

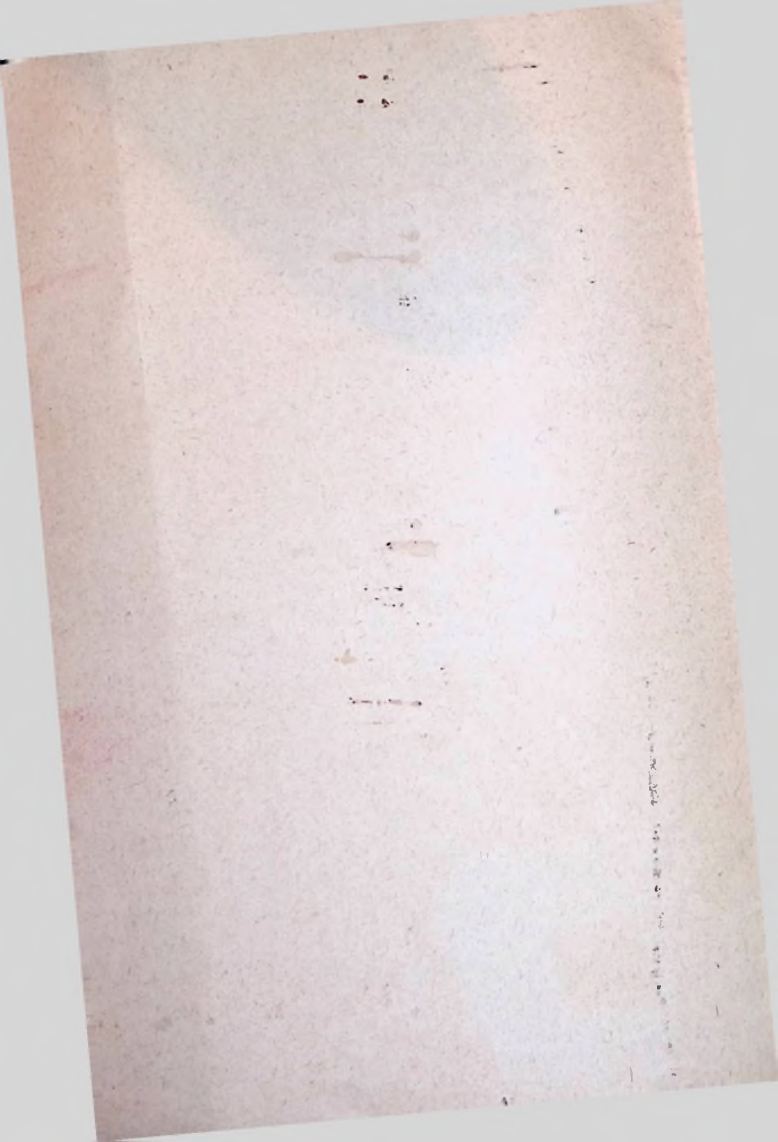
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FOR THE ELECTIONS
TO THE 10TH KNESSET

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On June 30th, elections to the 10th Knesset (the Israeli parliament) will take place.

Thirty-one lists are participating in these elections.

The Communist Party of Israel is contesting these elections in the framework of the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality with a declared aim of toppling down the Likud government.

The Alignment list (composed of the Labour and Mapam parties) does not constitute a political alternative to the Likud since the leaders of this list are combating the Likud while stemming from more extreme positions regarding the central question facing the Israeli society namely the Israeli-Arab conflict.

The Democratic Front for Peace and Equality is the only political alternative to both the Likud and the Alignment. It is the only list which provide realistic and clear cut answers and solutions to the faithful questions facing the Israeli society, questions regarding the establishment of a just, comprehensive and stable peace in the region and questions regarding the deep socio-economic crisis facing Israel.

We hereby publish the full text of the platform of the list of the Democratic Front of Peace and Equality towards the forthcoming Knesset elections.

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(Communist Party of Israel, Black Panthers
Organization, and Jewish and Arab Public
Circles)

FOR THE ELECTIONS TO THE 10TH KNESSET

(JUNE 30, 1981)

The elections to the 10th Knesset will take place at a time of fateful decisions, which will decide the future of the peoples in Israel and in the region.

