



Palestinian overwhelmed by tear gas at Al Aqsa, October 11th

right-wing Jewish extremists trying to invade Al Aqsa. Israeli soldiers fired tear gas, smoke bombs and live bullets in the air in a confrontation that lasted nearly an hour. The Palestinians succeeded in preventing the extremists from entering the mosque. Fifty Palestinians were seriously injured and twelve were arrested. In protest, Old City shops closed.

The same day, demonstrations broke out anew in Gaza. People burned tires and blockaded streets. Ten Palestinians were arrested. The next day, AP wrote that the «city of 150,000 on the Mediterranean Sea... appeared to be under siege.»

MOTHER SHOT DOWN

On October 12th, there was a big demonstration in Ramallah, protesting the occupation troops' brutality in the Old City the day before. The Israeli soldiers opened fire on the demonstra-

tors, killing Mrs. Enayah Samir Hindi, 35 years old and the mother of five, as she passed by. Scores of Palestinians were injured, including three women.

Shops in Ramallah and East Jerusalem shut down. Some one hundred high school students were arrested in Ramallah. Protest demonstrations broke out in major West Bank and Gaza towns and camps, and continued over the ensuing days, in concert with a general strike. In Bir Zeit, students marched with a symbolic coffin for the martyred Palestinian mother, waving Palestinian flags and chanting anti-occupation slogans. The occupation authorities closed Bir Zeit University for four days. In Al Bireh, women students staged a sit-in at the Red Crescent office, protesting the murder of Mrs. Hindi.

Meanwhile, fifty Palestinian families from Kafr Kisan village, near Bethlehem, staged a silent demonstration protesting the occupation authorities'

order to demolish 21 houses, as preparation for a new Israeli settlement. Binjamin Bel-Eliezar, former military governor of the West Bank, said that the Palestinians have become bolder in attacking the Israelis. He predicted that the situation in the occupied territories would deteriorate further.

SCHULTZ REBUFFED

On October 15th, hundreds of Bir Zeit students demonstrated against the three-day visit of George Schultz to occupied Palestine, setting the tone for the appropriate Palestinian «welcome» to this US official.

The student council president said that «the reception that Jimmy Carter and others have found here will be repeated for Schultz,» referring to the large demonstrations in 1979 against Carter's visit. For five days, the occupied territories resounded with cries of «Down with Schultz» and «Long Live the PLO» as Palestinians demonstrated. Shops remained closed in Jerusalem and Ramallah. In the 1948 occupied territories, 47 municipalities staged a two-hour strike, protesting Israeli repression in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. On October 18th, eight Palestinian notables boycotted a scheduled meeting with the US Secretary of State.

On October 17th, four Palestinians were wounded when Israeli soldiers fired on their car near Khan Younis in the Gaza Strip. A military spokesman claimed that they had refused to stop at a roadblock. Mass demonstrations continued, and on October 24th, a Palestinian youth was seriously wounded when the Israeli forces opened fire in Nablus. An Israeli military spokesman claimed that he was throwing stones at the military governor's headquarters, and that he was mentally retarded. The next day, the occupation authorities ordered the closure of Hatem Al Tai school in Khan Younis until November 10th, after a week of stonethrowing by the students. Five other high schools in the Gaza Strip were closed for a week each during the month of October, while the Islamic University was closed for three days. The military commander of the central region ordered the closure of the Palestinian Press Service in Nablus,