence in connection with the war in Lebanon, the members of the Knesset of the Labour Party, the Hatahiya, and Telem voted together with the members of the Knesset of the government coalition against the proposal for no-confidence. Only the members of the Knesset of our parliamentary group, the DFPE, voted for the no-confidence. But, despite the unconstitutional manoeuvres of the Chairman of the Knesset, Y. Savidor, there were also abstentions from

voting - more precisely "no-participation" in the voting, because these MK's did not want to vote for the government. These were members of Mapam, Yossi Sarid from the Labour Party, Shulamit Alloni from Ratz, Virshuvsky from Shinui.

Thereby, the Labour Party took upon itself a historic responsibility of partnership in the aggression, with all its results in the present and future. The leadership of the Labour Party took the line of the Likud government and during the continuation of the war, its principal leaders, S. Peres and Y. Rabin, became henchmen and spokesmen of the Begin-Sharon government.

The leadership of Mapam decided to support the war after it broke out, only for a distance of 40 km, and thereby gave backing to the war in Lebanon, even though not to its continuation up to Beirut and the Beirut-Damascus road.

Yet, Mapam and other circles who had opposed the demonstration against the war on June 26, lent a hand to the demonstration which was called by the "Peace Now Movement" on July 3, under the slogan: "Against such a War". In spite of the fact that not all participants in the demonstrations were consistent and did not demand the immediate and unconditional retreat of Israel from Lebanon, this was an anti-war and anti-government demonstration par excellence.

In the activities against the war, women's organizations, students, university lecturers and various public circles of various ideological and political trends took part and are taking an important part.

The Arab population in Israel contributes an important share to the struggle against the aggressive war in Lebanon. On July 10, 1982, a mass meeting of the representatives of the Arab population in Israel took place in Nazareth, with the participation of Jewish forces of peace and democracy. At this meeting, the majority of the Arab population in Israel were represented. The meeting elected a committee of 140 members, against the war in Lebanon and for Israeli-Palestinian peace. In the platform it was stated that a just peace will be established on the basis of an independent Palestinian state alongside the State of Israel and the borderlines of June 4, 1967.

★ THE DANGER OF FASCISM HAS INTENSIFIED IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE WAR

Assessing the internal situation which developed in Israel in consequence of the war in Lebanon, we justly emphasize the new phenomenon which encourages and gives hope for a better future - the mass struggle of citizens and soldiers against the war in Lebanon.

But we must not paint a one-sided picture. Along with the positive phenomena, the mass struggle, for the first time in the history of Israel, against a war at the very time of war - other opposed developments are taking place.

In spite of the numerous victims which fell also on the Israeli side, chauvinism, militarism and nationalism are intensifying. The traditional Zionist slogan - maximum territory with a minimum of Arabs - is still supported by the ruling Zionist establishment of the Likud and their loyal opposition. Begin and Sharon still succeed in leading astray wide masses, as long as it appears to them that, in contradiction to what is said by the forces of peace, it is possible to solve the Palestinian problem by military means and that it is possible, by military means, to achieve a "final solution" of the Palestinian question - and tomorrow - also in Jordan. These dangerous ideas are encouraged with U.S. backing.

These chauvinist ideas also give justification to anti-democratic steps and acts, and even to reconciliation with the danger of fascism, which is intensifying in Israel subsequent to the war in Lebanon.

For this state of affairs, a great extent of blame falls on the leadership of the Labour Party. They do not present a political alternative. The majority of the public consider them to be a tolerated puppet of the Likud government, a motley crowd with confused opinions.

Also, in the economic sphere, the leadership of the Labour Party does not present any alternative. No one else but one of the Labour leaders, Gad Jacobi, proposed to declare an economic state of emergency, in addition to the political and military state of emergency.

In the fundamental questions of the foreign and internal policy there is no essential difference between the Likud and the leadership of the Labour Party. In respect to foreign policy, both enthusiastically support the global policy of U.S. imperialism, against the Soviet Union and communism, against the national and social liberation movements, against the independent and progressive states in the Middle East, the Persian Gulf, in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

* FOR UNITY IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE RULING POLICY

In this situation, the question of unity of struggle and cooperation between all the circles and personalities who understand the grave dangers threatening Israel, if the present policy continues, if the Begin-Sharon government continues to rule and the leadership of the Alignment continue being their puppet, assumes extraordinary importance. Certain circles understand the importance of the unity of forces opposing the war in Lebanon and hope for a just Israeli-Palestinian peace. On this basis, the Committee for Solidarity with Bir-Zeit University was established, and later, the Committee against the war in Lebanon. Various, temporary organisations for concrete struggles, were also set up.

But there is no sufficiently wide and stable unity of action. Anti-communism and prejudices with reference to the peace policy of the Soviet Union are still dominant within many circles which do not agree with the ruling policy.

It must be pointed out and emphasized that the Communist Party of Israel has no other interests but the interests of the Israeli people, which are commensurate with the interests of the Palestinian Arab people, the cause of general peace in the Middle East and the world.

* THE POLICY OF THE SOVIET UNION - FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLES

We must point out and stress that the policy of the Soviet Union with respect to our region and to the universal international respect is a clear policy of peace to the benefit of all the peoples, including the people of Israel and the Arab peoples.

The position of the Soviet Union against the aggressive war in Lebanon; putting its weight on the scales against the genocide in Lebanon; the all-round support given by the Soviet Union to the just struggle of the Palestinian Arab people and its representative - the PLO - against the Israeli-American aggression, against the occupation and for just peace for the benefit of the peoples, does not only not hit any Israeli interest, but on the contrary. To put an end to the policy of aggression and occupation pursued by the ruling Zionist circles in Israel - and to establish just Israeli-Palestinian peace on the basis of two states for two peoples - this is a vital Israeli interest not less than a Palestinian interest.

The President of the Soviet Union, L. Brezhnev, warned in his messages to President Reagan against the grave results which are likely to arise from the aggressive war in Lebanon for the peace of the region and the world. He also warns against the tide of hostility which threatens to flood Israel subsequent to the aggressive policy of war and genocide of the Begin-Sharon government. At the same time, the leader of the Soviet Union warns the Israeli people that, finally, all the policy and criminal acts of its government are liable to boomerang against the State of Israel and the Israeli people. These warnings of the Soviet Union constitute a call to sober up, to save our own life, to shake off the reactionary illusion that it is possible to build the future of Israel and its security on the ruins of the Palestinian Arab people, through reliance on American power.