In the course of the 33 years of the existence of Israel, the people has experienced the rule of the Alignment and the rule of the Likud. Both of them, with all the difference between them, have brought disappointment, both have let Israel slither down to wars and constant insecurity.

And this, although real prospect exist for embarking on a new path, which will bring about peace and security, democracy and social progress - if a fundamental change will take place in Israeli policy.

In view of the aggravation of the international situation and the situation in the Middle East, in view of the concrete danger of a new war conflagration, which would be more destructive than all its preceding ones; in view of the stormy offensive against the rights and interests of the workers, and the danger of fascism; in view of the aggravation of the policy of national oppression, discrimination against Jewish oriental communities and discrimination against women - particular importance attaches to setting up a clear political alternative to the failing policy of the Likud, for strengthening and rallying the forces of peace, progress and democracy in Israel.

The four years of Likud rule, the rule of the big capitalists and champions of the "Complete Land of Israel" (the whole of the Palestinian territory), have caused a deep economic, social and moral crisis. It has clearly been proved that the Likud is the enemy of peace,

democracy and workers' rights. Continuation of the Likud's rule bears within itself the danger of fascism in Israel. Therefore it is of vital necessity to defeat the Likud in the elections to the 10th Knesset and to prevent the continuation of the rule of the Begin government.

The twenty-nine years of the Alignment's rule proved that also the policy of the Alignment leadership is to the detriment of peace, democracy and the interests of the workers. The policy of the Alignment leadership paved the road to the rule of the Likud, and as the policy of the Alignment has not in the least been changed - it does not constitute an alternative and one must struggle against it.

The focus of the Israeli-Arab conflict was and remained the Palestinian question. The Camp David accords which were formulated without participation of the Palestinian people and its authoritative representative, the PLO, and ignoring its right to self-determination and establishment of its sovereignty - these accords have not brought nearer comprehensive, just and stable peace but have further removed it; they have not removed the danger of war but on the contrary, have intensified this danger; as their consequence, insecurity has intensified and the arms race has been accelerated, thus ruining the economy and society in Israel.

The four NOs of what is termed as "the national consensus": NO withdrawal from the Arab territories which Israel has occupied in 1967; NO to the recognition of the right of the Palestinian Arab people to self-determination and setting up its independent state alongside the State of Israel. NO to the revocation of the annexation of occupied East Jerusalem; NO to recognition of the PLO - these prevent peace and security and bring the threat of a new war with all its horrors.

The "Egyptian option" of the Likud which is embodied in the Camp David accords - has reached an impasse. The "Jordanian option" of the Alignment is a stillborn child. The sole realistic option is the Palestinian option, this is the Israeli-Palestinian peace.

It has clearly been proved that as long as there is no liberty and security for the Palestinian Arab people, there is no liberty and security for the Israeli people. Israeli-Palestinian peace is the key to peace and security, for an essential reduction of military spendings, for the solution of the grave economic problems of Israel.

The Democratic Front for Peace and Equality (DFPE) is the most consistent and loyal force in the struggle for peace, democracy, equality of rights and social progress.

The Democratic Front for Peace and Equality (DFPE) unites within itself Jews and Arabs, organizations, circles and personalities, holding various ideological views, who struggle jointly on the basis of a common platform, which is the sole alternative for the solution of Israel's problems.

In the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality (DFPE) take part: the Communist Party of Israel, the Black Panther Organization, the Israeli Socialist Left (Shassi), the Left Front, Heads of Arab Local Councils, Local Democratic Fronts, the Druse Initiative Committee, Jewish and Arab public circles and personalities.

The realization of the DFPE's platform will bring peace and security to Israel, will ensure true independence, wide democracy, equality of rights to the Arab population in Israel, cancellation of discrimination against the Jewish oriental communities and discrimination against women.

Realization of the platform of the DFPE will give our peoples joy of life, belief in the possibility of living differently. Thus there exists an alternative!

1. JUST PEACE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE ARAB STATES

Peace will be based on respect of the rights of all the peoples and states in our region, including Israel and the Palestinian Arab people, in accordance with the decisions of the Security Council and the UNO General Assembly, which were adopted after the June 1967 war.

