

night classes to teach the essential subjects.»

Abu Lu'ai also stressed the importance of political education: «I would like to reaffirm the importance of consistent political education. Our people hear about the differences between the organizations, but they don't always understand all the reasons. There should be constant clarification about the difference between the nationalist political line and the capitulationist

line, in order to mobilize the people... We have to keep the people aware of the enemy's schemes, in order to stop them from emigrating. Before 1985, we never heard that our people wanted to emigrate. Now, because of the difficult economic and security situation, people want to leave. Our leadership has to move fast on all levels - to provide the conditions for steadfastness and to raise the people's political awareness.»

forget. They will continue to fight for return to their homeland.

CONVERTING THE SCRAPS OF AGGRESSION

The children of Ain Al Hilweh have transformed the remnants of the Israeli F-4A fighter plane into a source of income. Within a few days, children began flocking to the site where the plane had been shot down, about five kilometers from Ain al Hilweh, near Miyeh Miyeh camp. Ranging from fifteen to nineteen years of age, they did not bother with the hardships of the roads which blocked their path to the F-4A remnants. Nor did they care about the Israeli MK surveillance plane which kept flying over the area. They rushed to the site and started gathering what they could carry of the remnants. They carried these back to the camps and nearby villages, and sold them to «buy books and school items, so we can obtain an education which is the most important weapon in life,» as one of these children said.

The plane's metal was aluminum which scrap metal dealers eagerly buy. Thus, Palestinian children found an unexpected source of income in this American-made Israeli tool of destruction, which had been a frightening ghost of death over their heads only a few days before. Hassan, a resident of Ain Al Hilweh, told reporters that he had paid part of his four children's school fees from this revenue. A child, putting his load on the scale to be weighed at the metal dealer's, said, «If only another plane would be shot down, so we could buy more books and school items, and winter clothes.»

Zionist Plane Downed



Palestinian fighters survey the downed Israeli warplane.

Selling the scraps

