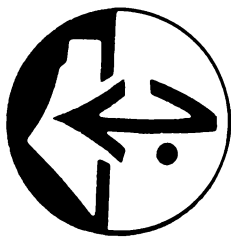

Palestinian Views on «Pax Americana»

PFLP Politbureau Statement July 14th, excerpt



The main subject addressed by the PFLP Politbureau statement of July 14th was the urgency of revitalizing and developing the Palestinian intifada in the occupied territories. Since this topic is addressed in an article in this issue, we here reprint only an excerpt of the statement which characterizes the current US – orchestrated «peace» process.

Our awareness of the various attempts to quell and abort the intifada should by no means make us neglect the other US – Zionist – reactionary attempt, orchestrated from Washington D.C., to liquidate the Palestinian cause. This is most clearly seen in the US's intensified efforts carried out behind the false and deceptive facade of settling the Arab – Zionist conflict and allegedly bringing peace to the area. We say *allegedly* because the substance of US policy, which complies with Zionist policy, is based on bypassing Palestinian representation and negating Palestinian national rights which have been confirmed by UN resolutions – resolutions which the White House chiefs apply according to a double standard.

It has become very clear that the US – Zionist plan to end the Arab – Zionist conflict, and above all the Palestinian – Zionist conflict, is moving on three major tracks:

First: Excluding the UN presence and resolutions from the political endeavors to end the conflict, restricting this job to the US alone.

Second: Replacing the international conference, as a framework for reaching a settlement, with the «festivities» of the so – called regional conference which has no powers whatsoever and is merely intended to serve as an umbrella for direct, bilateral talks.

Third: Replacing independent Palestinian representation with a joint Jordanian – Palestinian delegation.

To put this plan into action, the US administration and the Zionist government are banking on some Arab parties accepting the Israeli conditions without getting much in return. This was made very clear by the US proposal for Israel to stop building settlements in return for the Arab countries agreeing to end all forms of hostility towards the Zionist entity and normalizing relations with it.

Throughout all the Palestinian and Arab attempts to neutralize the US or appeal for its help in forcing the Zionist entity to accept the UN resolutions, it has become quite plain that supposing this to be possible is no more than a fata morgana which has no relation to reality. These attempts show that the only way to restore usurped rights is to retrieve them by

force, by practicing and escalating all forms of struggle, reinforcing and developing the intifada and embarking on a radical, comprehensive process of democratic reform in the bodies, institutions, policies, tactics and practices of the PLO.

In this context, the process of forming a new PNC and convening it as soon as possible is made more urgent. This would be the correct point of departure for implementing these guidelines, provided that it (the coming PNC session) is attended by the various Palestinian organizations and becomes the real, just representative of all Palestinian national and social forces. This would enable making the hoped – for change at this stage on the basis of a daring political reconsideration, a revolution of self – criticism and pumping new blood into the revolution. In this context, it would be of great importance to coordinate the Palestinian and Arab positions towards the peace process, and in particular between the Arab countries bordering Israel.

UNL Call No.73, August 1st, excerpt

Excerpt from call no. 73 issued by the United National Leadership of the Intifada/PLO in the State of Palestine, August 1st:

...the UNL condemns the concessions given to Israel by the Egyptian president via his suggestion for lifting the Arab economic boycott of Israel, in exchange for a halt to settlement – building; we also condemn the approval of this suggestion by some US – led Arab states. We consider this suggestion as a conspiracy aiming to normalize relations between the Arab states and Israel in return for the usurpation of the Palestinians' rights. The UNL also denounces the stand of the Arab states which have agreed to attend that miserable conference that excludes the PLO and fails to respond to our people's legitimate rights. We consider this an attempt to isolate the Arab – Israeli conflict from its essence – the Palestinian cause – and to turn the conflict into a mere border dispute between the Arab countries and the Zionist entity. In this context, the memorandum of understanding between the US and Israel about Palestinian representation, the Israeli stress on the eternity of the annexation of the Golan Heights and even establishing new settlements there, and the new Israeli plan for the occupied territories are but new proof of Israeli – US hostility towards Arab and Palestinian rights.

The UNL condemns the continued US – NATO threats to strike Iraq and the attempts to annihilate this steadfast Arab country, both physically and spiritually. In this regard, we call on the Arab masses to rise up against the Arab regimes which are backing this conspiracy.

The UNL congratulates the Eritrean people for achieving national independence.

The UNL appreciates the efforts of the preparatory committee for forming a new PNC based on increasing the participation of the masses, the Palestinian national institutions and organizations...

– Translation: 'Amr Dasouqi: