

PFLP Central Committee Communiqué

The PFLP's Central Committee held a regular session on June 28-9, 1987, to discuss the main issues. In particular, the Central Committee evaluated the most important Palestinian event, i.e., the restoration of the PLO's unity on the basis of a clear, nationalist, anti-imperialist and anti-Zionist program, through the convening of the unification session of the Palestinian National Council (PNC) on April 20th in Algiers.

EVALUATING THE PNC RESULTS

The Central Committee affirmed that the political results of the PNC session ended the division that had prevailed in the Palestinian arena for over four years. The results restored the PLO to its natural position in the Arab and international arenas, and intensified its confrontation of the imperialist-Zionist liquidationist plans... The results of the PNC have eliminated, in this period, the chances of success of the enemy plan to liquidate the PLO and its right to the political representation of the Palestinian people, and to create alternatives to the PLO. These attempts were facilitated by the deep divisions in the PLO.

While the enemy forces were working to deepen the PLO's crisis, we in the PFLP, along with all nationalist and progressive Palestinian forces, were in the forefront of the work to restore the PLO's unity on a nationalist basis antagonistic to imperialism and Zionism. This work was launched from the very moment that conditions were conducive to achieving that aim, in particular after King Hussein's speech on February 19, 1986, in which he declared a halt to the political coordination between the PLO leadership and the Jordanian regime.

The King's speech constituted the start of a process wherein a number of objective and subjective factors matured, making the restoration of unity an achievable mission. Most distinguished of these factors may have been the clear conflict between what was demanded of the PLO leadership for continuing the liquidationist US plan, and the capacity of the Palestinian bourgeoisie to meet such demands. US imperialism, Arab reaction and the Jordanian regime in particular saw the Amman accord of February 1985 as a tool for eliminating the Palestinian representation and our people's national rights. Yet, from the US-Israeli point of view, this accord was not enough to achieve their goal of eliminating the PLO and the Palestinian cause. Added to that was the exposure of the true nature of the ongoing Israeli-Jordanian plan in the occupied territories, which has the same goals.

The Central Committee highly praised the sincere and great efforts expended by Algeria, Libya and Democratic Yemen, as well as the positive and effective role of the Soviet Union and the socialist countries and all fraternal, progressive and nationalist forces. Such efforts played a great role in pushing the unification process towards positive results, culminating in the PNC's unification session.

The Central Committee also highly praised the vanguard role of the PFLP's Politbureau, headed by the General Secretary, in working for the success of the dialogue and ex-

tracting the best possible resolutions. This, along with the positive efforts of other Palestinian forces, contributed to the restoration of the PLO's unity.

CONSOLIDATING UNITY

In the light of the escalating efforts to eliminate the PLO and the Palestinian cause, the Central Committee calls on all Palestinian nationalist organizations and personalities, and Arab and international friends and allies, to continue the struggle to consolidate the PLO's unity, to protect the PLO, to defend its national program and upgrade its effective role on all levels. Presently, this is the central task in our struggle through which we can upgrade the Palestinian national work and repel all dangers surrounding our national cause and the PLO, as the militant political representative of the Palestinian people's national identity and their leader in struggle.

Achieving this goal requires continued struggle within the PLO to impose respect for and adherence to the PNC's resolutions, to decisively resist all political and organizational violations, and to continue the process of organizational reform on all levels, in order for the unification process to be completed. In addition, there must be serious, positive and sincere efforts to insure that other Palestinian nationalist organizations, that are still outside the PLO, join the unity that was consecrated in the unification session of the PNC. Such efforts will enable the confrontation of imminent dangers. The Central Committee renews its call to these organizations and to all independent patriotic personalities to shoulder their responsibility in confronting the dangers surrounding our revolution on all sides, and to comply with initiatives aimed at aligning all militant forces and personalities within the PLO.

While praising the role of our masses in the occupied homeland, in Lebanon, Jordan and everywhere, the Central Committee calls on the struggling masses to embrace their PLO and protect its national role and program, to escalate all forms of struggle, first and foremost the armed struggle, consolidating and developing it.

URGENT TASKS — RELATIONS WITH SYRIA

As for immediate aims, the Central Committee reaffirmed the necessity of serious, patient and positive work to correct relations between the PLO and Syria on a clear formula, based on common antagonism to imperialism, Zionism and their plans in the region. Such a step would mean a qualitative leap in the Palestinian struggle and the struggle of all progressive and nationalist Arab forces; it would insure consolidation of the Syrian-Palestinian-Lebanese nationalist alliance which constitutes the main instrument in resisting the enemy plans...

STEADFASTNESS UNDER OCCUPATION

The Central Committee also pointed to the escalation of the joint Jordanian-Israeli plans and the continuation of the