

## Zionist Settlers Set Up Military Outposts on Stolen Arab Land

# Israel Out of the Occupied Territories!

**Down with Zionist Expansionism!  
Not Jew Against Arab, but Class  
Against Class!  
For a Socialist Federation of the  
Near East!**

MAY 17 Yesterday morning Lena Hassan Nabulsi, a 16-year-old Arab woman, was shot down on the staircase of an apartment house in Nablus by an Israeli soldier. Nablus is the heart of the densely populated northern portion of the Israeli-occupied West Bank known as Samaria.

Historically, Samaria was bordered by Galilee to the north and Judea to the south, extended to the Mediterranean and was once an ancient kingdom of Palestine. It is today the center of resistance to the repressive Israeli occupation. With a population of 80,000, Nablus is the largest city of the West Bank and has been the scene of particularly militant protests and strikes against the military occupation, every one of which has been brutally suppressed.

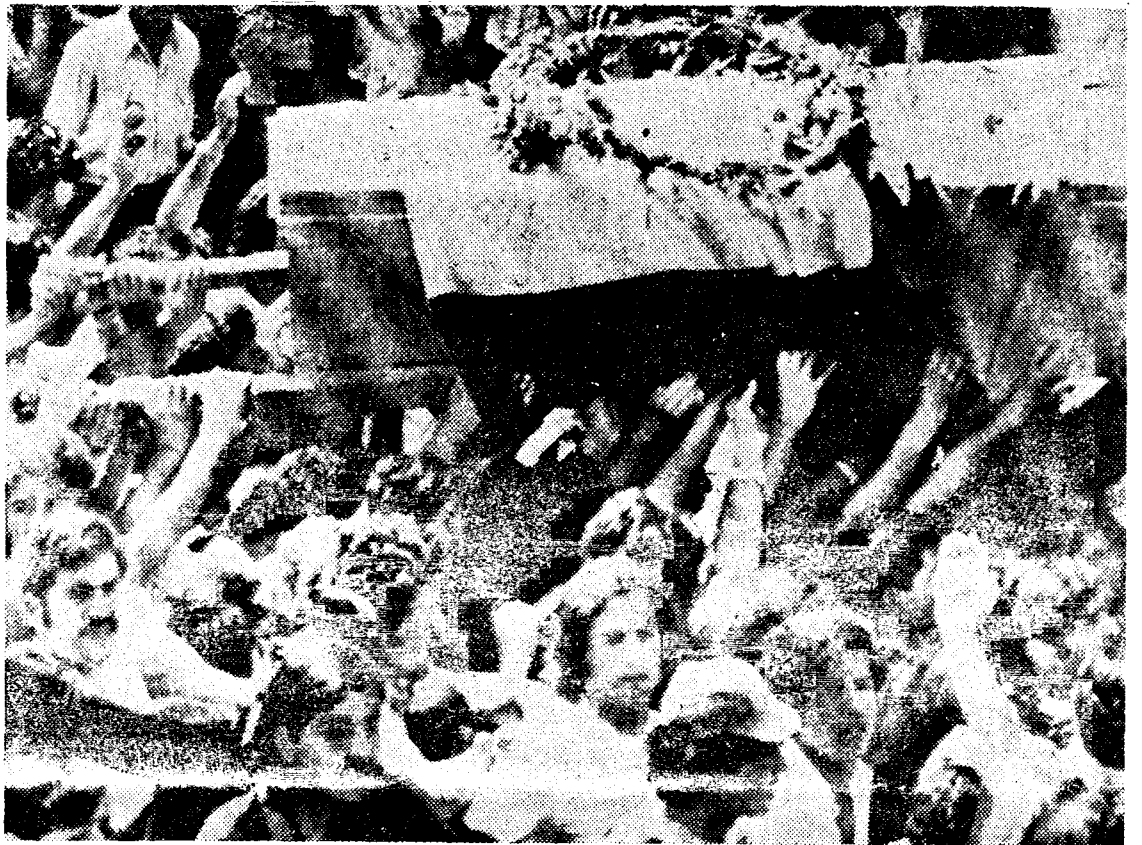
The latest wave of protests in the Arab towns and villages of the West Bank was scheduled to coincide with the 28th anniversary of the creation of the Zionist state on 15 May 1948—a state established through the usurpation of the national rights of the Palestinian Arabs. In Nablus these protests continued into the following morning, when hundreds of students assembled in the eastern part of the city and attempted to march toward the main square. The march was broken up and the demonstrators dispersed by club-wielding Israeli soldiers. In what has become a pattern, the soldiers pursued the demonstrators down the narrow city streets and fired "warning shots."

