

Both parties salute the heroic steadfastness of our masses, and call upon all Palestinian nationalists to consolidate unity in order to protect our camps and the rights of our masses to live in dignity and participate in the struggle to restore their rights to return, self-determination and the establishment of an independent state on their own soil.

Concerning developments on the Arab level, the delegates noted that US imperialism, in cooperation with 'Israel' and with the complicity of the reactionary Arab regimes, has recently escalated its aggression against the Arab national liberation movement and regimes, particularly Syria and Libya. This aggression escalated to the point of bombing civilian targets in Libya. The Ifran and Alexandria summits are one form of this imperialist-Zionist-reactionary aggression that aims at spreading Camp David and subordinating the entire Arab area to US-Israeli hegemony. The British government's decision to cut diplomatic relations with Syria is a new escalation of the imperialist-Zionist campaign to exert political and economic pressure in order to force Syria to retreat from its nationalist, anti-imperialist and anti-Zionist position.

The PFLP and PCP warned of an Israeli aggression against Syria in collaboration with US and British imperialism. Both parties expressed their support to Syria in its confrontation of the political and economic pressures and imperialist-Zionist aggression. They call on all Arab and international forces of liberation and progress to support Syria and its national, anti-imperialist and anti-Zionist trend.

At the Reykjavik summit, US imperialism confirmed its determination to adhere to its aggressive course and drive for

hegemony. US imperialism will not spare any vicious adventures on the Middle East, in cooperation with its strategic ally, 'Israel'. This will require the nationalist regimes in Syria, Libya, Democratic Yemen and Algeria, to advance the level and forms of their political cooperation to a point enabling them to confront the imperialist-Zionist challenges. This will also demand of all Arab nationalist and progressive forces to consolidate unity and overcome all obstacles in order to unite the confrontation against the imperialist-Zionist aggression. Moreover, they must work on consolidating their alliance with the Soviet Union and the forces of liberation and progress in the world.

The PCP and PFLP strongly condemn the US's course of generating international tension and confrontation, and further escalating the arms race. Both parties express their great appreciation of the consistent peaceful policy of the Soviet Union. This policy was evident in the realistic proposals made by Gorbachev, general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, at the Reykjavik summit, aiming at nuclear disarmament and stopping the arms race. Both parties call on all factions of the Arab national liberation movement to upgrade their contribution to the international movement struggling for maintaining peace and preventing the danger of a destructive nuclear war.

At the end of the meeting, both parties expressed their great satisfaction with the developing comradely relations between the PCP and PFLP. They confirmed their determination to further develop these relations in the future.

PFLP Visit to Cuba

On the invitation of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba, a PFLP delegation, headed by General Secretary George Habash, visited Havana, the capital of freedom in the Americas, from October 23rd until November 5th.

The delegation also included Politbureau member Abu Ahmed Fuad, head of the PFLP's military department, and Central Committee member Bassam Abu Sharif. The PFLP delegation held official talks with comrade Leonel Soto, member of the Politbureau and the Central Committee's Secretariat, and Deputy Director of the Foreign Relations Committee; as well as comrades Eloy Valdez and Abascal of the Central Committee's Foreign Relations committee. The discussions dealt with imperialism's increased aggression on the international level, its escalation of the arms race and insistence on the 'Star Wars' program. Both parties saw the impact of this in increased aggression against the people who are struggling for freedom and independence around the world. They discussed the impact of this aggressive policy on the Middle East, especially in the Palestinian and Lebanese arenas, as well as the US aggression and threats against Libya and Syria.

Comrade George Habash explained the new developments in the Palestinian arena, especially the dangers of the deviating policies of the official PLO leadership. He clarified the PFLP's position on reuniting the PLO.

The delegation also met with Cuba's Foreign Minister Isidor Malmerca and State Minister for Foreign Relations Levi Farah. They met with Politbureau member Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, and discussed how the Communist Party of Cuba and the PFLP could cooperate in facing the aggression of US imperialism and Zionism.

Comrade Habash delivered a lecture to the cadres of the International Relations Committee on the Middle East question in general and the situation of the Palestinians and the PLO in particular. While in Havana, Comrade Habash met with representatives of other national liberation movements.

HABASH MEETS FIDEL

The climax of the visit was on November 4th, when Comrade Habash had a lengthy meeting with Comrade Fidel Castro Ruz, Cuba's great revolutionary leader. The meeting covered the Palestinian situation in detail, and the way to reunite the PLO. The two leaders also discussed the situation on the Arab level, especially Lebanon and the Gulf war. They discussed the international situation, focusing on ways to face US imperialist and Zionist aggression. Comrade Fidel stressed Cuba's

ongoing support for the Palestinian people's struggle.

Comrade Habash expressed appreciation of Cuba's internationalist role and its support to the Palestinian revolution in general and to the PFLP. He expressed the Palestinian people's solidarity with Cuba and its leadership in the face of US imperialist aggression.

IMPRESSIONS OF CUBA

Democratic Palestine interviewed Comrade Abu Ahmed Fuad on the delegation's return from Cuba. He conveyed his impressions of the visit: «Our delegation received a warm welcome. The Cuban comrades have a distinct feeling of internationalism and deep respect for the struggling contingents of the Palestinian resistance. They expressed unconditional support for the progressive political line of the organizations that are seriously opposing imperialism and Zionism. In the discussions and visits to different party institutions, we felt the deep concern of the Cubans for what is happening in our area, particularly in occupied Palestine. We were surprised at the degree to which they follow the details of our struggle.»

«The meetings with the Politbureau and Central Committee members showed the Cuban comrades' concern about reuniting the PLO on an anti-imperialist, anti-Zionist and anti-reactionary basis. The Cuban comrades expressed support for the correct line of the PFLP in terms of policy, tactics and ways of confronting the imperialist plans... From the first day, any visitor to Cuba will feel the spirit of internationalism among the heroic Cuban people. They are ready to sacrifice to help the oppressed people all over the world.»