

Letters

Peace Council of the
German Democratic
Republic

October 30, 1984

To the editor of *Democratic Palestine*:

Many thanks for sending nos. 4 and 5 of your magazine...We have read them with great interest.

The GDR Peace Council is closely following the events in the Near and Middle East. US imperialism, together with its reactionary accomplices, seeks to stop the wheel of history and to impose a solution of the conflict in this region which serves its interest, the same as it does in other regions of the world.

Affirming time and again their «strategic alliance», the USA and Israel imperil peace and security of the peoples in the Middle East.

We consistently advocate a political solution of the whole problem. To this end we welcome the Middle East initiative taken by the Soviet Union in July 1984 which we believe to be the only practicable way to a just and lasting peace in this region. Reality has given a clear proof: All attempts to solve the Middle East problem by imposing on the Arab states separate agreements with Israel reached a deadlock or brought about an escalation of the conflict. Therefore we support the Soviet proposal to seek a lasting solution through collective efforts with the participation of all interested parties.

The GDR Peace Council will continue its solidarity with all peaceloving and patriotic forces who work for a peaceful, just and lasting solution of the problem in your region.

May we ask you to continue sending your magazine and possibly other material published by your organization. Such information is very important for a better understanding and for explaining to our counterparts the heroic struggle waged by your people. The GDR Peace Council for its part takes the liberty of sending you regularly its publications.

Yours sincerely,

Vice-President
Gerhard Lindner

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Initiative for Peace,
Sicily

Dear friends,

We are sorry to answer so late to your letter which we found in the archive of the Catania Peace Committee...

As you know, 16 GLCMs are already operational in Comiso. Anyway we have not yet lost our hope to stop the process of militarization in Sicily, which supports the imperialist interests of the US and European trusts and governments, in the Mediterranean and the Middle East.

In 1984 CEDIP has produced a slideshow and a booklet, both available in English, on the «Mediterranean theatre» and the NATO «Southern Front», which have been presented at the 3rd European Nuclear Disarmament Convention (Perugia, Italy, July 17-21, 1984) and at the international meeting «For a Mediterranean Sea of Peace» (Comiso-Adelfia Evangelical Youth Centre, July 27-29, 1984). We also participated in the organization of the second initiative.

As you see, our awareness of the Mediterranean «deadly connection» is growing. We would be very happy to receive your magazine.

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