



Youth in Balata camp: «For us, the uprising is not a one-time event. As long as there is an occupation, there will be an uprising.»

benefit from the uprising. Fourth, it put an end to the Jordanian regime's ambitions to be an alternative or a partner of the PLO. Fifth, the uprising motivated Berri's initiative to lift the siege on the camps, which I hope will put a final end to the painful chapter of sufferings undergone by the Palestinians in Lebanon. Sixth, the uprising mobilized the Arab masses. Seventh, it raised with new urgency for the Arab communist parties, the issue of the Arab liberation movement, its crisis, and the necessity to find a way out of this crisis.

Eighth, it pushed forward the international conference

proposal. Ninth, it drove the UN Security Council to adopt several resolutions which for the first time include expressions such as the Palestinian land, and the just rights of the Palestinian people. I am speaking about the UN Security Council, not the UN General Assembly (which has previously adopted such resolutions). The passing of such resolutions by the UN Security Council is highly significant. I hope Palestinian and Arab history will in the future record that this uprising has brought about results, especially on the Arab level, to a greater degree than I have now enumerated. ●

## The PLO: Boycotting Schultz

The following is excerpts from the communique issued by the PLO Executive Committee in Tunis on March 5th.

*The Executive Committee began by noting the prominent characteristics of the uprising in Palestine - the participation of all, in all parts of the occupied territories, the people's unity and adherence to the PLO. The communique also took note of the exposure of Zionism's fascist, racist nature, and then addressed the issue of Schultz's arrival in the Middle East as follows:*

Schultz's visit to the area came in view of all of these variables created by our people's great uprising which has created great concern to the imperialist and Zionist circles. The US secretary of state came aiming to abort the uprising and contain its results. In an attempt to save Israel from its new crisis, Schultz carried with him old-new plans and settlements which are primarily based on denying the existence of the Palestinian people; rejecting their national rights, particularly their rights to return, self-determination and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state; insisting on dividing our people inside and outside (of Palestine); and refusing to recognize the PLO as the sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

Schultz has tried to impose his plan by exerting all sorts of pressure on the Arab countries...

Our masses have expressed their rejection of the new US plan by boycotting Schultz and refusing to deal with his plans and dreams. All of our masses in all of the occupied territories demonstrated, condemning the US plan and demanding Israeli withdrawal from our Palestinian land, confirming their

adherence to their national rights and demanding that the US administration recognize these rights and the PLO, as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

In confronting these conspiracies, the PLO... confirms that our people adhere to a just and comprehensive settlement through a fully empowered international conference, attended by the five permanent members of the US Security Council, and with the participation of all parties concerned, including the PLO on equal footing with other parties, in order to approve and fulfill the national rights of the Palestinian people to return, self-determination and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state on our national soil...

The PLO warns of the danger of becoming entangled in the new US scheme, and calls upon our masses in our occupied homeland and in exile to be on alert and to continue their courageous struggle, relying on the broad support of the masses of our Arab nation and all the peace- and freedom-loving people in the world...

Hence, the PLO expressed its welcome and support to President Shazli Ben Jadid's initiative to hold an emergency Arab summit for the support of the courageous Palestinian uprising in the occupied land.

Our principled position is an expression of our true desire for peace, based on justice, international legitimacy and the UN resolutions. This is the way to peace that was approved by the Arab summits and the UN General Assembly. We abide by this and call upon all those who seek true peace to abide by it.. ●