

## "Palestinian State" Scheme Rejected

WHILE feverishly instigating the Jordanian reactionaries to crack down on the Palestinian guerrillas, U.S. imperialism and its running dog Zionism are leaving no stone unturned to push their plan for the establishment of a so-called "Palestinian state." This is an attempt to split the Palestinian people and divert them from their revolutionary struggle. Persevering in their fight, the Palestinian people, however, have rejected the scheme which is aimed at finally liquidating the Palestinian cause.

The Central Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization (P.L.O.), in a statement issued on February 20 at a meeting in Damascus, said: "The Zionist movement, imperialism and their tool Israel strive to consolidate the Zionist aggression against Palestine and reinforce the Israeli victory of 1948 and 1967 by setting up a Palestinian entity (state) on territories (the west bank of the Jordan River and the Gaza Strip) occupied after June 5 (1967). This entity would be based on legitimizing and perpetuating the state of Israel, which is completely contradictory to the right of the Arab people of Palestine to their entire homeland, Palestine. Such a false entity is in fact an Israeli colony intended to liquidate the Palestinian cause finally in favour of Israel. It is at the same time a temporary phase during which Zionism will be able to empty Palestinian territories occupied after June 5 (1967) of Arab inhabitants as a prelude to merging these lands completely into the Israeli entity."

The statement pointed out: "This is in addition to creating in areas occupied after June 5 (1967) a puppet Arab Palestinian administration on which Israel would rely to combat the Palestinian revolution. Of the same nature are all imperialist and Zionist schemes to place Palestinian territories occupied after June 5 (1967) under international administration or protection."

The statement said: "The Palestinian National Council has declared its absolute rejection of the idea of establishing a false Palestinian entity (state) on Palestinian territories occupied after June 5, 1967, as well as any form of international protection."

The Popular Front for Liberation of Palestine (P.F.L.P.), in its February 20 statement issued in Damascus said "the Jordanian reactionaries are carrying out imperialist and Zionist plots for the liquidation of the Palestinian revolution and people" and that "under such circumstances, the only way which the revolution-

aries can choose is to use the revolutionary war to fight against the reactionary war launched by the Jordanian reactionaries and backed by world imperialism headed by the United States, and no alternative road can be chosen."

The statement said that the P.F.L.P. condemned the plot to establish a so-called "Palestinian state," because it was tantamount to handing the Arab and Palestinian people to the Jordanian reactionaries.

Concluding, it said that the P.F.L.P. should regard the east bank of the Jordan River as bases for armed struggle and continuously develop these bases in their struggle against imperialism and Zionism. "This is a practical act to defend the Palestinian revolution and foil the scheme for a so-called "Palestinian state."

The Arab Workers Conference for the Defence and Support of the Palestinian Revolution which ended its session in Damascus on February 19 adopted a resolution calling on all Arab trade unions and workers to continue their struggle against all plots to wipe out the Palestinian revolution.

The resolution said that the Arab working class and Arab masses regarded the course of the Palestinian revolution as the course of struggle between the Arab nation and imperialism headed by the United States and its tools—Zionism and local reactionaries. The resolution opposed the establishment of a meagre statelet, the "Palestinian state," and condemned the plot of the reactionary Jordanian regime against the Palestinian revolutionary forces and its barbarous suppression of the Palestinian people. The resolution called on the Arab people to join the ranks of the Palestinian revolution and announced a plan for training Arab workers in military training camps set up by the Arab Workers Federation.

At the International Symposium on Palestine sponsored jointly by the General Union of Palestinian Students and the Kuwait Graduate Society held in Kuwait from February 13 to 17, voices calling for persisting in armed struggle resounded throughout the meeting hall.

Zuhair Alami, representative of the Central Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, in his speech at the opening ceremony of the symposium, said: "The Palestinian people, who believe in a protracted

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people's war for the liberation of Palestine, will not lay down their arms before this aim is fully achieved."

The General Union of Palestinian Students, in a statement at the symposium, strongly condemned U.S. imperialism and its running dogs for their scheme to liquidate the Palestinian revolution. The oppressed peoples, it said, cannot coexist peacefully with their oppressors.

In his speech, a delegate from Algeria pointed out: The only solution to the Palestinian question is a peo-

ple's armed struggle. He said the Algerian people would spare no effort to support the struggle of the Palestinian people and guerrillas.

Delegates from Libya, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia and other Arab and African countries in their speeches made known their support for the Palestinian people in their armed struggle against the U.S.-Israeli aggressors. They denounced U.S. imperialism and the Jordanian authorities for their bloody suppression of the Palestinian armed forces and backed the Palestinian revolution in rejecting the so-called "political solution."