

THE PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION FORGES AHEAD!

The Palestinian people have a long and heroic history of resisting the vicious attacks of the imperialists and zionists. When the British imperialists began their occupation of Palestine in 1919 the Palestinian people rose up in massive demonstrations and rallies and confronted the imperialists and their zionist agents in the cities and the countryside. Their resistance continued despite the nazi terrorist attacks of the zionists who wantonly murdered innocent Arab people through terrorist bombings and shootings. In 1936 the Palestinian people held a six-month general strike during which the first shot was fired in the anti-imperialist struggle of the Palestinian people. The struggle quickly spread through out Palestine to the countryside as well as the cities and lasted for a period of 3years. This just struggle of the people was met with the most ruthless and indiscriminate violence. In 1938, encouraged by the British, the zionists stepped up their campaign of terror and mass murder. This policy continued with no let up and finally in 1948 with the support of U.S. & British imperialism, zionist forces launched a war of aggression culminating in the creation of the state of Israel in May 1948, and the suppression of the Palestinian resistance.

While grabbing up the land of the Palestinian people the zionists carried out a conscious program of mass murder and terror against the Palestinian people. A notorious incident was the Deir Yassin massacre in which 254 innocent men, women and children were murdered in cold blood by zionist gunmen. As a result of these terrorist actions, one million Palestinians were forced to leave the country as refugees.

Not satisfied with these crimes the zionists launched a criminal war of annexation against the Egyptian people in 1956. Although the zionists were backed in this by both the British and French imperialists, the Arab people relying on their own forces were able to kick out the aggressors.

Between 1948 & 1965 the Palestinian people took part in the general Arab political movements and vainly hoped that the various Arab regimes would champion their cause and bring back justice. But all of this came to nothing. This led many Palestinian patriots to see that the path of armed struggle is the only path for the Palestinian people.

On January 1, 1965, members of Al Fateh fired the first shot against Israeli zionism and for the liberation of Palestine. This marked the end of the fruitless search for a "peaceful solution" and the beginning of the stage of the Palestinian people taking their destiny into their own hands, picking up the gun and waging a protracted people's war for the liberation of their homeland and the creation of a progressive, democratic, non-sectarian state in which Moslems, Christians and Jews can live together.

Since picking up the gun the Palestinian people have never put it down. They are determined to carry the anti-imperialist revolution through to the end. By always relying on the masses of Palestinian and other Arab people who deeply hate imperialism and all reaction, the commandos have been able to carry out protracted struggle hitting hard at the imperialists and zionists. In 1967 with Arab governments and armies defeated by an Israeli surprise attack (resulting in annexation of large amounts of Arab territory and 1 million more refugees) only the Palestinian resistance was actively opposing Israeli zionism. Many raids were carried out deep inside Israeli-occupied Palestine. When 15,000 Israeli aggressor troops were sent to attack a guerrilla base at Karameh on March 21, 1968, the numerically superior fascist force was beaten back by the heroic guerrillas who stood and fought to save their revolutionary base.

When the U.S. imperialists saw they could not defeat the Palestinian resistance militarily through Israel, or diplomatically through the various sell-out "peace plans" which they and the Soviet social-imperialists promoted, the U.S. imperialists instigated the traitor Hussein of Jordan to stab the revolution in the back. This he did in 1970 and then again in 1971, breaking a truce he had agreed to, in an attempt to wipe out the revolution and aid the cause of his masters in Washington. But the flames of people's war were not extinguished by this treachery. Guerrilla raids into Israeli-occupied territories escalated and in 1972, Hussein's sell-out plan for a "United Arab Kingdom," incorporating Jordan and Israeli-occupied territories with himself as ruler, was vehemently rejected by the Palestinian, Jordanian and other Arab people. Yasser Arafat said, "The official spokesman of the Palestinian people is the gun."

During 1972 and 1973 the Palestinian revolution made great advances. Many successful military operations were carried out. For example, when the Israeli zionists, using "the Munich incident" as an excuse, launched savage bombings on refugee camps and Arab cities in Syria and Lebanon killing 600 men, women and children, the Palestinian guerillas in retaliation launched six attacks on the Golan Heights. There were attacks in other parts including Gaza and Tel Aviv. All told the commandos launched 500 assaults on the zionist enemy in 1972 alone.