Every person in Israel with some understanding must read the messages of the Soviet Union correctly and take them in all seriousness so that an end may be put to the vicious circles of bloodshed and wars, so that the peoples of Israel and Palestine will live in security in two independent states, one alongside the other.

* AN INSPIRING AND POSITIVE VISION INSTEAD OF THE NATIONALIST VISION

Finally, attention must be paid to yet another aspect of the internal situation in Israel. A great part of those who have some reservations in regards to the ruling policy, or who oppose it, do so not out of principled and moral reasons, but because they have doubts in regard to the realism of bombastic aspirations for territorial expansion and domination. Others fear that, over a long range, this policy is liable to bring disaster upon Israel as a Middle East country. There are also people who fear the almost absolute dependence on the USA.

Attention to this important matter was drawn by David Sham (in "Yediot Ahronot" of July 11, 1982). He writes in his article "Self-examination": "The fundamental problem is that the 'dovish' part of the public struggles with public opinion in terms of rationalism, utility, account of profit and loss, in pragmatic terms and has not dared to contend with it on the ideological-moral-spiritual level".

And further: "Indeed, here and there, someone speaks about the occupation which destroys our own human image, distorts the scale of social priorities and other such pseudo-psychological formulations, but the majority of the big vital organisations have never dared explicitly - not just by hints - to claim that the occupation contradicts justice, that one must renounce it because it is evil in itself and not just bad

for us... The arguments are all on the pragmatic-utility level. This will not work out, this will not last. The explosion is not preventable. The world will not permit this over a long range. Our image will suffer; we will lose the support of the USA; pressure will be brought to bear on us, and so on and so forth - all rational salvoes of peas".

D. Shaham asks, "Why do we not dare to contend over the soul of the people?... Because we do not believe in success. Because we feel in our hearts that we have no prospect".

The author of that article points to the dangerous change which has taken place in Israeli public opinion in consequence of the June 1967 war:

"From the one moment when we swilled the nationalist gin from the bottle at the time of the euphoria after the Six-Day War, we lost the battle over public opinion; we lost the ability to present a positive, attractive, conquering vision - a vision of love, a vision whose power would be bigger than the nationalist vision which feeds on hatred towards strangers".

We, Communists, did not lose the ability to present a positive, inspiring vision in opposition to the nationalist "vision", which is liable to bring about a national disaster. We are principled ideological, political and moral opponents of aggression and occupation, of joining the imperialist war mongers. We defend, on principle, the rights of all peoples, peace in our region and world peace - for we are guided by the lofty humanists ideals of communism, for we are guided by the teachings of scientific socialism which were laid down theoretically and practically by Marx, Engels and Lenin.

We contend with, and will continue contending with all our force, Zionist nationalism and with any nationalism. At the same time we are ready, for the benefit of the struggle against aggression and for just and realistic peace, to act and struggle jointly with any political group, any person, wherever they are, whatever their ideology and political calculations might be.

The war in Lebanon still continues. The danger of further "rounds" in its expansion exists. A great historical responsibility rests on us, Communists, on every person in Israel. History has not yet come to its end. There is a saying "Those laugh best who laugh last". One might also say "Those weep best who weep last".

We reject with contempt the statement of the Chief-of-Staff, R. Eitan, who has said that in the contest between the peoples, the Israeli and the Palestinian, one must exterminate the other, and the exterminated one will not be the Israeli people.

History has shown what became of those who strove to exterminating other peoples, for "final solutions", for the destruction of peoples. We, Communists, oppose this cannibalistic world outlook. We do not want that, at the end, one people will weep. We want a happy future for all peoples, for the two fraternal peoples, the Israeli and the Palestinian people. For that aim one must struggle for a fundamental change in Israel public opinion and against the ruling Israeli policy.

THE ONLY SOLUTION: ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN PEACE

*Speech by Comrade Tawfiq Toubi
in the Knesset*

This speech was delivered in the Knesset on September 8, 1982 in the debate about the announcement of the government in regard to the Reagan plan.

When the Israeli soldiers marched into Lebanon, into Beirut, in order to allegedly ensure the peace of the Galilee, the Begin-Sharon government had, in reality, their eyes on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

The government was looking for a military solution to the Palestinian problem, as was stated by the Army Chief-of-Staff Eitan. As a matter of fact, it wanted to liquidate the PLO; it wanted to completely trample underfoot, by the massive power of arms, the aspiration of the Palestinian Arab people for national independence and the establishment of its own state alongside Israel; and to finally perpetuate Israeli rule over the West Bank and Gaza Strip. It was sure that the mighty war machine of Israel could decide and fix the fate of the Palestinian territories which had been occupied since 1967 in contradiction to the elementary rights of the Palestinian Arab people and in contradiction to the interests of just and stable peace - and thereby provoking public opinion of all states of the world.

And what is the result? Instead of the liquidation of the PLO, the liquidation of the Palestinian problem, and the perpetuation of Israeli rule over the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, the PLO received additional international prestige and status and whether you want it or do not want it, this prestige was strengthened among the peoples of the world. The problem of the Palestinian refugees, the problem of a people without a homeland, the problem of a people which struggle for its independence, has focused international attention which has surprised and stunned the government. The dream has evaporated and the illusion was shattered that the war in Lebanon - with all its crimes and the tragedy suffered by the Palestinian Arab people - will liquidate the influence of the PLO in the occupied territories, would put the crown on the head of the "village association" which is led by (the Quisling - IB) Dudaín as the "representative" at the talks about the "autonomy" and would extinguish the fighting spirit for national independence and an independent Palestinian state.

These are facts, as bitter as they may be, for the knights of the "Complete Land of Israel" whoever and wherever they are.

At the same time, the international demand has risen higher and strengthened more than ever before. This is the demand for extinguishing, for once and all, the hotbed of tension and war in the region, to justly solve the Palestinian problem and establish comprehensive, just and stable peace in the Middle East, in contradiction to the expectations of the incendiaries of aggressive war.

In order to prevent this development, to sabotage the efforts in the world and the region, in order to hold in their hands the strings of the game of establishing some alleged "peace", while their aim is to pluck the fruits of the criminal aggression of the Israeli rulers in Lebanon, the Washington rulers have hastened to present the Reagan Plan.

