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Palestine Chronology

June–August 1985

This section is part seven of a chronology begun in the Journal no. 51 (Spring 1984). The chronology focuses on events and actors which affect Palestinian communities throughout the world, with priority given to occupied Palestine/Israel.

The section was compiled by reviewing articles in Claremont Research and Publications, Inc.'s Mideast Press Report, a weekly clipping service which monitors more than eighty U.S., European, Israeli, and Arab English-language publications. Article source abbreviations are listed at the end of the chronology.

June 1 ---

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli military authorities arrest 40 Gaza fishermen and seize their boats for fishing outside designated zone [F] 6/7]. 3,000 Peace Now demonstrators march past Foreign Min. Shamir's Jerusalem flat demanding justice, not pardon, for Jewish underground defendants [JP 6/2].

Arab World: Amal militia attack Burj al-Barajinah camp. Red Cross removes 32 wounded, about 100 remain. Militia stops rescue after 1 hour [WP 6/2].

June 2 ---

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Prime Minister Peres announces last stage of IDF with-

drawal from southern Lebanon will be completed by 6 June; but unspecified number of soldiers will remain in "security zone" [NYT 6/3]. U.S. Ambassador to Israel Samuel Lewis ends 8-year tour of duty [JTA 6/3]. Council of Jewish Settlements in West Bank calls for official action to deport Palestinians released 20 May [JTA 6/3]. Council Chair Yisrael Har'el says harassment tactics used against them by settlers is generating sympathy for Palestinians among some Israelis. Wives of Jewish underground defendants end 13-day hunger strike after receiving order from rabbi to desist and assurances Knesset bill will be introduced to grant defendants clemency. Defendants tell court attempted Temple Mount sabotage was intended only "to frighten," not kill. Summer visiting season for relatives to West Bank residents begins. 2,500 visitors will be allowed to

cross Allenby Bridge per day, up from 1,250; 1,100 over Damiya Bridge, up from 800 [JP 6/3]. Israeli settlers in West Bank and Gaza meet at Pesagot near Ramallah to discuss how to torpedo the envisaged peace talks with Jordan and how to force out of the country Arabs freed May 20 [JP 6/3]. Rejecting Hussein Plan and U.S. overtures, Shamir and Likud want direct talks with non-PLO/PNC-Jordanian or Jordanian-Palestinian delegation. Peres and Labor party take "wait and see" position on delegation that includes PNC members.

Arab Countries: Red Cross evacuates 29 from Burj al-Barajinah [FT 6/3]. 93 Palestinians taken to hospitals in Druze-held mountain town of Shuwayfat. Shi'a militiamen take 5 Palestinians from ambulances, later let them be evacuated.

Other Countries: Sec. of State Shultz sends message to P. M. Peres seeking Israeli backing for projected American talks with Jordanian-Palestinian delegation as step toward direct talks with Israel [NYT 6/3]. U.S. accepts PNC representation in delegation. Shultz says he is glad PLO has accepted UN resolutions 242 and 338 but says U.S. needs public statement before considering talking to PLO [JTA 6/3]. He opposes Hussein's proposal of Soviet participation in peace talks.

June 3

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli daily *Hadashot* reports U.S. gave Israel unofficial list of 9 Palestinian candidates for Jordanian-Palestinian delegation to tentative ME peace talks three weeks ago. 9 are: Walid Khalidi, Harvard U. political science professor; Edward Said, Columbia U. English professor; Hisham Sharabi, of Georgetown U.; Rashid Khalidi, visiting fellow at Washington's Wilson Center; Bethlehem

Mayor Iliyas Furayj; Hikmat al-Masri, former speaker of Jordanian Parliament; Rashad Shawwa, deposed Gaza mayor; Anwar Nusseibeh, former Jordanian minister and head of East Jerusalem Electric Co.; and Ahmad Sidqi al-Dajani, former senior official in PLO executive committee, now living in Cairo. PLO spokesman says [AP 6/5] PNC speaker 'Abd al-Hamid al-Sayih is also under consideration.

Arab World: IDF and SLA (Israeli-backed South Lebanese Army) raid 2 Shi'ite villages, arrest about 40 men and destroy 5 homes in Majd al-Salim as punishment for hiding weapons or shielding fighters [LAT 6/4].

Other Countries: Foreign Min. Shamir, in England, tells P. M. Thatcher and Foreign Min. Geoffrey Howe that Israel opposes Jordanian scheme for peace talks. Thatcher supports Jordanian plan [LT 6/5].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF bulldozes ten houses in villages near Hebron; expels residents [AF 6/7]. Security forces announce arrest of 9 in connection with killing of Rafah Mayor 'Abd al-Hamid Kishta, 65, in September; of Isma'il al-Khatib, 38, head of the al-Azhar Islamic College in Gaza in November; and with grenade attack on bus near market in Tel Aviv [JP 6/4]. Arrests of 9 Palestinians and Israelis were made "several months ago" in Gaza. Others were arrested for supplying 9 with weapons stolen from IDF. IDF uproots 1,300 olive trees, illegally planted in army firing area near Bethlehem [JP 6/4].

June 4

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli health officials confiscate and destroy Arab-produced "Jneidi" brand dairy products sold in East Jerusalem saying producers did not have

permits and products "may be hazardous to health" [F] 6/14].

Arab World: PLO says 700 Palestinians were arrested in Syria for protesting violence in Lebanese camps. At least 30 killed at Sabra, still under siege. Shi'a bulldoze camp buildings. In Beirut, 3 Palestinian factions issue joint appeal for unity: PFLP, Fateh, and Palestine Communist Party.

