

be taken by announcing a total rejection of this conspiracy, by closing the Arab airports to the shuttles of Schultz and all other US envoys. Schultz and all the Arab hirelings would then understand that the PLO is the only force to approach, because it is the concerned party and the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

- The United National Leadership and the rebelling people strongly denounce the recent suppressive measures, the sealing off of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the imposition of curfew on the entire Gaza Strip for three whole days, the isolation of the West Bank by declaring it a closed area to the movement of residents and journalists, in a desperate attempt to prevent the people from marking Land Day. We are confident that all these desperate attempts are bound to fail, because the will of the uprising will overcome all fascist measures.

- The United National Leadership denounces the occupation authorities' decision to ban the Youth Movement and to dissolve several trade unions and institutions. These measures violate the most basic human rights and all international conventions and norms. The United National Leadership affirms that such measures will only make us more determined to continue the struggle for liberation.

- The United National Leadership highly appreciates the united stand adopted by the merchants of Ramallah, who swore in a general meeting attended by 300 merchants not to pay taxes and committed themselves to this in practice. This is an example for all the merchants in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to follow.

- The United National Leadership and the makers of the uprising salute the position of those who resigned from village and municipal councils in compliance with the calls. At the same time, the United National Leadership warns those who have not yet resigned that they expose themselves and their property to danger. In addition, we tell them that the masses of the uprising will clamp down on everybody who deviates from the national consensus and fails to comply with the calls of the uprising.

- The United National Leadership and the masses of the uprising highly appreciate the collective resignations of the tax and customs collectors in the Gaza Strip. The United National Leadership calls upon the workers of the same departments in the West Bank to follow the step taken by their colleagues in the Gaza Strip. The United National Leadership also appreciates the mass resignation of the policemen who abided by the call of the uprising, and demands the rest to resign immediately. The United National Leadership appeals to all of the national and popular committees to continue the establishment of the guarding, protection and general order committees, so as to stop enemy forces from trying to spread an atmosphere of destruction and chaos. The United National Leadership also calls upon local industry to cooperate with the national and popular committees to absorb the policemen and the tax and customs collectors (who have resigned).

- The United National Leadership urges the agricultural engineers and experts and orchard owners to offer support and instruction to farmers, peasants and striking workers, so as to achieve maximum self-sufficiency for confronting the economic pressures exerted by the occupiers. Let us improve and plant the land to meet our needs and to support the besieged areas. Let us all realize that it is the duty of all the masses of the uprising to increase production during our long war. Let us also realize that striking doesn't mean refraining from planting our land.

- The United National Leadership, as it persists in the long and hard struggle to expell the occupation and establish our independent state, calls upon the masses of the uprising to carry out the following activities:

1. Declaration of Monday, April 4th, as a day of total strike, expressing the masses' rejection of the conspiracy of US imperialism's secretary of state, George Schultz. The United National Leadership reasserts the position of the rebelling masses to boycott any meetings with Schultz or any other US envoy.

2. Declaration of Monday-Wednesday, April 4-6th, as days of mass activities by the different committees and the strike forces, to confront Schultz's visit, and to stand in solidarity with those detained and injured, by conducting sit-ins and popular demonstrations.

3. Tuesday, April 5th, is declared a day of national work where all national establishments and factories should function at full capacity. The income from this day should be dedicated to those who have suffered from the uprising, namely, the families of martyrs, wounded and arrested, besieged areas, the workers who have boycotted their jobs in Zionist settlements and establishments, and those who resigned in accordance with the calls of the uprising. The distribution of this income will take effect through the popular committees in every city, village and camp.

4. On the occasion of the International Health Day, April 4th, the United National Leadership greets all the physicians, pharmacists and nurses who have carried out their duties by offering popular care and aid to those injured in the uprising. The United National Leadership calls upon all of those working in this field to provide more medical aid.

5. Declaration of Thursday, the commemoration of Al Qastal battle and of the martyrdom of the Palestinian leader, Abdul Qader al-Huseini, as a day of fierce confrontation against the occupation forces and their cowardly settlers. Let us conduct mass demonstrations in the streets, and transform our camps, villages and cities into strongholds for the revolution and uprising.

6. Declaration of Saturday, April 9th, the commemoration of the first martyrs of the uprising and of the Deir Yassin massacre and of the uprising entering its fifth month, as a day of popular rule. The masses will head towards the martyrs' graves, and sit-ins will be held in municipalities and other establishments. This is a day of vehement anger against the occupiers and their repression. Let us turn the ground into a flaming volcano under their feet.

7. Observing Friday and Sunday, April 8th and 10th, as days of prayer for the souls of the martyrs of the uprising. Let us continue the demonstrations, marches and sit-ins in the mosques and churches.

8. Declaration of Monday, April 11th, as a total strike day where the masses should head towards voluntary work on their land in order to cultivate it, develop the Palestinian countryside and develop home economy.

**Oh masses of the uprising, go forward**

**Stone-throwers, go forward**

**The uprising shall be victorious!**

<sup>1</sup> Sheikh Izz Al Din Al Qassam organized armed cells in Palestine in the 1930s. Although he himself was martyred on November 12th, 1935, in an encounter with the British colonial troops, the armed groups he began are generally recognized as having sparked the 1936-39 Palestinian revolt against the British Mandate and the Zionist invasion.

<sup>2</sup> Abdul Qader Al Huseini led Palestinians fighting the Zionist forces in the battle at Al Qastal in 1948, and was martyred there.