The truth is that the Reagan Plan is not intended to solve even a single problem of the problems of the conflict. It denies the right to self-determination of the Palestinian Arab people by its opposition to the establishment of an independent Palestinian state alongside Israel. It ignores the painful problem of the Palestinian refugees, a tragedy which has been continuing for many years. It ignores the PLO, with whom the dialogue about the peace settlement must be held. It proposes to divide the West Bank and the Gaza Strip between Jordan and Israel, in order to satisfy the avidity for annexation on the part of the Israeli rulers - although not to the maximum extent for which the Likud government strives but to the extent which the Alignment government proposes for many years - in accordance with its policy of "territorial compromise". Thus the Reagan Plan leaves the Palestinian problem, which is the heart of the Israeli-Arab conflict, without any solution, and thereby prevents the establishment of just and stable peace.

A FRAUD WHOSE NAME IS PEACE

The Reagan Plan, which exploits the Israeli occupation in Lebanon, strives under the cover of "pax Americana" of false peace, to expand the Camp David Accords and to drag into its net not only Jordan, but also other Arab forces such as Syria and the PLO. Speaking about the division of the West Bank between Jordan and Israel, and in his hints about his opposition to the continuation of the (Israeli - IB) colonialist settlements, the Reagan administration aspires to encourage illusions, to divide the Arab national movement, especially the Palestinian movement, to strengthen

Arab reaction and to sabotage the prospects of comprehensive, just and stable peace - to the detriment of both peoples.

The Reagan Plan does not contain any solution to the problems of the region except partial settlements and pills of illusion. The United States wants to intensify nations' dependence on it to the detriment of their independence, including the danger of aggression and war and the advancement of the global plans of the United States against the peace of the world.

The Begin government makes a show of opposition to the Reagan Plan while it demonstrates its adventurist positions and unrestrained aspirations to maximalist annexation and territorial expansion, totally trampling the rights of the Palestinian Arab people. No factor in the world, not even the most loyal friends of the government in the United States, can openly support this, even if they would like to see the realisation of its aggressive plans. These adventurist plans of the Begin government, which stand for the "Complete Land of Israel" and absolute Israeli rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, were expressed in the amazing decision which was adopted this week to establish another new eight colonialist settlements.

These positions lack all perspective and put the very future of Israel into the most dangerous position, a position which frustrates any prospects for peace and which dooms Israel to live by the sword; to shed blood and play hazard with its fate and very existence.

LEBANON... AS A PRESENT

The Prime Minister does not feel any shame when he accuses the United States of being ungrateful to Israel, "We gave a cleared and pro-Western Lebanon as a present to the United States". He said, "And, as against this, the United States wants to take Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip from us".

Begin and Sharon sacrificed thousands of young men, Israeli soldiers killed and wounded, in addition to the tens of thousands killed and wounded Palestinians and Lebanese, in order to make the United States, the imperialist power give the West Bank and Gaza Strip its servants and henchmen, the Begin government. The Begin government was so sure that this would be so that they did not give a thought to the fact that there are other laws in our world, which are not laws of the jungle, like those in accordance to which they act, but laws

which are not favourable to aggression or the benefit of the imperialist overlords. Israel, in spite of all its military power, is not almighty; and the American overlords too, are not almighty, and they are not free to satisfy all the desires of Begin and Sharon.

TO EXTEND A HAND TO PEACE

Perhaps from this whole development the officially responsible persons in Israel will draw the lesson that there is no prospect whatsoever for the plans of the "Complete Land of Israel", the plans for annexation and colonial settlements; but also that collaboration with the United States, with U.S. imperialism, will, at last, not be profitable. Instead of playing hazard with the fate of Israel and the future of its people on the U.S. imperialist roulette table, would it not be better to abandon the plans for occupation and annexations, territorial expansion and colonial settlements, to to extend a hand to the Palestinian Arab people and its legitimate representative, to build directly with them the bridges of Israeli-Palestinian peace, whose foundations have been laid in all the decision of the United Nations and whose essence is "two states for two peoples"?

We warn against the continuation of the aggression, the danger of a conflagration with Syria; we call upon the government to stop the war in Lebanon and cease its perilous attempt to establish a new order and a puppet regime there, which will sign an agreement of surrender dictated by Israeli bayonets and tanks. We call upon the government to immediately withdraw the army from Lebanon and to exercise serious efforts towards an agreement with the PLO in order to establish longed-for peace, Israeli-Palestinian peace.

The path to peace is one and one only - the withdrawal of Israel from all the Arab territories which have been occupied since June 1967, the establishment of a Palestinian state alongside Israel, accompanied by ensuring peaceful coexistence and mutual recognition of the independence and sovereignty of all the states of the region, including Israel and Palestine. No new aggression and no new conquests will cancel this just solution. Such a solution can be achieved not under the auspices of U.S. patrons - which will not bring anything but the perpetuation of crisis - but by the convocation of an international conference with the participation of Israel, the

PLO, the Arab States, the Soviet Union, the USA, and other states involved.

At this hour of crisis and danger we call upon the forces of peace in Israel to rally and work courageously in order to remove the Begin-Sharon government, thereby making Israel leave the path of war and bloodshed and making the Israeli people and the State of Israel embark on the path to a just peace with the Palestinian Arab people.

ZO HADEREKH

September 15, 1982

THE AIM OF THE MASSACRE WAS TO CAUSE THE PALESTINIANS TO FLEE LEBANON

*Speech of Comrade Meir Vilner
in the Knesset*

At the special session of the Knesset which took place on September 22, 1982, Comrade Meir Vilner stated:

The massacre in the refugee camps was a calculated political affair, not only an extraordinary cruel act.

The aim of the government was not only to liquidate the PLO in Beirut, in Lebanon, and anywhere else, but to expel the whole Palestinian population from Lebanon, to transfer them mainly to Jordan in order to attempt to turn Jordan afterwards into an allegedly Palestinian state.

Comrade M. Vilner asked, "Who murdered Bashir Jumayel? This was the beginning of the process - and the continuation was the terrible massacre. It is still necessary to investigate who killed Bashir Jumayel? Who was it whom he had disappointed? Today the Defence Minister admitted that Bashir Jumayel had disappointed us. He did not participate in the war as he had promised. Neither did he want to sign - under the now prevailing circumstances in Lebanon - a peace agreement, which you wanted to impose on him. It is not yet clear who murdered Bashir Jumayel".

