



acknowledges. The strikers also demanded to receive books, newspapers and letters from their families. They demanded medical treatment, improved ventilation, removal of the asbestos sheets from the windows to let in air and sunlight, extension of the daily break in the prison yard, improvement in the quality of food, recognition of their chosen representatives and a stop to inhuman practices such as torture, solitary confinement, search raids, the spraying of

poisonous gas and tear gas, etc.

In early April, three Palestinian prisoners presented a complaint against Maimon to the Israeli Supreme Court, and demanded daily doctors' visits. The three said that since March 25th, not one doctor had visited the strikers who would suffer greatly if not treated soon.

PRESS CONFERENCE

On April 12th, a press conference was held in Jerusalem in solidarity with the striking prisoners. A large number

of progressive Israelis attended, as well as Palestinian lawyers, journalists, detainees' families, representatives of nationalist organizations and recently released prisoners. Among the speakers was Meir Vilner who had just visited Jnaid prison with a delegation of the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality, meeting six prisoners. Vilner told how the prisoners had explained the worsening of the situation after