

itself surrounded by peace which it always rejects.» He said that the relations between King Hussein and the PLO will not be affected by the US-Israeli conspiracies.

King Hussein tried to justify the criminal Zionist act in Tunis, when he stated to reporters in Washington D.C. that «We should be aware that violence breeds violence.» In another interview with CBS television, Hussein stressed that he will pursue 'Israel' and US imperialism despite their aggressiveness. He denied that the peace process in the Middle East had gone back to square one after the recent events in the region. Hussein went even further, comparing the imperialist and Zionist attacks on the Arabs with the Arab peoples' legitimate struggle to gain their rights. He said: «All extremists on all sides try to cancel any opportunity available for realizing a just and lasting peace, awaited for so long.»

After the Israeli raid and the shooting of 7 Zionist settlers in the Sinai by an Egyptian soldier, Husni Mubarak sent a letter of reassurance to the Israeli ministers, stressing that he still sticks to the peace path and that the Egyptian authorities are doing everything in their power to complete the investigation into the killings in the Sinai. Moreover, Mubarak

reassured Peres by saying that he personally is following up the case. Then the US Administration dealt the final insult by hijacking the Egyptian civilian plane. Mubarak, worried by the masses' indignation, initially denounced the US piracy. However, his rhetoric soon subsided into submission, as when he remarked: «I hope that the dark cloud will blow over... I hope that we will reach a point where matters will be clarified.» Thus to him, things are not clear enough, and he needs to be insulted even more to see more clearly. Instead of taking a practical stand against US and Zionist interests in Egypt, the authorities arrested over 15 Egyptians who were demonstrating against the US on October 18th.

The reaction of these regimes can only be described as humiliating, not once going further than verbal pussy-footing.

The Arab masses respond to US-Zionist piracy

Contrary to the response of the reactionary Arab regimes and their reassurances that relations with imperialism would not be marred by these events, the Arab masses rose in indignation at the aggression.

In Tunis, the masses turned the funerals of the victims of the Israeli raid

On the Israeli Raid

Following the barbarian bombing launched by Israeli fighter jets against Palestinian offices in Tunisia, a PFLP Politbureau spokesman declared the following:

This barbarian attack is a new act in the aggressive Israeli policy against our people inside and outside occupied Palestine. This new attack proves once again that the continuing political concessions, offered by the rightist leadership in the PLO, will meet only more aggression from the Israeli enemy. The PFLP condemns this aggressive attack and calls on all the friends of the Palestinian people to do likewise. At the same time, the PFLP confirms that the Palestinian people will continue their just struggle despite all obstacles and difficulties.

into demonstrations. The demonstrators denounced US imperialism and its complicity with Zionism. They shouted slogans calling for revenge on 'Israel' and declaring their support for the struggle of the Palestinian people and their legitimate right to armed struggle. Moreover, opposition parties demanded that the Tunisian government sever relations with the US, due to its support of Israeli

Israeli fighter bombers refuel in mid-air before the attack on PLO offices in Tunis