Comrade Meir Vilner explained the real political aims of the massacre:

"The aim of this government was not only to liquidate the PLO in Beirut, in Lebanon and everywhere, but to expel the whole Palestinian population from Lebanon, to transfer them mainly to Jordan, in order to turn Jordan into an allegedly Palestinian state.

The horror which I saw in West Beirut reminded me of the sights which we saw at the time of the Second World War and after it, heaps of dead bodies of women and men, elderly and children. The last news says that thousands were shot or slaughtered or buried alive - just as simple as that! This reminds us of Babi-Yar and Lidice.

All we have heard today from the Defence Minister in his long speech was a big lie from beginning to end. First it was said that West Beirut was entered (by the Israeli army - IB) in order to preserve order, and then it is said that they did not know what was happening. It was said that they had encircled the town and the Falangas entered through some breach. Then it became clear that the Defence Minister and Begin had given the confirmation for the entry of the Falangas and lied when they said that they did not know how they entered. The entire Israeli press, not only the foreign ones, write that they lie every day.

Now Sharon has added a new argument: the Falangas were called to enter in order to do the work - to fight the PLO, in order to save the lives of Israeli soldiers. But the PLO forces had already left Beirut, and when the Falangas entered there were no fights! None of the Falangists were killed. That means there was no question of victims; that means that the new pretext is a brazen lie.

The very decision to enter West Beirut, in spite of the promises given to President Reagan by Prime Minister Begin and Defence Minister Sharon that they would not do so, shows that all your promises were lies and deception. They had planned the entry into West Beirut and long ago had wanted to enter, even by force.

It must still be investigated who killed Bashir Jumayel. It is not yet clear who murdered him. It will not cross anybody's mind that the explosion in the headquarters of the Falangas was done by Palestinians, and you know that very well. Hence, the massacre in the refugee camps was a calculated political affair and not just an extraordinary cruel act, which reminds one of the acts of the Nazis.

The massacre was planned and known to the decision-makers in the government (they did not only stand at the side). The calculation was to carry it out, through their henchmen, with the aim of frightening the masses of Palestinians in Lebanon in order to make them run away or be expelled.

But now the times are not as they were. You have failed politically and morally. Now you are weaker. You are on the bottom rung. You do not sit on ministerial chairs; you sit in a deep bog, in Israel as well as in Lebanon. You will not be forgiven. The lying concoctions of Minister Sharon do not convince anyone - neither in the world nor in Israel.

I want to address Members of the Knesset and Ministers of the coalition government who still have some conscience. I address all conscientious persons irrespective of differences in political views. If what has happened has not shaken you up, if you have not drawn conclusions, if you vote for this government whose hands are steeped in the blood of the innocent, if you do not resign from the government, from the coalition, a heavy load of responsibility for the massacre will be laid upon you.

Yesterday I heard on the Israeli television a campaign of slander against the new President (of Lebanon) Amin Jumayel. They said that he is not strong... What is that - strong? Certain fascists in the Falangas - thus said the television - demand of the Israeli army to bring pressure to bear upon the new president. What, do you threaten to murder yet another person? What does that mean that the Israeli army should bring pressure to bear upon the president of another state? What have we to do in Lebanon at all? We must leave Beirut and leave Lebanon!"

After this, a discussion ensued between the chairman of the Knesset and Comrade Vilner, at the end of which Comrade Vilner was dragged out by the Knesset guard - in compliance with the order of the chairman.

September 29, 1982

ZO HADEREKH

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*Speech of Comrade
Tawfiq Toubi*

At the same session Comrade Tawfiq Toubi was also removed by force from the Knesset hall.

Before his expulsion from the hall, he declared:

A terrible crime of genocide was perpetrated with the full responsibility of the Begin-Sharon government.

The government officially announced that the Israeli army entered Beirut in order to prevent disturbances, to allegedly preserve order. The result was the murder in cold blood of thousands of innocent people, women, and children.

Sharon declared that the Israeli army had encircled the refugee camps. How did it happen that there was "a breach in the West"? Light (star) shells of the Israeli army illuminated the refugee camps for the pogromists. The Israeli army had before that arrested thousands of young refugees and left the inhabitants of the camps completely defenceless. The government confirmed the entry of the Falangas into the camps, "to put things in order". Israeli army officers briefed the Falangas. Must this not be investigated? Who will not point an accusing finger at the Defence Minister, other Ministers, the Chief-of-Staff and responsible officers? All of them knew about this!

We accuse the Begin government of being fully responsible for the genocide carried out among the refugees.

Begin and Sharon gave the order to enter Beirut in order to continue the genocide which they had started at the beginning of the war. The crime is the fruit of the criminal policy of Begin, Sharon, and Eitan, who have declared that only by force will they solve the Palestinian question.

Your hands are dripping with the blood of thousands of people slaughtered in cold blood in Beirut. You must resign and save Israel and the region from the horrors and the dangerous path to which you lead us.

September 29, 1982

ZO HADEREKH

A DANGEROUS STAGE IN THE MIDDLE EAST
A CALL TO REBUFF U.S. IMPERIALIST - ISRAELI AGGRESSION
A CALL FOR A JUST ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN PEACE

by Emile Touma

1. *Timing the latest aggression of the Israeli ruling circles against the Palestinian Arab people and the Arab National Liberation Movement in collusion with U.S. imperialism*

It is clear now, more than any time before, that the Israeli ruling circles launched their genocidal war against the Palestinian national political, organisational and military presence in Lebanon, on the fifteenth anniversary of their June 1967 aggression against the neighbouring Arab countries - Egypt, Syria and Jordan - in collusion with U.S. imperialism.

Both partners to this predatory war chose this moment for three reasons:

(a) The U.S. imperialist onsalught on detente was creating an atmosphere of terror convenient for provocative aggression.

(b) The "Camp David" conspiracy was at a dead end and its partners planned to deal mortal blows to the Arab National Movement, and specifically its Palestinian contingent, which aborted the so-called autonomy plan for the Palestinian inhabitants of the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The autonomy plan was the crux of the "Camp David" conspiracy which was designed to negate the national legitimate rights of the Palestinian Arab people.

