

After the opening speech, the delegates to the congress approved the program proposed and elected the presidium and the secretariat which consists of Comrades Ali Asa'ad Muthanna, Riyad Akbari, Salim Bakir, Farouk Ali Ahmed. Elected to the information committee were Comrades Salim Saleh Mohammad, Zaki Barakat, Mohammad Abdul Qawwi, Abed al Razzaq Shaif, Ahmed Abdul Rahman Bishr.

After that, members of the Yemeni Vanguard Organization for Youth entered the hall carrying flowers, flags and printed slogans. They distributed these among the guests and delegates of the congress. Afterwards, they sang the anthem of the vanguards. At the end, a little boy and girl presented the Vanguard's speech. Speaking in the name of sixty thousand vanguards, they joined the delegation of the Yemeni Vanguard Organization to the congress, in praising the concern and sponsorship of the party toward them. They asserted their continued struggle in the ranks of their

organization, and emphasized their determination to succeed in their academic efforts. In addition, the two children declared to the congress:

- Remember the 29th of September, the day the revolution presented a gift to the children of South Yemen, the day of the establishment of the Vanguard Organization.
- Without acquiring scientific knowledge, it will be impossible for us to become the builders of the new society.
- Your vision, the vision of the Yemeni Socialist Party, will always light the skies of our homeland.
- We pledge to you, and to Comrade Ali Nasser Mohammad, that we will begin our path of education with great enthusiasm.

At this point, they presented a gift to Comrade Ali Nasser Mohammad, who then promised them and the Yemeni Vanguards Organization, the continued support, sponsorship and concern of the Yemeni Socialist Party. ●

firms the importance and actuality of the Soviet proposals of July 1984, including the call for an international conference with the participation of the PLO, the sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

The committee discussed the Iraq-Iran war. It pinpointed the threats that continuation of this war poses to the two peoples and countries, and to the united struggle against imperialism and Zionism. The committee called for the cessation of the war.

Discussing the situation in Lebanon, the committee supported the efforts of the Lebanese national and progressive forces to end the civil war, and reach agreements that preserve the unity, independence and Arab identity of Lebanon, and that provide political justice for the sons of Lebanon. The committee hailed the Lebanese National Resistance and its heroic struggle against Israeli occupation. The committee hailed the martyrs of Lebanon, who sacrificed their lives for the honorable national battle.

The coordinating committee appreciated the role of Syria, its people and leadership in all these battles. It hailed Syria's steadfastness in the face of the plans which aim to liquidate the Palestinian cause. The committee hailed the ongoing efforts of Syria to achieve anti-imperialist, anti-Zionist, Arab solidarity. It also hailed Syria's ongoing struggle to liberate the occupied Arab territories.

The committee noted the international situation with alarm. It noted the US administration's ongoing rejection of the Soviet peace initiatives, particularly the latest one for halting nuclear testing, prohibiting the nuclear arms race in space, and decreasing tests on earth. The committee calls on all Arab peace-loving people to raise their voices against the US's so-called «Star Wars» policy, and to contribute to the people's determination to preserve world peace.

The Coordination and Follow-up Committee of the Progressive Parties and Forces of the Arab Homeland (CFCPPFAH)¹ held its first meeting in Damascus on July 26th. After discussing the agenda, the committee took decisions concerning its organizational framework. The committee called on Arab progressive parties and forces to participate in its activities. The committee also agreed on other matters concerning finance and administration. On September 26th, the committee issued the following communique:

The Arab homeland is passing through a most dangerous and sensitive stage. US imperialism is pursuing its fervent efforts to enforce total political, military and economic domination on the region. US imperialism is attempting to make the region a launching pad for its forthcoming all-out nuclear war aimed at the peoples of the region and of the world. The central point in the imperialist-Zionist-reactionary plan is liquidation of the Palestinian cause and rights to self-determination and establishing an independent Palestinian state. The Amman accord is but one of the means being manipulated by the imperialists and Zionists to reach their goals. With this understanding, all different Arab national and progressive

forces have declared that the abrogation of the Amman accord, and the preservation of the Palestinian national program, is a prerequisite for preventing the liquidation of the Palestinian cause and regaining the PLO's unity on an anti-imperialist basis.²

The coordinating committee hails the heroic struggle of the Palestinian people, particularly in the occupied territories; it hails their heroic confrontation of the repressive Zionist plans and measures.

The committee calls upon all to support the Arab efforts opposing any unilateral solution and to reaffirm once again the resolutions of Arab consensus, particularly the Fez Summit resolutions. Once again, the committee reaffirms the importance and actuality of the

¹ The CFCPPFAH includes representatives of «Al Nahj» journal, the Arab Socialist Baath Party, the Yemeni Socialist Party, the Egyptian National Progressive Unionist Party, the National Democratic Front of Lebanon, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the Communist Party of Sudan and the Communist Party of Tunisia. The committee was formed after a symposium organized by «Al Nahj» in Damascus, on the 40th anniversary of the defeat of fascism. The symposium was attended by Arab and international communist workers parties and Marxist-Leninist organizations.

² The Egyptian National Progressive Unionist Party did not agree to the paragraph on the Amman accord. ●