Other Countries: U.S. Senators Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) and John Heinz (R-Penn.) introduce nonbinding resolution (with 69 backers) opposing arms sales to Jordan until Jordan opens direct negotiations with Israel. Reagan administration calls measure "a serious mistake." U.S. wants to provide Jordan with \$300 million in military credits to allow it to buy 54 F-20 fighter planes and two advanced anti-aircraft defense systems. Agreement was made in 1981. U.S. sees Jordan threatened by Syria.

June 5 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: P. M. Peres asks MKs not to attend Pax Christi "International Peace Congress" in Amsterdam, in which delegates from PLO, Mapam, Labor party, Progressive List for Peace, Citizens Rights Movement, and Peace Now are expected to participate [JP 6/6]. Three Israelis charged in Jerusalem District Court in connection with murder of Jerusalem taxi driver Khamis Tutunji [JP 6/6]: Daniel Eizenmann, 26; Michal Hillel, 24; and Gil Fuchs, 20.

Arab World: Red Cross tries to enter Shatila camp, where 20 are believed to have died of cholera.

Other Countries: Hisham Sharabi states he is not interested in participating in peace talks, has not been approached by anyone [AP 6/6].

June 6 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Residents of Balata refugee camp near Nablus demonstrate against harassment and arrests; stone military vehicles; smash window of one and injure driver. Several youths arrested [F] 6/14]. Administrators of Bir Zeit U. announce cancellation of semester following violence between student political groups [F] 6/14].

Arab World: IDF complete three-stage withdrawal from southern Lebanon. Amal chief Nabih Birri says Amal would join forces with Palestinian fighters if Israel kept troops in southern Lebanon and retained a security zone north of its border [NYT 6/7].

June 7 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF reserve soldier found dead (strangled) in Western Negev [F] 6/14].

Arab World: SLA seizes 25 Finnish UNIFIL soldiers in southern Lebanese "security zone" in retaliation for UNIFIL seizure of 11 SLA men and their deliverance to Amal custody [NYT 6/8]. UN says 11 deserted the SLA [WP 6/10]. Kuwait daily *al-Qabas* reports attempted coup d'état in Jordan last month while King Hussein was in U.S. (Jordanian officials deny the story.) *Al-Qabas* names Hasan 'Ubaydat, secretary general of Jordanian Ba'th party, who entered Jordan from Syria, as leader of the coup attempt. 'Ubaydat is reportedly arrested and an arms cache uncovered [JWP].

June 8 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: SLA commander Gen.

Antoine Lahd orders release of 4 of 25 Finnish UNIFIL soldiers [NYT 6/8].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF patrol sprayed with automatic gunfire on road outside Gaza.

June 9

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: P. M. Peres opposes "preliminary talks" between U.S. and joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation [JP 6/10]. Eleven Palestinian women political prisoners at Neve Tertza prison near Ramleh begin work strike to protest decision to integrate them with criminal prisoners [F] 6/14]. Women punished by being held in cells 23 hours a day. Israeli military officials announce that starting 6/10 no journalists will be permitted to enter southern Lebanon from Israel [WP 6/10]. IDF declare Hebron village of Raq'ah closed military area; impose curfew after 6/4 grenade attack on military vehicle [F] 6/14].

Arab World: At urging of PLO Chairman Arafat, Arab League meets in Tunis to discuss three-week-old crisis [NYT 6/10]; declines to conduct inquiry into massacres of Palestinians in camps [LT 6/10]. Syrian-sponsored peace talks are deadlocked: Palestinians refuse to surrender arms to Amal [LAT 6/10].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Petrol bomb is thrown into Israeli bus in Nablus, West Bank; no injuries. Tourist bus stoned near Hebron. Shots fired at IDF truck in Gaza [JP 6/10].

Arab World: Palestinian fighters in Druze-controlled hills east of Beirut bombard Shi'ite militia attacking three Palestinian camps [NYT 6/10].

June 10

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Prime Minister Peres proposes alternative peace plan to King Hussein's, based on "direct talks" with Jordanians and non-PLO Palestinians, with U.S. participation [NYT 6/11]. Nablus village of Bidya and neighboring villages placed under curfew by IDF following hand grenade attack on Israeli military vehicle [F] 6/14].

Arab World: SLA captures French colonel involved in negotiations for release of Finns; he's later released: Gen. Antoine Lahd calls seizure a "mistake" [NYT 6/10].

Military Action

Arab World: *Jerusalem Post* reports IDF recently destroyed 8 homes of southern Lebanese thought to have fired rockets at IDF and SLA positions in security zone [JP 6/10]. Last IDF combat battalion withdraws from Lebanon; undisclosed number of patrols, advisers, and observers remain [NYT 6/11]. Rockets hit settlements in northern Israel [LT 6/11].

June 11

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Knesset House Committee lifts parliamentary immunity and freedom of movement from MK Muhammad Mi'ari, leader of Progressive List for Peace [F] 6/14], on grounds he voiced support for PLO and refused to condemn "PLO terrorism."

Arab World: Shi'a hijack Jordanian Alia airliner in Beirut to protest Arab League criticism of Shi'ite siege of Palestinian camps [NYT 6/12].

June 12

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: Hijackers of Alia jet release

71 passengers, blow up plane [LAT 6/13]. Later, a Palestinian unsuccessfully commandeers Lebanese airliner in "retaliation" for Shi'ite effort [NYT 6/13].

June 13

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel rejects UN plan to extend UNIFIL deployment in Lebanon to Israeli border [JTA 6/13].