Peace will be based on the following foundations:

- * Israel's withdrawal from all the territories which it occupied in June 1967. The lines of June 4, 1967 will be recognised and safe peace frontiers between the State of Israel and the Arab states;
- * Recognition of the right of the Palestinian Arab people to self-determination and establishment of an independent state on the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and in the Gaza Strip, alongside the State of Israel;
- * Just solution of the question of the Palestinian refugees, in accordance with the decisions of the UNO, which recognises their right to choose between return to their homeland or receiving compensations;
- * Respecting the right of the State of Israel and the Arab states to sovereign existence and development in conditions of peace and security.

In the framework of the peace settlement, Western Jerusalem will be recognised as the capital of the State of Israel and East Jerusalem as the capital of the independent Palestinian state. There is place for agreed-upon arrangements which will ensure cooperation between the two capitals in the municipal sphere, free access to the holy places, free movement between the two parts of the city, etc.

In order to establish peace, an international conference must be convened without any delay, under the auspices of the UNO, with the participation of all the sides involved in the conflict, including the PLO as the authorised and recognized representative of the Palestinian Arab people, and also the Soviet Union, USA and other states.

The peace agreements will be anchored in contracts.

Under the conditions prevailing in the Middle East, and in view of the many-years-old residue of war and mistrust - effective international guarantees are liable to assist much in ensuring the maintenance of the peace settlement.

For advancing the cause of peace, we will struggle:

- * For the liquidation of all colonial settlements in the occupied territories;
- * For the immediate cessation of all actions of oppression in the occupied territories, of trampling human rights, of arrests and administrative detentions, of tortures in the prisons, deportations, demolition of houses and collective punishments, murder of demonstrators, strikers and prisoners;
- * For exposing the assailants on the lives of the mayors in the West Bank and those who stand behind them, for returning the deported mayors and public figures;
- * For putting an end to any Israeli intervention in Lebanon against the Palestinian and patriotic forces and for cessation of the support of the fascist Phalangists and gangs of Haddad's mercenaries.

The Democratic Front for Peace and Equality will struggle for a policy of national independence and neutrality in foreign policy, which means:

- * Support of peaceful coexistence between states of different social regimes;
- * Consolidation of detente in international relations in the whole world;
- * Giving support to the cessation of the arms race and to disarmament;
- * For Israel's signing of the International Convention for the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Arms and action for clearing the Middle East of this murderous weapon;
- * For opposition to Israel's joining any military bloc; standing up against the policy of Israel's integration in American war strategy and setting up American military bases on Israeli territory;
- * For the cessation of cooperation of the Israeli government with states with fascist regimes in Latin America and with the racist regime in South Africa;

* For support of the peoples' struggle for national liberation, true independence and against colonialism and neo-colonialism in all their forms,

2. DEFENCE OF THE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF THE WORKERS IN PRODUCTION AND SERVICES, IN TOWN AND IN VILLAGE

* For ensuring the standard of living and rights of the workers, the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality will struggle:

* For a fundamental change in the state budget by conducting a policy of peace, an essential reduction of military expenditures and an essential enlargement of the budgets for health, education, housing, culture and welfare services, and also for the development of the economy and subsidies for vital consumer goods and services;

* For the defence of the real value of the wages and their increment for raising the standard of living of the working people; against the raising of prices; for diminishing the weight of taxes of the workers and middle strata; for full payment of the cost-of-living allowance every month, in accordance with the real rise of prices; for enacting a law for a minimum wage at the rate of 60% at least of the average wage;

* For the enactment of a state pension law on the basis of the existing pension funds, whose conditions will be upgraded; for financing pensions by the government and employers without any deductions from the workers' wages; for including the components of the wages in the calculation of the pension;

* For ensuring enlarged old age pensions which will ensure an honourable life for the elderly and pensioners, invalids as a result of accidents at work, road accidents and other invalids (such as invalids of Nazi persecution);

* For the enactment of a state health law, which will ensure the financing of the expenditures of medical service from the state budget, by means of the existing sick funds;

- * For restricting capital profits by raising taxes on capital profits and cancellation of the capitalists' privileges;
- * For prevention of transfer of state and public enterprises to private ,foreign and domestic capitalists;
- * For nationalization of the banks;
- * Against dismissals and unemployment; for ensuring work for everyone demanding it. For payment of full unemployment dole to the unemployed;
- * For really ensuring the rights of the working youth; for for expanding the law for apprenticeship to all trades; for equal work without any distinction between ages;
- * For cancellation of all laws and regulations which hit the right of the workers to strike and defend their wages and rights; for ensuring freedom of trade union struggles of the workers, against compulsory arbitration and against "agreed upon" arbitration in labour disputes.

