

contradiction to the Palestinian right-wing's attempts to plant despair in their ranks.

The Central Committee discussed the latest developments in Lebanon, particularly the question of the Palestinian presence and national role there. Special attention was devoted to the war of the camps which aimed to end the Palestinian national role in Lebanon, or at least minimize it. The Central Committee noted that the war of the camps threatened the alliance among the Lebanese nationalists, the Palestinian revolution and Syria. The Central Committee reaffirmed that the aims of that war have not yet been achieved and that the reasons that ignited it still exist. The complications of this war have not yet been resolved in a manner that guarantees the harmony and unity in struggle of the tripartite steadfastness alliance. The Central Committee noted that a special effort should be devoted to preventing the renewal of the clashes. Such a battle would be used as a pretext by the Palestinian right-wing for continuing its policy of squander and capitulation. The Central Committee considers the enhancement of the Palestinian role in Lebanon as one of the most important preconditions for foiling the plans and policies of the Palestinian deviationist line. To fulfill this task, the Palestinian revolution should work closely with the Lebanese democratic and progressive forces that are struggling to preserve the unity, independence, Arab identity and democratic development of Lebanon. Of utmost importance is the elimination of all forms of sectarianism, political or otherwise, and putting an end to the wishful thinking of the proponents of the sectarian, fascist-Zionist project in Lebanon.

The Central Committee noted with satisfaction the formation of the National Unity Front in Lebanon. It highly appreciates this front's political platform. The Central Committee noted the positive stand of this front concerning the necessity of escalating resistance against the Zionist occupation forces, preserving the unity and Arab identity of Lebanon, putting an end to sectarianism, achieving democratic political reform, and condemning and confronting the capitulationist projects which aim to liquidate the Palestinian national cause and rights.

The Central Committee reaffirmed the importance of the section in the National Unity Front's platform dealing with fraternal, militant relations between the Lebanese and Palestinian people. The Central Committee considers that the basis for the relations between the Palestinian and Lebanese people, and between the Palestinian militant nationalist forces and the Lebanese nationalist and progressive forces should be mutually agreed upon among these parties. Such a basis was clearly proposed in the working paper presented by the Palestine National Salvation Front. Also, the Central Committee

considers the joint communique of June 1984, between the PFLP and the Lebanese Communist Party, as a basis for regulating the joint militant relations between the Lebanese and Palestinian people.

The Central Committee devoted special attention to the war of the camps and the ceasefire agreement reached in Damascus on June 17, 1985. The Central Committee reaffirmed its commitment to this agreement. It reiterated its position on the importance of implementing all the clauses of the agreement, particularly those dealing with the armed resistance and its role in consolidating the joint struggle of the Lebanese and Palestinian nationalists against the Zionist occupiers and all US-Zionist-fascist plans. The armed resistance will further make possible the success of the Lebanese national program. This success shall be a base and a support for the Palestinian national program of liberation. Compliance with the Damascus agreement by all the signatories and its implementation will guarantee the correction of the steadfast tripartite alliance. This would foil the plans of those who attempt to upset this alliance as a pretext for continuing the capitulationist policy in the Palestinian arena and the sectarian, Zionist-fascist project in Lebanon.

Concerning the conditions of the Palestinian camps in southern Lebanon, and in Lebanon generally, the Central Committee reaffirmed its resolutions and those of the Politbureau. In this context, it is of utmost importance to prevent any inter-Palestinian or Palestinian-Lebanese fighting. The Central Committee reaffirmed that political and mass work is the only correct method of confronting the line of capitulation and its proponents. This is especially true in the light of these proponents' attempts to exploit tension as a convenient means for continuing the capitulationist policy.

At the close of its session, the Central Committee reaffirmed its great confidence in the ability of our masses to escalate the struggle inside and outside the occupied homeland, and their ability to effectively withstand the imperialist-Zionist-reactionary plans. It is very important to foil these plans and defeat the planners. This will be possible with the support our masses enjoy from progressive and democratic forces all over the world, first and foremost the support of the socialist countries, headed by the Soviet Union.

- Glory to the martyrs
- Victory to the revolution

The Central Committee of the
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PFLP-PCP Joint Communique

For a Nationalist Meeting vs. the Amman Accord

On September 4th, the Palestinian Communist Party and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine held a meeting wherein they discussed a number of important issues on the Palestinian and Arab levels. A joint communique was issued with the following main points:

In particular, the two parties discussed the current upheaval in occupied Palestine, and the new, repressive Zionist measures which aim to break the resistance of the Palestinian masses and force them to emigrate from their homeland.