Other Countries: Reagan wants to increase economic aid to Jordan to \$250 million (from \$20 million) but defers arms sales, bowing to congressional pressure [NYT 6/14].

June 14

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel Radio and TV broadcast code words alerting thousands of military reservists to units as part of a call-up exercise to test mobilization procedures [FT 6/14]. Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics reports inflation rose by 6.8 percent in May [FT 6/15].

Arab World: Talks continue in Aden, South Yemen, between PFLP, DFLP, and Fateh to achieve rapprochement [F] 6/14]. Three Lebanese Shi'a hijack TWA airliner in Athens, order it to Beirut, Algiers, then Beirut, Hijackers' demands include freeing of 766 Lebanese and Palestinian prisoners held by Israel [NYT 6/15]. U.S. antiterrorist Delta Force squad sent to aircraft carrier U.S.S. *Enterprise* in eastern Mediterranean [LT 6/17].

June 15

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: SLA frees 21 Finns from UNIFIL force [NYT 6/16].

Military Action

Arab World: In Beirut hijackers of TWA plane kill U.S. Navy diver Robert

Stethem; order plane back to Algiers; release 49 passengers after Greek government releases accomplice 'Ata 'Ali Tourenda, 21 [NYT 6/16].

June 16

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Estimated 50,000 attend Gush Emunim demonstration calling for death penalty for Palestinians who commit guerrilla operations against Israelis [F] 6/21]. Israeli government says it's willing to consider request from U.S. government to free Shi'ite prisoners held in Israel to end TWA hijack crisis; will not act independently [WP 6/17]. *Jewish Telegraphic Agency* reports 6,000 Israelis settled in West Bank, 1,600 in Golan Heights and Galilee in 1984.

Military Action

Arab World: TWA hijackers release 3 more passengers, plane takes off for Beirut [NYT 6/17]. Aircraft carrier U.S.S. *Nimitz* sent to Lebanese coast [WP 6/17]; anti-terrorist Delta Force squad sent to carrier U.S.S. *Enterprise* in Eastern Mediterranean [LT 6/17], but U.S. reluctant to use military force to end hostage crisis [WP 6/17].

June 17

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel approves establishment of Arab bank in West Bank [JTA 6/17]. Israeli government abandons Mediterranean Sea-Dead Sea Canal hydropower project [JC 6/18].

Military Action

Arab World: In Beirut several hostages taken off TWA plane to unknown location(s) in Beirut [NYT 6/18]. Syrian-mediated cease-fire goes into effect between Palestine National.Salvation Front and Lebanese Shi'a in southern Lebanon [WP 6/23]. Paramilitary police will collect heavy and medium weapons and supervise

withdrawal of gunmen from trouble spots [BG 6/23].

June 18 _____

Military Action

Arab World: In Beirut 3 more passengers released from TWA plane [PI 6/19].

June 19 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: U.S. Sec. of State Shultz opposes legislation to advance Israel \$750 million (half of proposed two-year \$1.5 billion economic aid plan) within 30 days of passage of aid bill, on grounds that early payment would harm economic recovery [JP 6/20]. UNRWA announces cuts in services to Palestinian refugees because of reduction in its budget from \$205 million to \$165 million, with further cuts likely [FJ 6/21]. U.S. asks Red Cross to ask Israel of its plans for 766, mostly Shi'ite, prisoners held in Israel [NYT 6/19].

Arab World: Six Red Cross ambulances enter Burj al-Barajinah; Shi'ite-Palestinian fighting has left at least 625 dead and 2,500 wounded [FT 6/20].

June 20 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Other Countries: Syrian President Asad meets Soviet leader Gorbachev in Moscow. *Tass* statement stresses importance of PLO unity, Soviet participation in peace conference [NYT 6/20].

June 22 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Arab world: Lebanese paramilitary police dismantle barricades around Palestinian camps following cease-fire [WP 6/23].

June 23 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Hearings end in trial of 25 Jewish underground defendants in Jerusalem District Court. Israel announces it will release 31 of 766 south Lebanese and Palestinian prisoners on 6/24 [NYT 6/24]. Gradual release of the prisoners will continue [LT 6/25].

June 27 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Prime Minister Peres meets with economic minister, central bank and industrial leaders, and trade unions to devise economic policy to replace voluntary agreement on wage and price controls [FT 6/28].

Arab World: PLO moves personnel from Tunis to Jordan; central departments, including Executive Committee, and heads of those departments stay in Tunis [NYT 6/28]. PLO Chairman Arafat flies to 'Amman after three-day official visit to Iraq [TS 6/28].

June 28 _____

Military Action

Arab World: Shi'ite militiamen release 50 Palestinian fighters captured during "war of the camps" [PI 6/29]. Thirty-nine Shi'ite-held U.S. hostages prepare for release, then are detained for another day, as captors insist U.S. promise not to retaliate [MG 6/29, 30, NYT 6/30].

June 30 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: Thirty-nine American hostages freed, driven by Red Cross to Damascus, then flown to W. Germany [NYT 7/1].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: *Aerospace Daily* reports Israel has deployed Jericho II tactical nuclear missiles in Negev and Golan Heights [DFA 7/7].

July 1 _____**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli government announces economic austerity program: 18.8 percent devaluation of shekel, 24 percent price increases in government-subsidized products, dismissal of 9,000 government employees, government spending cut of \$750 million, and three-month wage and price freeze [NYT 7/2, LAT 7/17]. Government predicts incomes will be reduced 30 percent. Riots follow the announcement [LAT 7/17]. Israeli authorities prevent Bank of Palestine in Gaza from selling 100,000 new shares in Gaza, Ramallah, and Nablus [FJ 7/5].

