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Editor's Note: Special Issue

On the occasion of the PFLP's 18th anniversary, we publish a special issue of «Democratic Palestine». The theme of this issue is the PFLP itself in terms of political line, practice and experience in various fields of struggle, currently and historically. Due to the extensiveness of this topic, we have covered current events only briefly, except for developments in occupied Palestine. We hope you bear with us in this lack which we plan to make up in the forthcoming issues of «Democratic Palestine» by publishing more frequently. On the other hand, we hope you will find this issue useful in further clarifying what the PFLP stands for.

Perhaps you have comrades or friends who might be interested in this special issue as a form of introduction to the PFLP and «Democratic Palestine», or further clarification of our political line. If so, write for one or more free sample copies to be distributed to interested persons or organizations. We extend this offer of free extra copies to all those who have paid their subscription fee or who have an agreed exchange arrangement with us. If you have yet to pay your subscription, do so immediately and at the same time request an extra copy if you wish. Though you are receiving «Democratic Palestine» from Cyprus, our work and mailing address remains: Box 12144, Damascus, Syria.

PFLP Politbureau Statement

Press Release December 4, 1985

The PFLP Politbureau held an extraordinary session on November 30th and December 1st. After discussing the current developments, the Politbureau focused on the following important issues:

1.The imperialist-Zionist-reactionary aggression aims at eradicating the PLO by converting it into a capitulationist organization. The most serious of the dangers is the embodiment of Peres' plan, the project of settlement with Jordan, through the appointment of Thafer al Masri in place of the legitimate mayor of Nablus, Bassam Shakaa.

2.The Arab reactionary circles that are linked with Washington, are paving the way for direct negotiations with the Zionist enemy.

3.Arafat's Cairo announcement, which contained the response to the enemy's demand (that the PLO relinquish armed struggle), is an indication of

the extent of the PLO leadership's deviation.

4.The aim of the Zionist terrorist activities is to pave the way for imposing substitute leaderships who collaborate with the occupation authorities and follow the Jordanian regime.

5.The PFLP Politbureau stressed that the Lebanese crisis must be solved on the basis of the national democratic program, and also emphasized the necessity of implementing the Damascus agreement which ended the camp war.

6.With regard to the Arab summit called for by Saudi Arabia, the Politbureau stressed the PFLP's position that Arab solidarity should be regulated on a clear basis opposed to the imperialist-Zionist projects. The Politbureau rejects the call to return the Egyptian regime to the Arab ranks. It calls on Democratic Yemen, Libya, Algeria and Syria to overcome all obstacles to reviving the Steadfastness and Confrontation Front.

7.The Politbureau highly estimates

the Soviet Union's sound policy for confronting Washington's escalation of tension. It highly estimates the Soviet initiative to find a just solution for the Middle East crisis on the basis of restoring the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

8.The Politbureau emphasized the necessity of uniting the Palestinian nationalist ranks to confront the deviating trend. It underscored the importance of hastening the convention of a Palestinian people's conference to cancel the Amman accord and pave the way for restoring the PLO to the nationalist line.

The Politbureau expressed its high estimation of the Salvation Front's press release of November 7th, calling for cooperation between all Palestinian organizations opposed to the Amman accord. The Politbureau views the communique of the DFLP and the Palestinian Communist Party as a meaningful call for meetings which aim at Palestinian national unity opposed to capitulationist trends.