(c) The Arab world was torn by divisiveness as a consequence of the aggressions launched by the Iraqi fascist clique against revolutionary Iran. This aggression not only withdrew Iran from the arena of the Israeli-Arab conflict, but divided the Arab countries into two camps - the reactionary Arab regimes like Saudi Arabia and Jordan sided with the Iraqi clique, while the anti-imperialist regimes sided with anti-

imperialist, revolutionary Iran.

Further, due to political and economic factors, the Steadfastness and Confrontation Front, composed of Syria, Libya, Algier, Democratic Yemen, and the P.L.O., was not consolidated, and therefore failed to act in unity to withstand the aggression of the Israeli ruling circle.

2. Objectives of the Israeli aggression against Lebanon

In view of this situation, the main objectives of the Israeli genocidal war were the following:

(a) To deal a mortal blow to the P.L.O. on all levels: militarily, organisationally, and politically, and thus eliminate the embodiment of the national rights of the Palestinian Arab people - i.e. their basic right to self-determination and the establishment of their independent national state in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, alongside Israel.

(b) To destroy the Lebanese patriotic forces, allied with the Palestinian Resistance, and thus alter decisively the balance of forces in Lebanon in such a way as to enable the fascist Phalangist groups to dominate Lebanon and pressure it into the U.S. imperialist plan.

(c) To draw Syria, through overt provocation, into the war and allow the massive Israeli war machine to destroy the Syrian military forces. This was designed to precipitate an internal conflict during which pro-imperialist, reactionary forces would usury power and pull Syria out of the anti-imperialist camp in the Arab world. In such an eventuality Syria could be pressured into the "Camp David" accord.

It should be noted here that the "Camp David" accord envisaged the imposition of a "Pax Americana" on a U.S. domination over the countries of the Middle East which would protect U.S., Israeli, and Arab reactionary interests and scuttle the Arab national liberation movement.

3. Consequences on all levels

Generally - the sadistic, barbarous conduct of the Israeli war of aggression of June 1982; vast, indiscriminate destruction of the towns and villages in South Lebanon such as Tyre and Sidon, as well as massive destruction in West Beirut.

Thousands of civilians - children, women and men - lost their lives or were maimed for life.

Tens of thousands of Palestinian refugees were rendered destitute without even the semblance of their old, sub-human homes. The Israeli forces in certain cases wiped out the refugee Palestinian camps. Such was the fate of the Ain-El-Hilweh camp. These forces used the vicious policy of the "scorched earth" to destroy the least resistance.

Obviously, the war cost the fighting forces on both sides heavy casualties.

This is one aspect.

The political aspects are manifold:

(a) The Palestinian level: Israel failed dismally to destroy the P.L.O. - organisationally, militarily, or politically. More significant, it failed to dissipate the national rights of the Palestinian Arab people. The Palestinian resistance forces, after withstanding the extremely savage air, sea, land onslaught, heroically withdrew, in unity and in an orderly fashion, with their arms and under their Palestinian flags. This was a difficult, complex, tactical retreat and not the rout or surrender hoped for after the 10 weeks of inhuman siege.

The national rights of the Palestinian Arab people gained many supports in the world. This was amply stressed in the U.N. General Assembly Resolution of 19 August, 1982 which was endorsed by 120 members and opposed by only two - Israel and the U.S.A. This resolution condemned the Israeli aggression against Lebanon and reiterated the many U.N. resolutions calling for the implementation of the Palestinian people's right to self-determination and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip after Israel's withdrawal from them.

The cause of the Palestinian Arab people gained in stature and generated world unanimity that, without its just solution, there can be no viable, permanent peace in the Mideast.

(b) The Lebanese level: Under the pressure of the gun and the protection of the Israeli occupation, the bloody execution and leader of the Fascist Phalangist bands, Bashir Jemal, was elected President of Lebanon. It is already clear that such an election could not bring about national reconciliation and peace to this country which has been shattered by a festering civil war since 1975 and is now experiencing the heavy hand of Israeli occupation.

In fact, Lebanon has reached a new stage of internal struggle, foreign intervention, and dangerous instability.

Moreover, the present Israeli government, which disclaimed any territorial expansionist ambitions, is now uncovering the old Zionist map which laid down the Litani River as the Northern border of the State of Israel.

As customary, the Israeli ruling circles began implementing their annexationist plans by stressing security needs. This was how they began the process in regards to the Syrian Golan Heights, the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip after the war of June 1967.

Thus, War Minister A. Sharon announced: "If Lebanon refuses to sign a peace treaty (or more correctly refuses the Israeli dictate), I will insist on a special status in Southern Lebanon and along the security belt of 40-50 kilometers which Israel needs beyond its northern border!!

(c) The Israeli level: This aggressive war, in contradiction to previous wars, created cracks in the Zionist National consensus in Israel. The loyal opposition - the Labour-Mapam Alignment - supported the early stages of the war unanimously but fell into disarray when the Israeli army reached West Beirut and began their savage onslaught.

However, the most significant development was the wide opposition to the war. This time not only the Communist Party and the "Democratic Front for Peace and Equality" categorically opposed the war, but broad circles joined in the anti-war struggle. Mass demonstrations traversed the streets of Tel-Aviv, and in July 1982, over 100,000 demonstrated calling for the cessation of the hostilities and the withdrawal of the Israeli forces from Lebanon.

What was of far-reaching importance was the movement rebuff of the Establishment's motion that the Palestine Question could be solved militarily. The anti-war movement insisted that this question could only be solved justly through negotiations between the Israeli and Palestinian parties to the conflict. Certain sections of this movement, which comprised Communist, liberal Zionists, Arabs and Jews, called for negotiations between the Israeli Government and the P.L.O.

A new phenomenon were the repercussions in the Army. Two thousand officers and soldiers in the reserve who saw action in Lebanon called on the Government to cease hostilities in Lebanon.

4. *What now*

The danger of the renewed intensification of the war in Lebanon between Israeli and Syrian is still eminent. The Israeli ruling circles have not relinquished their objectives, neither have the U.S. imperialists diluted their strategic support of Israel despite the "family tactical quarrels" between both partners.

At the same time, President Reagan of the U.S., using the lever of Israeli occupation, has announced a plan-ostensibly to solve the Palestinian question and institute peace in the region. This plan, notwithstanding the opposition of the Israeli government, is based on the "Camp David" conspiracy and cannot solve the Palestine question. Its basic flaw is that it ignores the irrevocable right of the Palestinian Arab people to self-determination and categorically opposes the establishment of an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

It is the new strategy of the U.S. imperialists to impose their "Pax Americana" on the region against the basic national interests of its peoples.