July 2 _____**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 1.5 million Israeli workers participate in one-day general strike to protest austerity plan [NYT 7/3], but Knesset endorses it by vote of 70–19.

July 3 _____**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel frees 300 of 735 remaining, mostly Shi'ite prisoners held at Atlit prison [NYT 7/4].

July 5 _____**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Lawyer Kamil Dahir, spokesman for the Progressive List for Peace, is forbidden to travel for one year, following visit to see Arafat last February [FJ 7/7]. Israeli border guards and secret service beat up and arrest 3 Palestinians at Hakawati Theater during sit-in

to protest one-day closure of theater to prevent scheduled Workers Unity Bloc conference [FJ 7/11].

July 7 _____**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Three Kach supporters charged with possessing large quantity of arms, supplying them to a fourth who had ammunition [FJ 7/11]. Israeli authorities issue closure order for Hospice Hospital in Jerusalem's Old City. Government will convert it into first aid station [FJ 7/26].

July 8 _____**Military Action**

Arab World: Seven hundred fifty members of Badr Brigade of PLA are escorted out of Biqua' Valley to Jordan by Syrian troops after declining to join anti-Arafat forces. The group has been in the Biqua' since August 1982. [LM 7/11].

July 9 _____**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Knesset passes, on first reading, bill to outlaw racial incitement. Bill would amend Basic Law and penal law to prevent Knesset lists from running in elections if they negate existence of Israel, negate democratic nature of state, incite to racism, or are believed to be fronts for illegal activity [JP 7/10]. Israeli military government extends Employment Service Law and the National Insurance Institute Law to occupied territories; settlers are now eligible for unemployment compensation and income benefits [JP 7/9]. Israeli military authorities issue new military order requiring all local Palestinian newspapers to publish official ads from military governorate without alterations. Arab newspaper owners reject order and decide to confront it [FJ 7/12].

Arab World: Amal leader Nabih Birri and Druze leader Walid Jumblatt, meeting in Damascus with Syrian government and Lebanese religious leaders, discuss a new security plan for Lebanon with Syrian-backed Palestine National Salvation Front. Plan requires all militias to disarm [MG 10/7].

Other Countries: Forum '85, nine-day NGO conference preceding official UN conference concluding Decade for Women, begins in Nairobi; 10,000 women participate in 1,800 workshops, seminars, and films. Eight women from occupied territories are prevented by Israelis from travelling to symposium; half a dozen make the trip [JP 7/14, NS 7/28].

Military Action

Arab World: Two Lebanese students backed by Syrian National Socialist party kill 15 Lebanese (including 2 South Lebanese Army soldiers) and themselves in 2 suicide car bomb attacks at security zone checkpoints. Two IDF soldiers are also injured [LT, JP, PI, LAT, TI 7/10].

July 10 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Fifteen Jewish underground defendants found guilty, ending thirteen-month trial in Jerusalem District Court. Group leader Menachem Livni, Shaul Nir, Uzi Sharabaf are convicted of murder, will receive mandatory life sentences; 12 others convicted of charges including attempted murder, manslaughter, attempted sabotage, illegal possession and transport of arms and explosives, damage to military property, membership in a terrorist organization, conspiracy to blow up the Dome of the Rock Mosque, and failure to prevent a crime [LT, NYT, WP 7/11].

Other Countries: Argentina will not let PLO open office in Buenos Aires, nor

move its embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, Deputy Foreign Minister Jorge Sabato says [JTA 7/11].

Military Action

Arab World: IDF jets and helicopter gunships attack Nahr al-Barid and al-Baddawi Palestinian refugee camps near Tripoli, killing at least 24 and wounding 90. Refugee camps said to be bases for Abu Musa faction and PFLP-GC [LAT, PI, NYT, WP, AP 7/11].

July 11 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: *The Daily Telegraph* reports depleted uranium, potential material for making nuclear explosives, was exported to Israel last autumn after it was bought from Luxembourg, in violation of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty [DT 7/12, JW 8/1]. EEC spokesman reports private Luxembourg metals trading company imported 40 tons of depleted uranium from Britain and 7 tons from France; 47 tons then exported to Israel without required notification to Euratom (EEC agency charged with keeping track of trade of nuclear materials by EEC member states) [VO 8/1]. Foreign Min. Shamir calls Jewish underground defendants "excellent people who made a mistake" [JP 7/12]; vows to work for their release. Four Gazans are convicted of plotting to attack the U.S. embassy [JP 7/12].

Other Countries: U.S. House of Rep. passes fiscal 1985 Foreign Aid Authorization Bill on voice vote. Bill includes \$3 billion in regular economic and military assistance for Israel, plus \$1.5 billion in emergency supplemental economic aid; \$400 million of military assistance is allocated to Lavi aircraft project, \$150 million of which must be spent in the U.S. [NER 7/15].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Bombs go off in

Ashkelon and Hadera; no injuries are reported [JP 7/12].

July 12 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Three Palestinian women banned from traveling to Forum '85 conference in Nairobi hold press conference in East Jerusalem to condemn the Israeli restriction [F] 7/19].

July 13 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Seventy Palestinian detainees at Fara's detention center in Nablus go on twenty-four-hour hunger strike to demand better conditions: more and better food, more exercise, access to TV and radio, and end to brutality by guards. *Al-Itihad* reported last week that Palestinian inmates of Hebron prison went on hunger strike in support of detainees at Jnayd prison in Nablus, who went on hunger strike to protest brutal treatment from their guards [F] 7/19].

