



June 3 march in Beirut: «Down with America, guardian of Israel.»

lines to Beirut remained severed to keep news of resistance from getting out. On the local level, an area is cordoned off after an operation, and the Israelis report no casualties. They thus also suppress news of displays of mass rage and of their own brutality. A good example was Nmairiyeh, southeast of Saida, which the Zionists surrounded and placed under curfew on April 16, after one of their patrols was ambushed. No Israeli casualties were reported. Rather paratroopers stormed the village, made house-to-house searches, damaging homes and crops, and prevented the IRC from entering. Maarakeh, near Sour (Tyre), was besieged three times in seventeen days, once for house searches and twice to disrupt the gatherings of the people who shouted anti-occupation slogans, burned tires and threw stones at the troops. Also Bisariyeh, south of Saida, was sealed off after the villagers had confronted the Israeli soldiers in the streets on April 28th. Five Lebanese civilians were wounded by the occupiers, many homes were damaged and the electric supply station shot out of order. The same day, Nabatiyeh residents staged a general strike to protest the Israelis' having shot dead two people in their indiscriminate reaction to a hand grenade attack.

Ansar, where inmates now number close to 500, has again become a battlefield with two escapes reported in mid-May.

The pattern of confrontation between the people and the occupiers was repeated throughout May and into June. While terrorizing Ain al Hilweh, the Zionists were also threatening the people of Ansariyeh; an 11 year old Lebanese boy was wounded when Israeli soldiers fired at houses to warn against the distribution of leaflets and posters commemorating martyrs of the anti-occupation resistance.

When an Israeli soldier was wounded by a grenade attack in Saida on May 20th, the occupiers opened fire, killing a Lebanese civilian and wounding 11 others. On May 22nd, the Zionists raided Bazouriyeh, east of Sour, arresting eight villagers. When the people set up road blocks, an armored personnel carrier entered the village with soldiers shooting in all directions, wounding one man, while ten more villagers were arrested. The following week, the orchards around this village were destroyed.

«Israel is choking us»

Another sign that relations between the occupiers and the occupied are anything but good is the new restrictions placed on travel to and from the South. As of late April, even those walking across the occupation lines were required to have a special permit. When the road is open, traffic continues to be stalled for days on end at the single crossing linking the South to the mountains, Beirut and the north, with continuing disastrous economic effects on the Lebanese. As stated by a truck driver who, on April 10th, had been waiting a full week to enter the South to pick up a load of fruit: «Israel is choking us». On June 1st, Israeli radio announced the instatement of strict searches for any-

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