OUR APPEAL

We appeal for your solidarity in our struggle in Israel, the struggle of the Arab peoples, particularly the Palestinian Arab people for an end to Israel's aggression in Lebanon, for the withdrawal of the Israeli forces from that country, and for a resolution of the Palestine question on the basis of recognition of the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and the establishment of their independent national state alongside Israel, in the West Bank, including Arab Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip and respect for the independence and sovereignty of all states in the region, including Israel.

We are convinced that this can be achieved through an international conference with the participation of all parties to the conflict - specifically Israel and the P.L.O., and the participation of the U.S.S.R., the U.S.A. and other states in Europe and else where.

We appeal to you to support this call too.

aggressive war of June 1967. This demonstration developed into a militant reaction to the present war. On June 6th, the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of Israel published a statement calling for stopping the war and the immediate return of the army from Lebanon. On June 7th, more than 100 students of the "Campus" movement at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, demonstrated against the war. They were brutally attacked by the police, who arrested 5 students and Professor Dan Amit.

On June 8th, the DFPE parliamentary group proposed a vote of no-confidence in the government. The Labour Party voted with the government - under the pretence of "national unity". As against that, the Mapam group, Knesset Members Sarid and Halila, Virshovsky and Aloni from Labour, Shinui and Ratz did not take part in the voting.

It is impossible to give an adequate list of even all the most important actions against the aggressive war. Some of them include the mass meeting in Tel-Aviv organised by the "Committee Against the War" - in which the Communist Party and the DFPE are among the active fighters - in which 20,000 participated. On June 26th, they organised a mass meeting of 20,000 in Tel-Aviv which was a historic turning point leading to ever-growing participation in the anti-war activity.

There is also much unrest inside the army. This is shown by the participation in the rally of the 400,000 of soldiers in uniform, carrying their personal arms (in contradiction to army orders). But there have been many acts by officers and soldiers which show a spreading wave of discontent. First of all, whole groups of soldiers, usually in the reserves but who have taken part in fighting, have sprung into existence, like "Soldiers Against Silence" and "There Is A Limit. These groups have collected signatures, organised pickets in front of the war office, etc. Another outstanding example is that of Colonel Eli Geva who resigned his command of a brigade and was therefore removed from the army. His father, Reserve General Yossef Geva defended him by saying, "He could no longer reconcile himself to the fact that we no longer fight for our peace and existence." Lt. General Matzna, Commander of the "Command and Staff College" was "sent on vacation". Thousands of soldiers of all ranks - among them high ranking officers, airmen, elite troops, demanded the recall of the army and the removal of Sharon. One of the organisers of a collection of signatures was Avraham Burg, son of the Minister for Internal Affairs and Police, Dr. Yosef Burg. Some soldiers who refused to fight in Lebanon were imprisoned. Three hundred high school students, before compulsory service in the army, announced that they would not go to Lebanon.

The press is full of articles and letters of readers against the war. A good example of a clear stand in the press is the article by Yehoshua Porat in "Haaretz" of June 25th. The author says that the war in Lebanon did not originate in the attempted murder of the Israeli ambassador in London and not "in the necessity to react to the shelling of the Galilee by Palestinians from South Lebanon, as this had not happened since the cease fire agreement between them and Israel. What was the cause? It appears to me that the decision of the Israeli government (or more precisely its two heads) originated in the very existence of the cease fire."

On September 23rd, a general strike of the Arab population in Israel was held. The strike was called by the National Committee Against the War in Lebanon, which is active among the Arab population. The overwhelming majority of the Arab population, workers, peasants, intellectuals, students, local Councils, responded to the call and the strike of the Arab population on that day was unanimous. During the strike, meetings, demonstrations, and rallies protesting against the massacre in West Beirut were held. Special prayers in memorium to the victims were held in mosques and churches.

The Druze Initiative Committee calls on the Druze of Israel who are compulsorily serving in the Israeli army to refuse military service. "Haaretz" published an article of a high-ranking officer who commands a combat unit in Lebanon who professes the superiority of morality over blind obedience.

Jewish workers who spoke out against the war were dismissed from work, even in the Histadrut-owned "Hamat" enterprise. After the general strike of the Arab population, Arab workers were given the sack.

A survivor of the Buchenwald death camp held a hunger strike before the "Yad Vashen" memorial, devoted to the victims of the Nazi genocide. On one of his placards was inscribed, "I, a graduate of Buchenwald concentration camp, call on the Israeli government to stop the murder in Beirut."

Hunger strikes were held by members of Kibbutz Ma'agan Michael and by Arab women in Nazareth in front of the Church of Annunciation. Knesset Member Charlie Biton (Black Pathers-DFPE) and six other Knesset Members of various parties took part in a demonstration of over one thousand slum inhabitants, one of whose main slogans was, "Begin - Assassin."

During the parliamentary struggles, three of the four DFPE members of the Knesset were removed by force from the Knesset hall by the order of the chairman. Government

Minister Bernstein (Liberals-Likud) resigned from the government and voted against the government coalition. In the voting he was joined by his party colleague Zeigerman.

The Political Bureau and the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Israel have released an unprecedented number of statements. More and more, the demands of the Communist Party of Israel are accepted by non-Party circles and different political forces.

From "Zo Haderekh", June 2-October 6, 1982.

THE "FRIENDSHIP OF THE PEOPLES" ORDER WAS AWARDED BY THE SOVIET UNION TO COMRADE TAWFIQ TOUBI

In the building of the Supreme Soviet, in the Kremlin, Moscow, the ceremony of awarding the decoration "Friendship of the Peoples" to Comrade Tawfiq Toubi, Deputy General Secretary of the Communist Party of Israel, was held on August 28, 1982.

The Secretary of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, Georgobadze, read the order for awarding the decoration, and the Deputy Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, Barskauskas, delivered a speech of congratulations and appreciation while presenting the decoration. Comrade Tawfiq Toubi replied to the congratulation.

The ceremony was attended by representatives of the Central Committee of the CPSU, headed by Comrade K. Brutenz, department chief in the Central Committee; and Soviet public personalities; as well as Comrade Olga Toubi.