Arab World: PLO gives Jordan list of 10 to 15 Palestinians who have its approval to participate in talks with U.S. under Hussein peace initiative [NYT 7/14]. Names are not disclosed.

July 14 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Other Countries: U.S. State Department studies list of Palestinians for peace talks, will select 4 for delegation to meet with Asst. Sec. of State Richard Murphy [NYT 7/15, LAT 7/19]. Talks with U.S. would precede talks with Israel.

July 15 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Other Countries: Official UN Decade for Women Conference begins in Nairobi;

3,000 participants from 160 national delegations, including the PLO, attend [JTA 7/18, PI 7/23].

Military Action

Arab World: Lebanese Hisham 'Abbas, 22, kills himself, 2 South Lebanese Army soldiers, and 7 civilians in suicide car bomb attack at checkpoint in Israeli security zone [NYT 7/16]. 'Abbas belonged to pro-Syrian Ba'th Party in Lebanon. Katyushas are fired at SLA headquarters in Marja'yun.

July 16 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli Prime Minister Peres meets secretly with Bethlehem Mayor Iliyas Furayj and ex-speaker of Jordanian Parliament Hikmat al-Masri of Nablus. Furayj describes meeting as "a general discussion" [LT 7/18]. Israel Radio reports Israeli Amb. to France Ovadia Sofer met secretly in Paris with Soviet Amb. Yuli Varontsov [NYT 7/19, LT 7/20]. Six hundred Ethiopian Jews march from Afula to Tel Aviv to protest the process of ritual immersion to verify their Jewishness [NYT, LT 7/17]. Bethlehem U. Student Council publishes statement in *al-Mithaq* denouncing Bethlehem Mayor Iliyas Furayj's attendance at university's 7/13 graduation ceremonies; withdraws recognition of Furayj as head of the board of trustees for the university [F] 7/26]. All-night negotiations between Israeli government and Histadrut labor federation avert general strike. Government foregoes emergency decrees to implement austerity program [LT 7/17].

July 17 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: U.S. gives Israel list of 7 Palestinians being considered for talks with U.S. Israeli P. M. Peres, speak-

ing on Israel TV, rejects list on grounds *that no residents of West Bank or Gaza are on it, all but one are members of PNC* [NYT, WP 7/18]. Peres rejects idea of prior U.S. negotiations with Palestinian-Jordanian delegation before direct negotiations with Israel. Israel's chief rabbis insist Ethiopian immigrants must go through ritual conversion process [LAT, BG 7/18].

Arab World: Kuwaiti Parliament cancels \$194 million in military aid earmarked for Syria, and \$146 million for Jordan and the PLO because it is "being misused" [WP 7/18, LM 7/19].

Other Countries: *The Daily Telegraph* reports U.S. gives \$8 million to UNRWA, more than 50 percent of the budget [DT 7/17].

July 18

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: U.S. says Israel cannot veto list of Palestinians for talks [NYT 7/19]. State Department says chief criterion for deciding to proceed with negotiations is "whether it would help promote direct Arab-Israeli negotiations" [WP 7/19]. East Jerusalem newspaper *al-Quds* publishes list of 7 names for proposed joint delegation: Khaled al-Hasan, head of the PNC's foreign affairs committee; Fayez Abu Rahmeh, ex-head of Gaza Bar Association; Hatim al-Husseini, professor at Shaw University, Raleigh, N.C.; Salah al-Ta'amari, member of the PLO's Supreme Military Council; Nabil Sha'ath, PNC member; Hanna Siniora, editor of *al-Fajr* newspaper; and Muhammad Subayh, PNC member. Henry Cattán, Paris-based lawyer and historian, is also mentioned as alternate [NYT 7/19, LAT 7/19]. Modi'in Ezrahi poll finds 12.7 percent of Israelis favor peace talks, regardless of which Palestinians participate; 33 percent oppose talks with any Palestinians [JP

7/19]. U.S. military delegation headed by *Undersecretary of State William Schneider* and General Philip Gast begins annual talks in Tel Aviv on scope of future U.S. military aid to Israel [JTA 7/19]. Orthodox Jews hold mass pray-in at the Western Wall in Jerusalem's Old City to protest construction of Mormon center they fear will be used to convert Jews. Israel's two chief rabbis endorse the event [LAT 7/19].

Arab World: Office of Arab Boycott of Israel, at biannual meeting in Damascus, removes Ford, Bayer, Colgate Palmolive, and 6 companies and individuals from other countries from its blacklist; 28 new companies added [FT, LAT 7/19].

Other Countries: Bomb explodes, wrecking house and car of the PLO's acting chief representative in Cyprus, Malath 'Abdu; no injuries reported [WP 7/18]. *The Guardian* reports 2 Palestinians were arrested by police in Madrid last week while allegedly planning to blow up Syrian embassy and assassinate ambassador. Suspects allegedly belong to Fateh's Force 17; police discovered TNT, arms, ammunition, a detonator, and a time fuse when they raided a flat in connection with the arrests [MG 7/19].

Other Countries: Soviet spokesman denies Moscow would make deal with Israel on increased Jewish emigration to Israel [DT 7/19]. Israel Radio reports Soviets want emigration guaranteed to Israel, not to other countries; want anti-Soviet propaganda stopped in the West [CT 7/21]. Moscow states goal as progress on Golan Heights [NYT 7/20]. U.S. officials state U.S. would welcome Soviet resumption of ties with Israel as constructive behavior in Middle East [LT 7/20].

