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Letters

A friend in the US wrote us as follows:

Please add my name to your subscription list. I am very interested in receiving your Bulletin. As you already know, in the US media everything about the real situation in Palestine is completely distorted and unless one takes the step to find the truth, darkness and falsehoods are all we have to read. The web of deception is all pervasive. Not only can we not find the truth but if you begin to make the right connections and see that 'Israel' is in fact nothing but another settler state, then you are attacked as anti-Semitic. And what's really interesting, is that I was born of Jewish parents! Then, I get accused of «hating my Jewishness».

As a Jew, I see a large part of my solidarity work with the struggle of liberation for the Palestinian people as educating Americans that Zionism has nothing to do with being a Jew. Needless to say this is a difficult task as the propaganda is fierce and most people are ignorant and closed to looking at the truth.

Recently I have completed reading two books which I feel tell the story of where Zionism comes from and is right now. The first, *Zionism in the Age of the Dictators* by Lenni Brenner, tells the true historical development of Zionism, the inherent racism that permeates this 'Jewish' doctrine: How they have planned from the very beginning to suppress and exclude the Palestinians from their homeland. How they collaborated with fascist Italy, their contacts with Nazi Germany. To say that it is disgusting, is to minimize my feelings. The other is *The Fatal Triangle* by Noam Chomsky. This too gives some background to the present occupation, but more important, it details the ongoing collusion of US-Zionist strategy for the Mid-East. In closing: VICTORY TO THE PALESTINE PEOPLE!

Editor's Note

Our cover celebrates the first anniversary of the Joint Leadership formed between the PFLP and DFLP on June 25, 1983. The Joint Leadership was formed as the first step towards total unification of the two fronts. It provides the nucleus for the strategic process of uniting all the Palestinian left and revolutionary democratic forces. Unifying and thus strengthening the Palestinian left should give great impetus to the overall national liberation struggle, accentuating its progressive, anti-imperialist nature and deepening the PLO's unity and commitment to the goals of the masses.

One indication of the success of the Joint Leadership experience is its role in the efforts to resolve the PLO's crisis, joining forces with the Palestinian Communist Party and the Palestinian Liberation Front to this end. At the Aden meeting in late March, these four organizations clarified and unified their viewpoints on how to resolve the internal Palestinian conflict and specifically on how to face the issues which arose after Arafat's visit to Cairo. Since then, the four, now known as the Democratic Alliance, have become a force with real weight in the Palestinian arena. The Democratic Alliance has initiated a series of talks aimed at restoring the PLO's unity by combatting right-wing deviation and reaffirming the national, anti-imperialist line. Our editorial deals with these talks and should be read in conjunction with the June 28th statement by the Democratic Alliance and Fatah's Central Committee and the memoranda from the occupied territories and from nationalists in Jordan, stating their position on the Palestinian crisis and the importance of opposing deviation from the national line.