According to the Israeli military governor, Lena Nabulsi was "accidentally" shot by soldiers dispersing stone-throwing youths. This explanation was rejected by the mayor of Nablus, Bassan al-Shaqa, who in a 16 May *New York Times* dispatch stated that Nabulsi had been arrested several times by the Israeli military for participation in anti-Zionist protests. He asserted that, after having taken part in that morning's demonstration, Nabulsi had been followed to the home of a friend by the soldier who killed her. In any case, the murder took place 30 minutes after the demonstration had been completely dispersed.

Lena Nabulsi was the daughter of a prominent Nablus merchant and a relative of former Jordanian prime minister Suleiman Nabulsi, who was responsible for the abrogation of Jordan's client relationship with British imperialism as Washington, D.C. gradually replaced London as the main patron of the Hashemites.

After Nabulsi's murder, a demonstration formed in front of her house and was again viciously broken up by the Israeli military, with two demonstrators wounded.

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Funeral in the West Bank for Lena Hassan Nabulsi, Arab woman killed by Israeli security police. AP

## Stalinists Support Generals' Takeover

# The Bloody Repression Behind "Gentleman's Coup" in Argentina

MAY 15—Only the most foggy-minded liberals and groveling fake-left reformists are fooled by the sheep's clothing the Argentine military junta wore for its coup. Seven weeks have passed since Videla's "reluctant generals" took power and the last bastions of Peronism ignominiously surrendered, too cravenly helpless to lift a finger.

Though official information is selective, as the junta seeks to avoid "excessive publicity," the magnitude of the threat facing the Argentine masses becomes increasingly obvious. The *gorillas* have been carrying out their repression with escalating ferocity while still trying to maintain the public-relations facade designed to differentiate them

from their despised Chilean counterparts.

Under a shroud of secrecy, the blows of vicious reaction rain down with terrible vindictiveness upon labor militants and leftists. Amnesty International estimates that 20,000-30,000 people have been arrested since the coup. The most elementary democratic rights are trampled underfoot by the military; the right to political asylum has been abrogated, with the Argentine authorities having apparently issued a "blacklist" of individuals who are not to be sheltered by the embassies (*Le Monde*, 15 May).

The plight of foreign political refugees—exiles from rightist terror in Chile, Brazil, Bolivia, Uruguay and

elsewhere, for whom Argentina represented the only hope of a tenuous and miserable safety—is particularly perilous. Chilean MIR leader Edgardo Enriquez, arrested by the Argentine junta April 10, was handed over to the murderous custody of Chilean officials on April 27. Now being held at Monte-Maravilla in Chile, according to *Le Monde*, Enriquez is certainly undergoing the most barbarous torture—if indeed he is still alive. A broad campaign must be built to demand his immediate liberation from the blood-stained hands of Pinochet's butchers.

The Chilean and other refugees, driven from their homes by the persecution of military dictatorships, literally have nowhere to turn. In one incident reported in the *Washington Post* (30 March), 35 Chileans living in UN refugee centers in Argentina were seized and arrested. A letter appealing for solidarity with Enriquez (*New York Times*, 8 May) reported that in the first week after the coup three UN-sponsored hotels for exiles were raided and the refugees held for interro-

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**Videla Delivers MIR Leader  
Enriquez to Chilean Butchers**

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Later that afternoon the funeral was held, attended by many West Bank village mayors and leading Arab families in addition to Nabulsi's friends and fellow militants. The funeral was followed by more demonstrations and stone-throwing confrontations with Israeli soldiers.

## Military Outpost "Settlements"

The outpouring of anti-Zionist protests in the West Bank is fueled not only by the brutal and humiliating foreign armed occupation, but also by the provocative sprouting of Gush Emunim squatter settlements. Gush Emunim (Band of the Faithful) is a Jewish clerical-fascist movement which claims, as the "inalienable right of every Jew to every part of the land of Israel," the entire West Bank and Suez isthmus. This poisonous movement inscribes upon its banner the further forced dispersal and ultimately genocide of the Palestinian people in order to conquer the whole of "Eretz Yisrael."