July 19

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli High Court

issues order nisi blocking deportation of ex-prisoner Khalid Muhammad Tantash until court hears his case. Tantash was released in the 5/20 prisoner exchange agreement. Last week Tantash was notified through the Red Cross of the Israelis' intention to deport him because he does not have an identity card [FJ 7/26]. Kiryat Arba local council concludes agreement to fire town's Palestinian employees, press institutions to hire only Jewish laborers, and work for total Sabbath observance. Kach party is represented in council [JP 7/21]. Thirteen American black leaders in government, civil rights, and the church arrive for ten-day "crash course on Israel" organized by the American-Israel Friendship League [JP 7/19].

Arab World: Egyptian Prime Minister Kamal Hasan 'Ali is quoted as urging U.S. to go ahead with preliminary peace talks with Jordanian-Palestinian delegation despite Israeli objections [JP 7/21].

Military Action

Arab World: Shi'ite militiamen capture 6 SLA soldiers in Markaba village in Israel's security zone, reportedly free 8 held prisoner there [LT 7/20].

July 20

Social/Economic/Political

Other Countries: Tass denies Soviets approached Israelis in Paris with diplomatic deal [BG 7/20].

Military Action

Arab World: Sunni and Shi'ite leaders in Sidon announce confiscation of large arms shipments last week intended for Palestinian camps of 'Ain al-Hilweh and Mieh Mieh. Four pro-Arafat guerrilla leaders carrying large sums of money were also detained; their 7-day grace period to leave the city expires today. Order to leave was issued by People's Liberation Army (Sunni), Amal, prominent Sunnis in

Sidon, and Palestine National Salvation Front. Southern Lebanese pledge not to allow Palestinians to rebuild presence in south following Israeli withdrawal. Amal has checkpoints in Tyre to prevent Palestinian arms from reaching the camps there [NYT 7/21]. In Beirut, the 7/9 Syrian-sponsored cease-fire is holding; the 7/16 agreement between pro- and anti-Jumayyil Christian forces in East Beirut is also holding [CSM 7/23].

July 21

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Peres orders attorney general to investigate Kiryat Arba's plan to fire all Palestinian workers. [FT 7/21]. *Al-Fajr* journalist Musa Jaradat receives fourth consecutive town arrest order, confining him to his town of Sa'ir, in the Hebron district, for another 6 months [FJ 7/26].

Military Action

Arab World: Israeli troops in helicopter gunships and armoured personnel carriers storm south Lebanese villages of Qabrikha and Sejoud, both inside the security zone, kill at least one, arrest several others, burn and loot property during house-to-house searches following bomb attack by guerrillas on SLA armored vehicle in a nearby village [WP, PI 7/22]. Israeli army announces it confiscated several katyusha rocket launchers during the raid [WP 7/22, JTA 7/23]. *The Jerusalem Post* reports 6 SLA soldiers disappeared from their posts last week and have apparently deserted to Amal [JP 7/21].

July 22

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Jewish underground defendants sentenced, ending thirteen-month trial: 3 get life sentences for murder, other 12 get terms ranging from 4

months to 7 years [NYT, WP 7/23]. Sentences include time already served and all convicted are likely to get one-third off for good behavior [JP 7/23]. Mayor Meir Nitzan of Rishon Lezion tells press conference his town has been targeting Palestinians for firing first over past 2 years, dismissing 71; he cites Jewish law as rationale [JP 7/23].

Arab World: Egyptian Prime Minister Kamal Hasan 'Ali states increased Soviet Jewish emigration to Israel could hamper peace process by contributing to settlement in the occupied territories [MG 7/23]. Foreign Min. Shamir pledges to continue contacts with Soviets [JTA 7/22].

Military Action

Arab World: Gunfire breaks out between Finnish UNIFIL soldiers and SLA troops when three SLA soldiers refuse to submit to searches at UNIFIL roadblock near Barajit [JP 7/23].

Other Countries: Bombs explode in Copenhagen synagogue and U.S. Northwest Orient airline office, injuring 27; Islamic Jihad claims responsibility, says was in retaliation for recent Israeli raid on Lebanese village of Qabrikha [NYT 7/23].

July 23

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Prime Minister Peres states only 2 of 7 names on list are acceptable to Israeli government: Hanna Siniora and Fayez Abu Rahmeh. Other 5 are rejected because they represent the PLO or its "constituent bodies" [LAT 7/23]. Large sit-in protest is staged outside Hospice Hospital in Jerusalem's Old City to protest closure of its surgery unit. Press conference held at the hospital announces a general strike for 7/24 to protest impending closure [F] 8/26]. Israeli soldiers break into homes in Dheisheh camp in West

Bank, harass residents, and damage property. No arrests reported [F] 7/26].

Arab World: Reuters reports 4 Israeli warships shelled Sidon, targeting militia [FT 7/24]. Honduran-registered cargo ship sinks during the shelling; 3 civilians are wounded during shore bombardment. Israeli navy asserts the merchant ship fired first [NYT 7/24].

July 24

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: All shops close in East Jerusalem in general strike to protest Israeli closure of the Hospice Hospital in Jerusalem's Old City [F] 7/26]. P. M. Peres says Israel should not give up part of Golan Heights in deal with U.S.S.R. for emigration of Soviet Jews [JP 7/25]. Kiryat Arba's new nine-member local council—pledged to firing its Arab employees, pressing private businesses to do likewise, and to preventing economic ventures with Arab investors—is formally installed; dozens of secular residents enter building to protest [JP 7/25]. Israeli civil administration governing the occupied territories announces high school matriculation exam results improved on West Bank this year; schools were closed less than in the past; 64 percent of West Bank students passed their exams this year, compared with 54 percent last year [JP 7/25].

