



THE DEMOCRATIC POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE

ENTERS 4TH YEAR

All the Palestinian revolutionary forces are called upon to extricate the resistance from the present crisis. No, to the devisive rightist policy. Yes, to the policy of national unity, the unity of the wings of the Arab national revolution against the enemies of the Arab nation as our road to the long protracted war.

Masses of our people,
Revolutionaries of Palestine,
Arab progressives and revolutionaries,

On February 22, 1969 the left wing of the Palestine Resistance Movement, represented by the DPFLP, declared its organizational, political and ideological independence from the right wing.

And in February 1972 this left wing enters its 4th year and the progressive and leftist tendencies are growing and consolidating more and more within the ranks of the revolution of the Palestinian people, and these tendencies are extending in various degrees into the ranks of all of the resistance organizations, without exception. At the same time, the masses of our people move, day after day, toward the position of a broad national resistance to the policy of the right wing of the resistance movement, as seen when the masses and the organizations of trade unions and craftsmen declared their rejection of "the Jeddah negotiations" and "the Egyptian-Saudi mediation" between the revolution and its reactionary murderers.

These developments open, in the near and middle future, the beginnings of new revolutionary horizons for the extrication of the revolution from its present subjective and objective crisis which have been carried within the revolution since the beginning of the launching of guerrilla activities.

— These developments are opening the road for the meeting of all the revolutionary, democratic and leftist forces within the ranks of the resistance organizations along a path of an united program which will put an end to the shaking and retreating of the right wing's leaderships within the resistance, will push the wheel of the national revolutionary unity forward and will build the dynamic dialectical relation between the wings of the Arab revolution (the resistance and the Arab liberation movements) in order to engage the mutual struggle against the primary contradiction with imperialism, Zionism and Arab reaction in the whole Arab nation.

Masses of our nation,
Fighters of the resistance,

The practical experience is the one which uncovered — and still uncovers — the continuous bankruptcy and incompetence of the policy of the rightist wings in the resistance, on all the levels, Palestinian, Arab and international.

— On the level of national unity the right of the resistance with all its wings rejected all the revolutionary proposals for building a stable national unity, whereas the DPFLP introduced in September 1969 to the 6th Palestine National Congress a proposal for a "united Palestine National Liberation Front" and it also introduced after September 1970, precisely in July 1971, a proposal for "the growth of a united People's Liberation Army for the Palestine Revolution", but the right wing of the resistance understands national unity within the context of a reactionary policy of "annexation and subordination", far removed from the revolutionary and democratic relations between the forces of the revolution, thus looking for rightist subjectgation and organizational gains first and before all.

— On the level of confronting the reactionary regime in Jordan, the right wing gave the initiative to the reactionary authority, in the form of a golden opportunity for launching a campaign of encirclement and liquidation of the resistance and the armed masses in September 1970 and July 1971 and rejected the call to take the initiative to paralyze the reactionary military campaigns by taking an offensive defensive policy and resolving the contradiction with reactionary regime in favor of Palestinian-Jordanian people and revolution. Instead the right wing took a policy of passive resistance and one step forward and two steps backward in the struggle which took place with reaction. The right wing rejected its commitment to the decision of the special 8th National Palestinian Congress on August 27, 1970 which called for "the immediate work toward the transformation of the East Bank of the Jordan River into a stable base and national fortress for the Palestine revolution. — On the level of the relation with the wings of the Arab revolution (the resistance and the Arab liberation movements) the right wing practiced its relations with the people of the Arab nation and their national revolutionary forces through its relations with the Arab regimes (national) bourgeoisie and reaction instead of through the inevitable alliance with the Arab liberation movements and all its wings for the opening of the struggle against the enemies of national liberation... the enemies of the liberation of Palestine. The left wing of the resistance introduced from the beginning the fact that the particularities of the Palestinian cause are its unity of the struggle against Zionism, imperialism and Arab reaction, the defeat of Israel and occupation are tied to the

continuous infliction of defeats to imperialism and reaction in the Arab nation in general and the Arab East in particular, and according to one of Nasser's expression's "fighting Israel and those who are behind Israel at the same time." — On the international level, the right wing dealt with the forces of the socialist camp, the international national liberation movement and the working class movement in the capitalist countries with caution and strong hesitation. And limited itself to verbal declarations about the characteristics of the Palestinian revolution to the camp of international revolution while, at the same time, extending more than a hand to more than one Arab reactionary regime. This while a revolutionary position demands strict alliance to the side of the anti-imperialist, anti-reaction and anti-Zionist camp in the Arab world and internationally.