During 1973, the Palestinian revolution achieved great unity. On January 12, 1973, the Palestine National Council in its eleventh session in Cairo, elected the new Executive Committee with Yasser Arafat as Chairman and with other members from all the revolutionary fronts. This unity had never been achieved before. In a wild attempt to destroy this unity, the Israeli zionists attempted to wipe out the leadership of the revolution by murdering three of its leaders. However, the martyr-

dom of the three patriots has only served as a glowing torch indicating the path for thousands of others to follow.

During the October War the Palestinian commandos and Arab armies dealt striking blows at Israeli zionism. The Palestinian and other Arab people, through their own efforts, were able to strike hard at the Israelis, proving that there is no force on earth that can stop the Palestinian revolution and the cause of the Arab people from triumphing. During the October War alone, the Palestinian commandos launched over 280 attacks on the Israeli aggressor troops.

The Palestinian and other Arab people are determined to liberate all occupied lands, including Palestine, and they will not lay down their arms until that day has been won. They want nothing to do with so-called "peace talks", "disengagement pacts" and U.N. resolutions which are designed to liquidate their struggle and impose a "peace" without justice, a "peace" which does not distinguish between victim and aggressor.

The people of Palestine are waging a courageous struggle for freedom and independence and the restoration of their national rights. Their victory will be a great victory for the people of the world, which will strike at the heart of U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism and all their plans for world-wide hegemony. The people of the world are increasingly supporting the just cause of the Palestinian people and Israeli zionism is becoming increasingly isolated.

The Palestinian revolution is forging ahead! No force on earth can stop it! No matter how much the two super-powers conspire to stop the revolution, all their efforts will come to nothing.

ALL REVOLUTIONARY AND PROGRESSIVE PEOPLE ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE SECOND IN A SERIES OF FORUMS ENTITLED, "THE CAUSE OF THE PALESTINIAN AND OTHER ARAB PEOPLE IS INVINCIBLE!" THE FORUM WILL BE ON THE TOPIC, "THE PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION FORGES AHEAD!" The Forum will take place on February 16, at 2p.m. in room 4203, Michigan Union, Ann Arbor (Saturday)

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ISRAELI ZIONISM - TOOL OF IMPERIALIST RIVALRY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

(Summary of the first forum held in January, 1974, as part of an on-going series of forums entitled, "The Cause of the Palestinian and Other Arab People Is Invincible!")

The speaker pointed out how the Arab people have rallied around the Palestinian people and the Palestinian revolution, and scored brilliant victories. The U.S. imperialists suffering from one defeat after another, are escalating their propaganda against the Arab people in an effort to drum up support from the American people for their attempts to militarily suppress the Arab people. He showed how the cause of the October War was the contention of the two super-powers for hegemony in the Middle East and that the zionist state of Israel serves the interests of both super-powers. The zionists have always served the imperialists and a section of Jewish capitalists, and never served the interests of the Jewish masses.

The role of the Soviet Union is particularly odious since it claims to be the "natural friend" of the Arab people but in reality seeks to dominate the Arab people and stop their anti-imperialist revolution. The great unity of the Arab people is their surest weapon. The two super-powers are seeking to liquidate the Arab people's just struggle through so-called "peace talks" and "disengagement pacts" which ignore the basic rights of the Palestinian people. These plans are in fact the plans of the Israeli aggressors coordinated in Washington with the blessings of Moscow.

In the discussion which followed, the collaboration between zionism and nazism was exposed. The zionists were denounced for collaborating with the nazis to prevent the Jewish masses from rising up against the nazi murderers as they did in the heroic struggle against nazi genocide in Warsaw. In exchange for this collaboration, the zionists were allowed to pick a handful of wealthy Jews who were allowed to go to Palestine.

It was also pointed out in the discussion that the unity of the Arab people has grown over the years and that the imperialists are seeking to destroy this unity. The question of how to achieve greater unity was raised and several people felt it was important to have greater understanding of the basis of unity.

Many people stayed after the meeting to have further discussion, and said they felt it was important to continue the Forum.