

Sabra - Shatila Military Operation

On the 18th of September the PFLP announced its responsibility for the military operation carried out on the highway leading to Keriat Arba near Hebron.

A military spokesman for the PFLP issued the following statement in Damascus: «The commando group, named 'Abu Mansour', ambushed a bus carrying Israeli soldiers at 19.00 o'clock on September 17th near Al Khader which is close to the Duhaysha camp. The group opened machine gun fire, when the bus reached Al Khader. The group also used handgrenades. The clash with the Israeli soldiers lasted for half an hour. The Abu Mansour group safely withdrew to their bases. The estimated casualties of the enemy are fifteen soldiers killed and injured.»

Col. Abu Ahmed Fouad, the military leader of the PFLP forces said on the

18th of September that the PFLP will escalate its operations in occupied Palestine, and will confront fascist and racist Israeli measures by revolutionary violence. He added that the operations will concentrate on the Israeli settlements in occupied Palestine. Also he stressed the importance of the cooperation between the PFLP forces and the Lebanese nationalist forces, and the importance of the Lebanese nationalist forces escalating the military resistance to the Israeli occupation forces in South Lebanon.

Abu Ahmed Fouad, who is also a member of the PFLP Polit Bureau ended by saying: «Coordination and cooperation between the Palestinian, Syrian and Lebanese forces should increase in order to confront the possible Israeli military adventure in the region.»

A Portrait of a Zionist Fascist

Normally we would not devote much space to the details of one person's life, for in the last analysis this is not what determines the course of events. Yet in this case we make an exception to present a portrait of Meir Kahane, for his career points to some important facts about the nature of the Zionist ultraright. Kahane's life shows that, contrary to his claims, his main commitment is not to the Jewish religion or cultural values. Rather he is first and foremost a racist and fascist, committed to serving a variety of ultraright causes.

When we deal with the fascist terror groups that have become so prevalent in the Zionist state, we immediately flash back to the long history of Zionist terror. In fact, the Zionist state was founded on fascist practices: collective expulsion and punishment, massacres, destruction and torture. The Israeli fascists of today are only a continuation of Zionism's history in Palestine. The election of Meir Kahane, founder of the rabidly racist KACH movement, to the Knesset shows that fascist tendencies are on the rise in 'Israel'.

Kahane has become a focus of the Israeli and international media. He is most often portrayed as a madman or an enigma, while in fact he is a fascist and former CIA agent who marketed

himself through US power centers to appeal to followers as a leader of Zionist politics. Meir Kahane advocates and tries to enforce an ideology and policies similar to Nazism. We dare to call him Hitler with an American-Israeli passport.

Zionist upbringing

Kahane's family was originally from Safad in Palestine, but they emigrated at the beginning of the century and crossed to the US. Meir Martin Kahane was born on August 1, 1932, in Brooklyn, New York. His father, Charles Kahane, was a rabbi who taught his son militant Zionism. Meir became a member of Betar, the Zionist youth movement associated with Jabotinsky's revisionist trend. Here he was trained in militant

Zionism by the present Israeli Minister of War, Moshe Arens. He first put his training into practice in 1947, when he threw rotten tomatoes at the British Prime Minister during the UN session on the future of Palestine.

Kahane soon left the Betar movement as a result of disagreements with its leaders. He joined another Zionist group, the Sons of Akefa. In the late fifties he went to 'Israel' and remained for a year after failing his bar (law) examination in the US. Kahane failed to adjust to life in 'Israel' and returned to the US.

Kahane and the CIA

In the early sixties Kahane met with one of his childhood friends, Joseph Shorbah (Horbah) who was also a member of Betar and a lecturer at the US Air Force Academy in Alabama. Shorbah was known for his contacts to the intelligence circles and had close relations with CIA figures. At the time of growing protest against the Vietnam war, the FBI and the CIA were quite worried about student unrest. In fact, the CIA set up a series of cover groups to counteract the anti-war movement. One of these organizations was a special consultant institute established by Joseph Shorbah and his partner Michael King. But who is Michael King? It was Rabbi Meir Kahane. While working in this «institute», Kahane not only adopted another name but claimed membership in a Christian church.

In this period, Shorbah and Kahane organized the Fourth of July Movement, named after the American independence day, to rally students supporting the US aggression in Vietnam. Kahane's main task was to penetrate Jewish student organizations opposing the war. In an interview with the US magazine *Playboy*, Kahane spoke of his experience with the CIA: «In the early sixties my friend Shorbah and I established a research institute and worked a great deal for the US administration, both the State and Defense Departments. In 1963, a US government agency asked us to conduct research on some extremist organizations, especially among right wing ones. I was asked to check on the John Birch Society.» During the short time Kahane worked in the ultraright John Birch Society, he further developed his knowledge of fascist ideology.

Kahane ended his relations with the CIA at the time when US President Richard Nixon decided to break the