The "official" settlement plan of Israel's misnamed "Labour" Party (the largest Zionist party in the government, formed from the fusion of the Mapai, or Israel Workers Party, with various Zionist splinter groups in 1968) is based on the 1968 "Allon Plan," named for Israel's foreign minister and deputy prime minister, Yigal Allon. It calls for concentration of settlements along an 8 to 12 mile wide "security belt" along the Jordan River which constitutes the eastern border of the West Bank, in sparsely populated areas of Judea (the southern portion of the West Bank) and especially around Jerusalem, which Israel clearly intends to annex.

Thus Israel's "settlements policy" is entirely determined by Zionist considerations of military security. Since the 1967 war, 68 settlements have been established with official Israeli sanction: 25 in the Golan Heights, 17 along the Jordan Valley, five in the Hebron vicinity (in Judea), four around Jerusalem and 14 in the Gaza strip, and three along the Gulf of Aqaba. None of these is economically viable, but the debt-ridden Israeli government has already invested \$500 million in their develop-

ment. The settlements serve entirely as border guards and as the front-line in Israel's conflict with neighboring Arab states, as Zionist prime minister Yitzhak Rabin made explicitly clear in a tour of the Jordan Valley settlements last month.

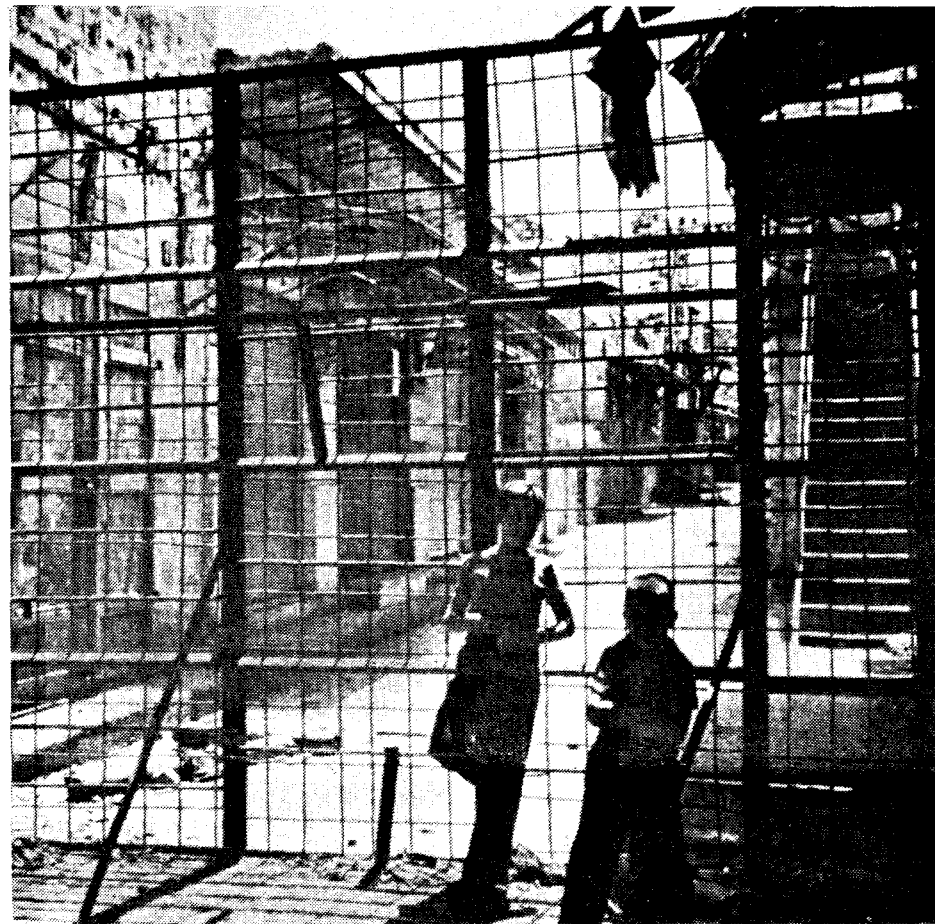
## Galilee, the First "Occupied Territory"

The "Labour" Party's "official" position opposes Jewish settlements in Samaria where most of the West Bank's 700,000 Arabs live. The experience of Galilee has taught the Zionists the perils of trying to create a "Jewish state" with a large Arab minority.