3. ABOLITION OF THE POLICY OF DISCRIMINATION AND NATIONAL OPPRESSION AGAINST THE ARAB POPULATION

The Democratic Front for Peace and Equality condemns the national discrimination and demands:

- * Abolition of all the laws and measures which discriminate against the Arab population; recognition of the Arab population in Israel as a national minority and ensuring them civil and national equality of rights;
- * Respecting the Arab language as an official language, in real life, alongside the Hebrew language;
- * Putting an end to the confiscation of lands of Arab inhabitants and to their eviction from their lands; for abolishing the racist policy of the Judaization of the Galilee;
- * Returning the lands of the Arab refugees who were evicted from their land and who live in Israel (as exemplified by the villages of Kufur Bir'im and Iqrit)

and enabling them to return to their villages; cancellation of the law of eviction of the Arab Bedouins and cessation of the confiscation of their lands in the Negev;

- * Putting the lands which were confiscated from the Arab inhabitants and which are in the hands of the state at the disposal of the local councils in the Arab villages and towns for the purpose of realising plans of building and development; state financing for establishing public institutions and services, for building houses for young couples and for families with many children; for setting up industrial enterprises in Arab localities;
- * Abolition of the discrimination against the Arab children at the reception of children's allowances;
- * Setting free the property of the Muslim Waqf and its transfer for to the Muslim institutions, as is the custom with regards to the property of other religious sects;
- * Participation with equal rights of the Arab citizens in the central and local state apparatus and management of public services;
- * Abolition of the discrimination against Arab workers and the Arab intelligentsia in receiving work, wages, work conditions, etc;
- * Abolition of the discrimination applied in the Arab educational framework. Change of the curriculum in the Arab schools, so as to ensure studying of the democratic national tradition of the Arab peoples in the sphere of culture and history; abolition of the limitations set on admitting Arab students to institutions of higher education; abolition of the discrimination in the granting of scholarships; ensuring housing for Arab students and cessation of their harassments by the fascist circles;
- * Abolition of the discrimination against Arab local authorities in all spheres; allocation of grants from the state budget to the budgets of the Arab local councils, without any discrimination;

- * Abolition of compulsory military service for the sons of the Arab-Druse community, who constitute an inseparable part of the Arab national minority in Israel; abolition of the curriculum which is carried out in the Arab-Druse schools, whose aim is to separate the Druse community from the Arab people in Israel;
 - * Abolition of the anti-democratic prohibition of the conference of the Arab population in Israel with the participation of Jewish forces of peace and democracy.
4. ABOLITION OF THE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THE (JEWISH ORIENTAL) COMMUNITIES IN ALL SPHERES; DEFENSE OF THE INTERESTS OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE POVERTY-STRICKEN URBAN QUARTERS AND DEVELOPMENT TOWNS.

In the campaign against the communal discrimination and poverty, the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality demands:

- * Allocation of resources and special means, in order to ensure the equality of members of the (Jewish) oriental communities in all spheres of economic, social, cultural and political life;
- * Liquidation of the slums by erecting housing units at the expense of the state and their transfer to the disposal of the inhabitants of the slum quarters according to the principle of flat and workshop for workshop; ensuring housing at low monthly rent for young couples, families with many children and all who need it;
- * Ensuring human material and cultural conditions of life to the inhabitants of the poverty-stricken quarters and small towns by essential wage increase to the workers; by exempting the low income brackets from all direct taxes; by giving extensive educational services, including gratuitous study of trades, and also gratuitous health services and significant raising of welfare and social assistance budgets;
- * Fostering the progressive cultural tradition of the oriental communities and all communities.