Arab World: Jordanian diplomat Ziad Sati, 40, is assassinated in Turkey; Islamic Jihad takes credit [CSM 7/26, NYT 7/25].

Other Countries: Reagan administration presents Middle East arms transfer study to special closed session of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee as basis for request to sell new arms to Jordan and Saudi Arabia. Congressional supporters of Israel warn administration against pursuing the arms sale, saying it would provoke an

“enormously divisive” debate [WP 7/24, 25, JTA 7/25, BG 7/26].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel frees 74 Lebanese Shi'a, 6 Lebanese Sunnis, and 20 Palestinians held at Atlit prison since April, when Israel transferred 1,200 detainees from its Ansar prison in south Lebanon to Israel. Three hundred are still in detention. Any prisoner now detained in south Lebanon by Israel is sent to new prison run by SLA at Khiyam village, in the security zone [NYT 7/24].

July 25 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Foreign Min. Shamir calls for death penalty against Palestinians convicted of especially cruel murders [JP 7/26].

Arab World: Lebanese military investigator says he has referred 4 suspects in the 1983 bombing of the U.S. embassy in Lebanon to military court for trial; has recommended the death penalty if they are convicted. The 4 include 2 Lebanese, a Palestinian, and an Egyptian. Two are also charged with bombing the Iraqi embassy in Lebanon in 1981 [NYT 7/25].

Other Countries: UN Decade for Women Conference founders on the final day; consensus cannot be reached on key paragraphs of final document which call for economic sanctions against South Africa, condemn Zionism as an obstacle to development, and detail the plight of Palestinian women and children. [NYT 7/26].

July 26 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Police find the bodies of 2 Afula schoolteachers missing since 7/21—Yosef Eliahu, 35, and Lea Elmakais, 19—in a cave in northern Israel;

Eliahu had been shot. Police say deaths do not appear to be politically motivated. An anti-Arab rampage breaks out in Afula. A number of Palestinians are hospitalized. Cars are stoned and property is damaged. Twenty rioters are arrested [NYT 7/27]. Hakawati Theater in East Jerusalem is closed for 3 days. Authorities state women's group which rented the theater is connected to a PLO faction. Fifty women hold sit-in strike outside the theater [JP 7/28, FJ 8/2]. *Al-Fajr* English weekly reports many would-be pilgrims to Mecca were prevented from leaving by new Israeli restrictions. Muslims under 35 were not allowed to make the pilgrimage; 150 applicants were turned down. [FJ 7/26].

Arab World: King Hussein calls on Arab governments to form working group to address critical problems confronting the region; stresses Jordan and the PLO will not submit additional names of Palestinian delegates if U.S. rejects first list. U.S. administration officials say 3 names are acceptable, do not specify which ones [NYT 7/27].

Other Countries: After 5 hours of negotiations, compromise is reached on the wording of the final document of the UN Decade for Women Conference; “Zionism” is replaced by “and all other forms of racism.” The nonbinding document will be referred to UN General Assembly for approval [NYT, WP 7/27]. House-Senate committee passes worldwide U.S. foreign aid bill, including amendment requiring President Reagan, in proposing any sale of advanced arms to Jordan, to certify Jordan has made “a public commitment to the recognition of Israel” [JP 7/28].

Military Action

Arab World: Four Palestinians loyal to Arafat are found murdered outside Mieh Mieh refugee camp near Sidon. Bodies show signs of torture. Notes pinned to

them call them Israeli collaborators. Patrols are stepped up around camps following the murders [PI 7/27, WP 7/28].

July 27 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Hundreds of policemen and border police are sent to Afula to prevent another outbreak of violence. [JP 7/28].

Arab World: King Hasan II of Morocco announces first Arab summit meeting in three years will be held in Casablanca 8/7. Meeting will cover ways of "remedying the Arab situation" and the Palestinian question, "in all its aspects" [NYT 7/28, MG 7/30].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Two katyusha rockets apparently fired from security zone land in the Galilee panhandle; there are no injuries [JP 7/28].

July 28 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli army announces arrest of 3 West Bankers in alleged kidnap-slaying of two Afula teachers. The three, aged 17–19, are arrested at their homes in the village of Arabbuna, near Jenin. Homes of their families are demolished. Arabbuna is placed under curfew [WP 7/29]. Kach movement members along with Temple Mount Faithful group attempt to enter al-Aqsa Mosque compound to pray. Police refuse to allow Kach members in, allow Temple Mount Faithful in on condition they not pray. One man prays near the Dome of the Rock and is forcibly expelled [F] 8/2]. Israeli newspaper *Ha'Aretz* finds 70 percent of Israelis favor death penalty for those convicted of politically motivated killings. Minister without Portfolio Moshe Arens, Foreign Minister Shamir, and Deputy Prime Minister David

Levy also favor death penalty for such killings [LAT 7/29]. Two Afula teachers are buried; 1,000 extra police and border guards are mobilized to keep the peace. Three police are injured by angry protesters at the funeral [LAT 7/29].

Arab World: Walid Jumblatt and Nabih Birri announce new pact of cooperation called the "National Front," ending 3-month feud; vow to support each other if fighting erupts with pro-Arafat Palestinian factions [CT, MG 7/29]. Artillery and sniper fire break out between East and West Beirut. Car bomb explodes in Shi'ite suburb of Beirut, injuring three [MG 7/29]. King Hussein is first Arab leader to confirm attendance at the upcoming Arab summit meeting in Casablanca [CT 7/29]. A high-level Palestinian delegation led by Faruq al-Qaddumi is reported to have arrived in Tripoli, Libya [JP 7/29].