Galilee was not allotted to Israel under the U.N. partition scheme of November 1947. It was conquered by Israel in the 1948 war and ruled for 18 years by a military administration fundamentally no different than that

which could only be the forerunner of outright annexation because it does not want to double its already existing Arab minority of 445,000 (plus 45,000 Druzes). Allon and Rabin further wish to leave open Samaria as a "territorial concession" for a future Israel/Jordan peace treaty which would turn the majority of West Bank Arabs back over to the suzerainty of the Hashemites (their pre-1967 occupiers) while ringing the West Bank with Jewish settlements and military bases.

However Gush Emunim—supported by the "Labour" Party's governmental coalition partner, the National Religious Party (NRP) of orthodox rabbis and religious fanatics, and by the right-wing opposition bloc, Likud, led by Manachim Begin, perpetrator of the infamous Deir Yassin massacre—wants settlements in Samaria precisely in order to thwart any possibility that



Israelis erected steel gates in Nablus to enforce curfew.

David Rubinger/Time

which exists in the West Bank today. It was only in 1966 that Galilee ceased being an "occupied territory" and the military administration was lifted, allowing Galilee at least the pretense of self-government.

However Galilee continues to be an Arab ghetto. The aims of the Zionist regime in Jerusalem toward Galilee are contradictory. On the one hand it attempts to "Judaize" Galilee through encouraging Jewish settlement; on the other it deprives Galilee of development funds and social services, leaving it the poorest part of Israel. Thus the Jews who are able to do so leave. Presently Galilee has an Arab population of 210,000 and a Jewish population of 60,000.

The Zionist threat to expropriate Arab land in Galilee to develop the Jewish settlements of Carmiel and Upper Nazareth is bitterly resented and led to the "Day of the Land" general strike of March 30. Plans to expand Upper Nazareth are threatened by more than Arab opposition. Many apartments already built there stand empty. The town was supposed to be settled by Russian Jewish emigrants, especially from Georgia. But correspondence from disgruntled friends and relatives who settled in Galilee (and in some cases subsequently returned to the Soviet Union) appears to have been a more successful deterrent to Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union than Stalinist intimidation.

## Zionist Expansionism: How Much?

The "Labour" Party therefore opposes Jewish settlement in Samaria—

Israel will relinquish any portion of the West Bank.

The NRP, which holds the balance of power in the Israeli parliament (Knesset), is able to exercise pressure disproportionate to its strength. Thus Gush Emunim launched its squatters into the heart of Samaria. Seven times they were evicted from the Nablus area. However, backed by the growing pressure of the NRP on the unstable "alignment"-dominated government (the bloc between "Labour" and the self-proclaimed "socialist"-Zionist Mapam), the eighth attempt was met with gentler treatment from the military. The 120 settlers were "temporarily" resettled in the Kadum army camp a few miles west of Nablus and were given trailers and construction materials to build their own water supply system. Thus, irrespective of "official" statements, Kadum was built in collusion with the Israeli military administration into a permanent West Bank settlement.

Israeli "settlement" policy—both the "official" Allon Plan and "illegal" Gush Emunim squatters—has escalated the seething discontent of West Bank Arabs into open protest, even when open protest is met by the mass terror of the Israeli military. It also contributed to the sweep of West Bank municipal elections by candidates known to be sympathetic to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and the pro-Moscow Israeli Communist Party (Rakah).

Militants like Lena Hassan Nabulsi certainly saw in the Gush Emunim settlement at Kadum, only a few miles from Nablus, a symbol of the humilia-

tion and oppression of the Palestinian people which was embodied in the very creation of Israel. This was reinforced by the provocative Gush Emunim two-day march through the heart of the West Bank. The 20-mile march ran from Beit El near Ramallah to Jericho. Many of the 20,000 marchers carried submachine guns.