This was the outcome of the past years and we witness today the serious retreats in the path of the revolution which have opened gaping holes for conspiracies and operations by the Israeli state, the Arab reactionaries and the imperialists against the Palestinian national cause and the people's armed movement.

Masses of our people,
Heroic fighters of the resistance,

The attempt to cleanse the Palestinian cause and the revolutionary movement will not, and will never, stop. Also the repulsing of Zionist, reactionary and imperialist attacks and the infliction of defeats upon the camp of counter-revolution which is against "Palestine" Arab liberation movement is dependent to a large extent upon the resolution of the subjective crisis of the resistance organizations and the dynamic relation with the other wing of the Arab revolution (the Arab liberation movement) in all its different political and ideological positions.

This demands from all progressives and revolutionaries in all the resistance movement a united struggle for: — Putting an end to the devisive and individualistic policies which are conducted by the right wing leaderships in the resistance which manifested themselves by the taking of individualistic decisions in the name of all the resistance movement concerning national and essential issues. The rightist leadership had on one hand torn up the decision of the 9th National Palestinian Congress concerning the rejection of negotiations with the reactionary regime in Amman, they also tore up the report of the Executive Committee to the Arab regimes on January 26, 1971 which declared a boycott upon the rulers in Amman. Also they tore up the work of building national alliances on a revolutionary basis which would blockade the way of the reactionary conspiracies to liquidate the resistance in stages gradually as attempted by the Saudi reactionary ally of the puppet regime in Amman.

— Foiling the Israeli and Amman reactionaries attempts to separate or divide the Palestinian cause, geographically and population-wise, that is the Israeli attempt to create a group with a Palestinian identity (the municipal election in the West Bank is one of the concrete aspects of these attempts) co-existing with Israel in the form of self-autonomous rule under the shadow of occupation, as a preparation for the division of the unity of the home land and the Palestinian cause and the creation of a state entity on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip which will recognize Israel and give up to it half of the home land. In addition, this entity will be under the threat of the Israeli military or at its mercy, as the spearhead of Zionist economic penetration into the Arab countries.

At the same time, the puppets of King Hussein will enter into an agreement with His government. The municipal elections in the West Bank and the context of self-autonomy under the protection of the Hashimite Kingdom as the pretext by which the Kingdom will in return conclude a final package deal of the Palestinian cause with the state of Israel.

— Building the Palestinian-Jordan National Front is the method for struggling with the reactionary regime in the East Bank and for grasping our people's national rights as well as the national and democratic rights for the people of the East Bank under the banner of a national democratic regime, which will be a guarantee for the people's unity and a guarantee for the connection of both Banks. This connection will block the path of the reactionary regionalist and separatist tendencies among the people of both Banks.

— Building the bridges of daily and dynamic relations with all the segments of the Arab liberation movement for the unity of the struggle against the primary contradiction in the whole Arab nation with Zionism, imperialism and local Arab reaction. The avoidance of these relations by continuing the relations with the Arab reactionary regimes and by compromising will be at the expense of the local and national cause.

The practicing of strict alliance of the resistance with the camp of the international front hostile to imperialism, Zionism and reaction is necessary.

Fighters of the resistance,
Our Masses,

The correction of the path of the resistance movement and its development will begin first, in a meeting of all true revolutionaries and patriots in all wings of the resistance movement far removed from the blind organizational sectarianism in order to put forth a united program that will bring in all the true revolutionaries and true nationalists under one united National Liberation Front that will impose on the right wings in the resistance the new revolutionary path.

Revolutionaries of Palestine Unite!
Long live the unity of all the Palestinian revolutionaries and nationalist forces.

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