AN HONOUR TO THE COURAGEOUS STRUGGLE OF THE ISRAELI COMMUNISTS

Following is the speech of congratulations delivered by Comrade Barsauskas:

Dear Comrade Tawfiq Toubi !

Allow me to congratulate you on the occasion of your 60th birthday and to present to you, on behalf of the Central Committee of the CPSU and the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, the decoration "Friendship of the Peoples". This order is awarded to you for your contribution to the struggle for the cause of peace, democracy and social progress, for your activity for friendship between peoples, for your contribution to the consolidation of fraternal relations between the Communist Party of Israel and the CPSU, and also on the occasion of your 60th birthday.

The Soviet Communists know you, an outstanding activist of the Communist Party of Israel, a true Marxist-Leninist, patriot and internationalist, a sincere friend of our country. All your energy, knowledge and experience you devote to the defence of the interests of the working masses in your country - Jews and Arabs, to the struggle against the aggressive and occupationist policy of the ruling zionist circles, for the establishment of just and stable peace in

the Middle East, for the interests of the Israeli people and the Arab peoples alike.

These days, when the Israeli militarists have again started a barbarian aggression - this time in Lebanon - a particular significance must be attached to the activities of the Israeli Communists, who demand to put an end to the genocide of the Palestinians and Lebanese and to withdraw the Israeli army forces from the Lebanese territories. The Communist Party of Israel, which acts under most difficult conditions and is persecuted, comes out resolutely, in accordance with the resolutions of its 19th Congress, for the unity of action of all the forces of peace in the state, in the framework of a broad anti-militarist movement, for the liquidation of occupation in all the Arab territories which were occupied in 1967, for ensuring the right of the Palestinian Arab people to self-determination and the establishment of its own independent state, for a comprehensive settlement, taking into consideration the rights and interests of all the states and peoples in the Middle East.

The Soviet Union takes up an energetic and principled position in relation to the complex problems of the Middle East, and will continue assisting and supporting everyone who works to stop the constant hotbed of tension in that region. "The path of military confrontation", Comrade Leonid Brezhnev has pointed out, "as well as the path of separate deals, has not brought, and it is not in its power to bring about, the settlement of the problems of the Middle East. These can be solved only subsequent to joint efforts of all the sides involved in the matter".

In our country, the courage of the Israeli Communists, who take up consistent internationalist positions and work against the intrigues of the imperialists, zionist and reaction, who resolutely reject provocative anti-Soviet campaigns, who appear for a wide rallying of the anti-imperialist and democratic forces in the states of the Middle East, evokes great respect.

The Soviet public highly evaluates your activity, Comrade Toubi, in the service of the movement of peace champions. As a member of the Presidium of the World Peace Council, you take an active part for preventing a thermo-nuclear holocaust, in the struggle against the arms race which is imposed by the imperialism of the USA and its allies in NATO.

We wish you, dear Comrade Tawfiq Toubi, good health, many years and achievements in your beneficial work for peace,

democracy and socialism. Taking up the opportunity of the presence here of your wife, who shares with you all the joys and difficulties, I congratulate her, too.

COMRADE T. TOUBI: THE SOVIET UNION HAS AN IMPORTANT TASK IN THE CESSATION OF THE AGGRESSION IN LEBANON AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF STABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Comrade Tawfiq Toubi said in his reply to the congratulations: It is a great honour to be awarded with the order of "Friendship of the Peoples". From the bottom of my heart I express before you my deep feelings of thanks to the Supreme Soviet, the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, to Leonid Ilyich Brezhnev.

The warm words which were addressed to me, I receive as first of all addressed to the Communist Party of Israel, the members of the Party, Jews and Arabs, of whom I am proud to be one.

The more than 40 years of struggle within the ranks of the Communist Party in my country have proved to me that the great ideals of social justice, national liberation, peace and friendship among the peoples, democracy, social progress and socialism - these great ideals to which we, Communists, have devoted our lives - can be victorious only when we hold up, high and resolute the immortal theory of Marxism-Leninism, the banner of proletarian internationalism, consistent, solidarity and friendship with the great Soviet Union and the Party of Lenin - the glorious Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

In this particularly difficult hour for the peoples of the Middle East, we, Israeli Communists, together with other patriotic forces in our country, are waging a hard struggle against the brutal and most ferocious aggression which the governing circles in Israel are pursuing against the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples. In our struggle for putting an end to the aggression and war of extermination against the Palestinian people, in our struggle for the immediate and unconditional retreat of the Israeli forces from Lebanon, we, Communists in Israel, fulfill our sacred duty for the cause of peace and the true interests of our peoples.

The Israeli aggression in Lebanon stresses the urgent necessity to achieve a just solution to the Palestinian problem. The establishment of a just, stable peace in our region, can be realised only, and solely, by the Israeli

withdrawal from all the Arab territories which were occupied by Israel in June 1967, to enable the Palestinian people to establish its independent state alongside Israel and the recognition of the independence and sovereignty of all the states in our region.

We fully support the proposals of Comrade Brezhnev to convoke an International conference for peace in the Middle East in which all the sides involved in the matter will be represented, including Israel and the PLO - the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people - and also the Soviet Union and the United States.

We very much appreciate the important task which the Soviet Union has fulfilled in stopping the aggression in Lebanon, in cooling the hot-brained heads of the aggressors and their American imperialist patrons, in preventing a world-wide conflagration, and also the assistance for achieving stable peace in the Middle East.

I take this occasion to wish the heroic Soviet people, led by the magnificent Leninist Communist Party - the CPSU - much happiness and additional successes in upbuilding Communism, further strengthening the great Soviet Union for the benefit of the lofty cause of peace, national liberation, friendship among the peoples, democracy and socialism.

ZO HADEREKH

September 1, 1982

URGENT APPEAL

Demand the immediate release from jail of the soldier Eli Gozansky, objector to military service in Lebanon!

Yesterday, the military authorities have once again sent to jail, this time for a period of 4 weeks, Eli Gozansky, serving in the regular Israeli army as a corporal in the Armoured Corps.

Eli Gozansky has already been twice sentenced by a military judge to a period of 14 days in jail each time. The only accusation against the soldier Eli Gozansky is his refusal to do his military service in Lebanon and to take part in the aggressive war against the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples, since this war goes contrary to his conscience and his convictions.

This arbitrary sentence against Eli Gozansky has aroused a wave of condemnations and protest among wide circles in the Israeli public.

