

Palestinian information workers were able to intensify this awareness on a worldwide scale - despite falsification of reality about the Palestinian struggle and the irrefutable historical facts relating to Palestine by the imperialist and Zionist communication media.

The special operations undertaken by the Palestinian revolution abroad had the greatest influence on the fact that the name Palestine reached almost every home in the world, inspite of its being accompanied by propagandist falsification. It was a necessary and inevitable step which facilitated our next moves.

The revolutionary forces in this stage relied on weak, scattered information institutions which did not have either the necessary knowledge or experience. But thanks to the efforts expended in this field by enthusiastic pioneers, basing themselves on the heroic struggle of our people, great successes were achieved in this work.

It should be said in connection that committees of friends in capitalist countries also played their role.

On the national and Arab scale, the Palestinian revolution attained even more marked successes. During a mere few months it was able to lift a whole homeland from the darkness of defeat into the light of hope in victory. With every shot fired at the enemy, tens and hundreds of sons of our Arab people left for the front, shaking off them the powder of defeat. Thanks to heroic struggle, the revolution was able to achieve much that earlier had been banned in a number of Arab countries.

The revolutionary forces in the Arab countries made use of many information enterprises and institutions in which they had great influence, although they themselves did not own these institutions. At this time the revolution had the chance to broadcast its own programs from Arab radio stations (Cairo, Damascus, Baghdad, Algiers). It also had its own press organs (Fatah, al-Hadaf, al-Hurriya) and other instruments such as communiques and posters.

## 1970 - 1980

After the foundations were built for our information system on a national and international scale, the Palestinian revolution found itself engaged in an endless war launched against it by imperialism, Zionism and Reaction for the purpose of liquidating it - in Jordan in 1970, in Lebanon starting in 1973 and in 1975 until the present day.

Imperialism, Zionism and Reaction concentrated their forces to liquidate the Palestinian revolution, which in a relatively short time had proven able to win a firm position internationally, in the Arab world and on a national scale, and in the Arab Homeland it raised high the banner of struggle against imperialism and Zionism.

We can say that all the battles against the Palestinian revolution launched by the various components of the enemy camp failed and that the enemy was unable to carry out his intentions. We can say that despite some blows that hit the revolution and inspite of the cruelty of some battles, the overall

results were a strengthening of the position of the Palestine Liberation Organization as the sole representative of the Palestinian people, and reinforced the rights of the Arab Palestinian people to self-determination on the soil of their own homeland.

There is no doubt that the most recent war waged by Israel against the Palestinian revolution had the greatest influence in this field, because the revolution was able to reply to the force of Zionist attacks. Despite all the losses which the Lebanese and Palestinian civilian population suffered, the final result was a big political victory for the PLO. This is sure to be followed by new Zionist-imperialist attacks in order to exhaust and weaken the revolution. The growth of the political and military strength of the PLO represents a threat to the interests of imperialism and the Zionists, as well as Arab reactionaries, who are trying to remove all obstacles standing in the way of concluding a broad pact covering the Zionist enemy and led by the USA.

On a worldwide scale the Palestinian cause has exceeded the limits and aims of the first stage. In the first stage, Palestinian information activities succeeded in enscribing in different world media the name of Palestine as the cause of a people. Then they began to have an impact so that an awareness of the justice of the Palestinian cause and the rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination attained a level from which there is no going back.

Today, not even in the enemy camp can there be any doubt or argument as to whether the Arab Palestinian people exist or do not exist. In 1968, 1969 and 1970 a number of Zionists were still claiming that there was no such thing as a Palestinian people. But after years of struggle the question of the existence of a Palestinian people and their rights are no longer the subject of discussion.

Palestinian information in this stage used more advanced means than the communication media it had in the earlier stage. Through educated and experienced cadres it was able to break through the barriers that imperialism and Zionism had erected in world information.

Besides using the media that the revolution itself had (posters, publications, magazines in various languages), these cadres and institutions also utilized bourgeois communication media, especially their liberal-peripheral components, in order to bring to public opinion information about the positions of the revolution.

In this stage the Palestinian revolution developed communication media which it owns. This process proceeded together with the development of the revolution and the intensification of its ideological and cultural content.

In this period, too, for instance, interest began to be shown in cinematography as one of the means of information and culture. A kind of competition even developed among the individual components of the revolution in promoting this art. Cardinal attention was focused on the documentary film, Palestinian information workers in this field attained many successes