Arab counter-demonstrations, even when far from the march route as were those in Nablus, were brutally dispersed by the Israeli army. In Nablus a protest by youths was broken up with tear gas. Once again Zionist ferocity in pursuing demonstrators was indiscriminate. Three people were wounded, including 55-year-old Zayid Taher Ajba, who died on the way to the hospital. According to the *Los Angeles Times* (21 April) "the dead man's personal physician, Hatem Abu Ghazaleh, said Tuesday that the shooting victim was an amputee who walked with crutches and had poor eyesight. It was implausible, the physician said, that the man would have been capable of rioting."

## Zionists Squabble over Kadum

Finally the government scheduled a debate on Kadum for May 9. The Mapam mobilized its "kibbutzniks" and other supporters for an anti-Kadum rally of 20,000 in Tel Aviv on May 8. Mapam has threatened to leave the government unless the Gush Emunim squatters are evicted from Camp Kadum.

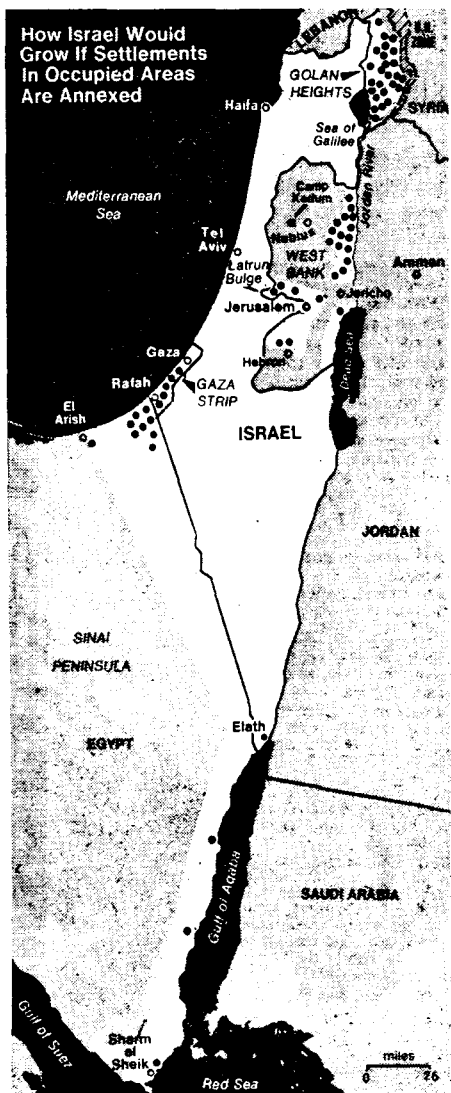
But amidst the Mapam rally's denunciations of right-wing Zionism, what went unsaid was that Mapam often used the methods of Gush Emunim and mass butcher Begin to build its kibbutz movement. Especially following the 1948 war, Mapam grabbed Arab land and blew up adjacent Arab villages to carry out its "socialist experiment" in a countryside soaked in the blood of the reactionary war for Israeli "independence"—an "independence" dependent upon how quickly U.S. defense contractors deliver Lance missiles and the latest Phantom jets and tanks and how much the Zionist lobby can squeeze out of Jewish philanthropy and Congress to pay for them.

The 10-hour cabinet debate on May 9 threatened to move the Kadum squatters to an "approved" new settlement site in the West Bank. But to win the abstention of the three NRP ministers, Rabin promised dozens of new settlements in the occupied Arab territories in the coming years. The Camp Kadum squatters held their own news conference to announce, "We will not agree to any decision that will mean the dismantling of the settlement" (*New York Times*, 11 May). Thus the squabble within the Zionist establishment continues.

## Israel Out of the Occupied Territories!

Israel must immediately and unconditionally get out of the occupied territories. Yet, as Palestinian nationalists will be quick to point out, the pre-1967 borders of the state of Israel are also, as in the clear case of Galilee, "occupied territories." The Hebrew nation was forged through the forcible dispersal and destruction of the Palestinian nation.

A truly democratic resolution of the just national claims of the Palestinian people cannot be achieved either in some West Bank mini-state or through the denial of the Hebrew people's right of self-determination. The so-called "democratic secular Palestine" of the PLO, which projects the peaceful cohabitation of Hebrews and Arabs without the prerequisite of a socialist transformation, would lead merely to another Lebanon. Only within the context of a socialist federation of the Near East can the just national claims of the Palestinians be equitably and democratically resolved. ■



Israel's expansion if it annexes settlements in occupied areas.

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