

alliance with the Lebanese National Movement and the assistance in their struggle as well. Comrade Habash said if this plan helps in achieving these goals then the PFLP will support it, but the Front will refuse if otherwise.

## ARAFAT AND THE NATIONAL CHARTER

The General Secretary also addressed the Front's understanding of Palestinian national unity and how it is tied to

Arafat's proposed changing of the Palestinian National Charter. Comrade Habash said that the law which governs this relationship is one of «unity, struggle, unity.» He said that this unity is erected upon the Palestinian National Charter, the tactical program and the resolutions of the PNC. He added that when there is a detour on the part of the Palestinian leadership from these principles, it is discussed in leadership meetings, within the Central Council, the Executive Committee and the PNC

as well. Comrade Habash said that in these cases the PFLP is usually successful in bringing back the leadership to its correct course. He cited the 18th PNC wherein the Amman Accord was abrogated because it represented a detour from the original Palestinian goals. He concluded that unity is based on struggle and on the common denominator of the various Palestinian groups which will, in the final analysis, bring us to our goal of freedom and independence. ●