5. DEFENCE OF THE DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS, AGAINST THE DANGER OF FASCISM

The Democratic Front for Peace and Equality will struggle:

- * For the enactment of a democratic and secular constitution for the State of Israel; for the revocation of all the British emergency regulations; for the defence of the democratic freedoms; for rallying all democratic forces against the danger of fascism; for disarming Gush-Emunim and other fascist organizations;
- * For separation of religion from the state; for preventing religious coercion and for ensuring freedom of conscience;
- * For respecting human rights; for defending freedom of choosing domiciles and freedom of movement, freedom of speech, press, organization, public meeting, political propaganda, demonstration and strike;
- * Against the change of the democratic-relative method of elections to the Knesset.

6. ENSURING EQUALITY OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN ALL SPHERES

In the struggle against discrimination of women, the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality demands:

- * Revocation of all the laws which discriminate against women and enactment of a fundamental law: Equality of women's rights;
- * Enactment of a law for secular marriage and divorce;
- * Enactment of a law for equality of opportunities for woman in employment; receiving work, and abolition of any discrimination in the advance of woman in positions, wages and social conditions;
- * Ensuring woman's right for interrupting pregnancy in accordance with her own decision; a law that will ensure gratuitous medical guidance and treatment; restoration of the social paragraph in the "law of abortion";

* Ensuring equal pay to woman for equal work, in theory and practice.

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The new-old election lists of Moshe Dayan, of "Shinui" (remnants of "DASH"), etc., do not differ in their policies from the fundamental policies of Likud and Alignment.

The list of "Shelli" is not consistent in the struggle for peace and equality. It supported, together with Likud and Alignment the Camp David accords, which have further removed just, comprehensive and stable peace. Out of responsibility for the unity of forces of peace, the DFPE proposed to "Shelli" towards the elections to the 9th Knesset and now, towards the elections to the 10th Knesset, to establish a joint list for peace, but "Shelli" refused and divided the forces of peace. The DFPE will continue in the struggle for establishing a united front of all the forces of peace and democracy in Israel.

The only real alternative policy in the elections to the 10th Knesset is the policy of the Jewish-Arab Democratic Front for Peace and Equality, which is able to solve the grave problems which face Israel, which face both peoples. On the basis of the DFPE's peace plan, the PLO and the Arab states are prepared to establish peace with Israel on the basis of coexistence.

The realisation of the programme of the Front will bring about peace, social progress, national and communal equality.

We call upon all forces of peace, democracy and progress in Israel, Jews and Arabs, to join the Democratic Front and lend a hand to its success in the elections to the 10th Knesset.

VOTE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC FRONT FOR PEACE AND EQUALITY!

VOTE "V"!

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1. Comrade Meir Vilner, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Israel, Tel-Aviv
2. Comrade Tawfiq Toubi, Deputy General Secretary of the Communist Party of Israel, Haifa
3. Charlie Biton, Black Panthers Organisation, Jerusalem
4. Comrade Tawfiq Zayad, Mayor of Nazareth, Candidate member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of Israel
5. Mohammed Zeidan, Head of the Local Council of Kufur Manda
6. Hassan Bishara, Educator, Tireh
7. Comrade David Khenin, Member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of Israel, member of the Histadrut Executive Committee, Tel-Aviv
8. Comrade Tamar Gozhanski, Candidate Member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of Israel, Member of the Histadrut Executive Committee, Tel-Aviv
9. Comrade Samih al-Kassem, Poet, Candidate Member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Israel, Rameh
10. Jamal Tarabiyeh, Head of the Local Council Sakhnin
11. Dr. Anwar Gabai, Physician and Surgeon, Petah-Tikva
12. Abbas Higazi, Head of the Local Council of Tamra
13. Yomtov Tafiro, Black Panthers, Ber-Sheva
14. Mohammed Mahamid, Head of the Local Council, Um - el-Fahim
15. Comrade Samira Khouri, Member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Israel, Member of the Secretariat of the Movement of Democratic Women, Nazareth

16. Shehade Shehade, Reverand, Chairman of the Committee for the Defence of Lands, Kufur Yassif
17. Walid Lutuf al-Haj, engineer, Nazareth
18. Comrade Menashe Khalifa, Member of the Central Committee, Communist Party of Israel, Bnei-Brak
19. Eliezer Feiler, Kibbutz Yad-Hanna
20. Comrade Nimer Murkus, Head of the Local Council of Kufur Yassif, Member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Israel.

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