

We were able to educate people about Zionist propaganda and we were able to explain the difference between Judaism and Zionism. The comparison between our struggle and other struggles was always important for us. On the Palestinian level, despite current political differences, the Palestinian women at the conference were able to work together with

one line. There were no conflicts among Palestinian women at all. We all gave priority to the Palestinian national question and to working together to achieve the aims of our struggle. Our very presence was important so that people who had questions about the Palestinian movement would have someone to talk to.

Women in Struggle

The Philippines

Palestinian women at the Nairobi Women's Conference interviewed two women from the New Communist Party of the Philippines on the historical development of their struggle, the current situation and the women's struggle. Below we print an excerpt focusing on women's mobilization:

Our first women's organization named literally «To Struggle» was established in 1971. Women first initiated activities among students in support of nationalism and democracy. Nevertheless, martial law was declared in 1972. The govern-

ment banned all legal organizations including this first women's organization. It went underground and many of the women went to the countryside and led guerilla fronts. Some of them have already died. One of its chairpersons, a woman activist called Lorena Barros, headed one region and formed a unit of the New People's Army. She was killed in 1976. «To Struggle» organized peasant women in the 1970s and 1980s to support armed struggle. They formed women's peasant associations. At that time, women's issues were only studied. In the last few years, we are trying to integrate women's issues into class and national issues. There has been a need to draw the largest number of women into the struggle. To do this we have to attend to the concrete conditions of women which include their problem of oppression as women.

«To Struggle» is now in the forefront in the revolutionary participation of women. All the organizations in the various sectors have established «To Struggle» cells. The open

International Women's Day march in Manila