Eli Gozansky is not the only one who refuses to take part in this dirty war in Lebanon. His arrest is meant to break down the will of all those who, due to reasons of conscience, are not ready to take part in the war in Lebanon. It is also meant to curb the mounting opposition in Israel against the war in Lebanon.

Eli Gozansky was born in 1962. He graduated from secondary school in 1980 and in February 1981 he was drafted into the army into the Armoured Corps. When still at secondary school he was a member of the "Group of 27", a group of secondary school students which sent a letter in 1979 to Prime Minister Begin stating that, out of reasons of conscience, they are not ready to do their military service in the Arab territories which were occupied by Israel in 1967.

Before his mobilization, Eli Gozansky sent a letter to the head of the military personnel asking that he be given the opportunity to do his military service out of reasons of conscience only within the borders of the State of Israel and not in the occupied Arab territories. This request was considered and respected; and, in fact, for a period of one and a half years, Eli Gozansky did his military service in the Negev, the southern part of Israel.

But, on July 25, 1982, seven weeks after the beginning of the war against Lebanon, Eli was transferred to a new unit which was operating in Lebanon. Eli objected and explained his convictions to his superior in the army, his love for peace and his motives for his refusal to serve in Lebanon. Eli Gozansky was arrested and sent to jail.

We appeal to all progressive and peace-loving forces to express their solidarity with Eli Gozansky and with his demand not to serve in the war in Lebanon.

We ask you to send letters or cables to Prime Minister Begin in Jerusalem and to Defense Minister Sharon in Tel-Aviv, demanding the immediate release of Eli Gozansky and to let him serve according to his conscience within the borders of the State of Israel.

August 30th, 1982

DOCUMENTS AND MATERIAL

Letters and Cables sent by the
Central Committee of the Communist
Party of Israel

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIALIST UNITY PARTY
OF GERMANY

Dear Comrade Erich Honecker,

On this occasion of your seventieth birthday we are happy to extend our heartiest fraternal greetings to you, one of the most prominent Communists of our times. For more than five decades you have stood in the ranks of the Marxist-Leninist party of the working class and whatever task the party assigned you has been devotedly fulfilled.

You have made an outstanding contribution to strengthening the international position of the German Democratic Republic in today's world. You have succeeded in winning the love and respect of your people, educating them and learning from them. You have played a major role in cementing the friendship of the Socialist Unity Party and the German Democratic Republic with the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the Soviet Union.

We express our deep feelings of esteem and admiration for the achievements of your lifetime and your significant contribution to the unity of the international communist movement on the basis of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism. We wish you, dear Comrade Honecker, good health and many more years of fruitful struggle for advancing our common noble aims of peace, democracy, and socialism.

August 25, 1982

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE - SOCIALIST PARTY OF
AUSTRALIA

Dear Comrade Peter Symon,

On the occasion of your 60th birthday, we extend our heartiest fraternal greetings. We highly esteem your adherence to the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism and your staunch defense of the unity of the international communist movement.

We wish you good health and many more years of fruitful struggle for the unity and daily interests of the working class and for advancing our common noble cause, peace and socialism.

September 11, 1982

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE BULGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY

Dear Comrades,

We have the pleasure to extend to you, and through you to all Bulgarian Communists and the Bulgarian people, heartiest fraternal greetings on the occasion of the 38th anniversary of the liberation of Bulgaria from the fascist yoke.

The broad unity and the brave struggle of the Bulgarian people under the leadership of the Bulgarian Communists, with the decisive help of the victorious Soviet army, smashed the fascist yoke and led to the liberation of Bulgaria. The liberation of Bulgaria inaugurated a new era into the history of the Bulgarian people, who, under the guidance of your Party, have embarked on the way to socialism.

Since then, and hand in hand with the Soviet Union and the other countries of the socialist community, the Bulgarian people have scored remarkable achievements in all fields of building socialism. Bulgaria has succeeded in substantially raising the material and cultural standards of its people, thus providing striking, living proof of the superiority of socialism over capitalism.

Bulgarian, under the leadership of the Bulgarian Communist Party, plays a significant role in the general struggle against imperialism, for peace, democracy, and socialism.

Dear Comrades,

On the occasion of the 38th anniversary of the liberation of Bulgaria, we wish you all success in building a developed socialist society in Bulgaria.

**LONG LIVE THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA!
LONG LIVE THE BULGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY!
LONG LIVE THE UNITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST
MOVEMENT ON THE BASIS OF MARXISM-LENINISM AND
PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM!
LONG LIVE PEACE AND COMMUNISM!**

September 09, 1982

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, ROMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY

Dear Comrades,

On the occasion of the 38th anniversary of the liberation of Romania, we extend to you and through you to all Communists and working people of Romania warm fraternal greetings.

The anti-fascist uprising in Romania 38 years ago which succeeded thanks to the decisive support of the victorious Red Army and the brave struggle of the Romanian working class under the leadership of your Party, has opened a new page in the history of Romania, which embarked on the way to socialism.

We wish the Romanian Communists and the Romanian people every success in upbuilding socialism, in the noble struggle for peace, democracy and socialism.

August 23, 1982

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, COMMUNIST PARTY OF VIETNAM

Dear Comrades,

On the occasion of the 37th anniversary of the establishment of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, we extend our heartiest fraternal greetings and wish you and the Vietnamese people further success in consolidating socialism and in raising the material and cultural standards.

We highly esteem your consistent struggle against imperialism and for peace and socialism.

September 02, 1982

TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE WORKERS' PARTY OF KOREA

Dear Comrades,

On the occasion of the 34th anniversary of the foundation of the Korean Democratic Peoples' Republic, we have the pleasure to extend to you, and through you to the Korean people, heartiest fraternal greetings.

Under the leadership of your Party, which is guided by the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, the Korean people scored remarkable achievements in the process of building socialism and in the struggle against imperialism and for peace.

Dear Comrades,

We wish you every success in raising still further the living standards of your people, in consolidating your socialist system, and in your efforts for putting an end to U.S.

domination of South Korean and the reunification of your country.

Long live the 34th anniversary of the foundation of the Korean Democratic Peoples' Republic!

Long live the friendship and the international solidarity between our two parties!

Long live the struggle against imperialism, for peace, democracy and socialism!

September 09, 1982

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