Other Countries: Manila newspaper *Bulletin Today* reports Israelis are giving military training to young Filipinos on Palawan Island [JP 7/29].

Military Action

Arab World: Two SLA soldiers are killed and 8 taken prisoner in dawn attack by Amal in security zone [LT 7/29].

July 29 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Shops in East Jerusalem go on general strike again to protest closure of Hospice Hospital [F] 8/2]. Proposal to erect a settlement on spot where two Afula schoolteachers were murdered is presented to Zionist Executive by Jewish Agency Settlement Department Cochairman Nissim Zvilli [JP 7/29]. Shimon Barda, head of the "Lifta Gang," is convicted by the Jerusalem district court of conspiring to blow up the Dome of the Rock. Sentencing will follow [JP 7/30]. Knesset finance committee freezes IS 354

million for Kiryat Arba's local council until Attorney General Zamir gives legal opinion on council's proposal to dismiss Palestinian workers [JP 7/30]. Knesset appoints seven-minister committee to make recommendations regarding punishment of those convicted of politically motivated killings [BG 7/29]. *Voice of America* reports Israel seeks American banks to operate in Israel, to boost ailing Israeli banking system; at least one is reportedly interested [JTA 7/31]. *Koterit Rashit* reports Israeli firms are studying 70 proposed business projects in China, including construction of 2 hotels and an airport. *The Daily Telegraph* cites report in *Jane's Defence Weekly* stating secret military links were opened between Israel and China in 1979, a \$3 billion arms deal was recently concluded, and Israeli military advisers have served with Chinese ground and air force units [JC, DT 7/29].

Arab World: The United Arab Emirates is second state to confirm attendance at upcoming Arab summit meeting. Syria, Lebanon, and South Yemen will not attend [FT 7/30, LT 8/2]. Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Egypt back the summit call [JP 7/30, FT 7/31].

Military Action

Arab World: Israeli planes attack Palestinian base used by the PFLP-GC in eastern Lebanon; no casualty reports [WP 7/30].

July 30 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli Knesset passes, by vote of 60–0, law banning future election lists that advocate racism [FJ 8/9]. Clause proposed by Justice Minister Moshe Nissim bans election lists which reject the legitimacy of Israel as the “state of the Jewish people.” Progressive List for Peace and the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality (Israeli Communist party) ab-

stained in Knesset vote; PLP spokesman Kamil Dahir submits resignation in protest of abstention vote. Two Palestinians are found dead near car in West Bank village of Tubas, in what police say was apparently an accidental detonation of a car bomb [WP 7/31]. Palestinian sources speculate they may have been murdered [F] 8/2]. U.S. Asst. Defense Sec. Richard Perle announces Israel agrees to participate in Strategic Defense Initiative research [BG 7/31]. *Jane's Defence Weekly* reports that Israel's clandestine arms sales to China have bolstered its international weapons trade to \$1.2 billion annually [MJ 8/16].

Arab World: Jordanian and PLO officials say 2 Palestinians acceptable to Israel—Hanna Siniora and Fayez Abu Rahmeh—are intended only as “consultants” to joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation [WP 7/31]. *Al-Fajr* English newspaper reports sources in Tunis say PLO condemns new West Bank committee set up by local pro-Jordanian figures to lobby for joint Jordanian-Palestinian moves [FJ 8/2].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Albert Buchris, 32, from Afula, shot to death in Nablus market. Nablus and 2 nearby refugee camps put under curfew; residents are teargassed, house-to-house searches are conducted for the weapon used in the killing. Al-Najah University is closed [WP, LAT 7/31, JTA 8/1].

Arab World: Syria delivers 50 Soviet-made T-54 tanks to Amal in south Beirut [DT 7/31].

July 31 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Administrative detention order is issued against ex-political prisoner Ziad Abu 'Ain, for allegedly planning to hijack Israeli bus. (Abu 'Ain spent less than 3 months at home follow-

ing his release in the 5/20 prisoner exchange) [FJ 8/9]. Nablus remains under curfew following 7/30 murder of Albert Buchris. Five hundred police and a helicopter monitor his funeral [JTA 8/1]. Army enters al-Najah University and raids student council offices; preparations had been underway for student elections [JP 8/2]. Knesset passes bill requiring anyone running for Knesset to give up second citizenship [WP, PI, JTA 8/1]. Israeli police break into the site of preparations for the second annual Palestinian heritage festival in Tireh, order volunteers to stop work on the basis they do not have building permits [FJ 8/9]. Funeral is held in Afula for Israeli shot to death in West Bank. Riot police disperse crowd outside police station [PI 8/1]. Mayor Shalom Wach of Kiryat Arba cancels plan to dismiss all Palestinian workers employed by the municipality following Attorney General Zamir's ruling the plan is illegal [JTA 8/1]. New American Ambassador to Israel Thomas Pickering assures P. M. Peres there has been no change in U.S. policy towards the PLO; U.S. will engage in talks with a Palestinian-Jordanian delegation only if convinced it will lead to direct talks with Israel; U.S. is ready, if requested, to help Israel and Egypt resolve Taba dispute [JTA 8/1]. *The Jerusalem Post* reports charges of corruption have been made against several Israeli companies and individuals operating in the black "homeland" of Ciskei; contracts with the trade commissioners in Israel have been terminated; all commercial relations with Israel have been cut [JP 7/31, JTA 8/5].

Military Action

Arab World: Suicide car bomb attack against an Israeli armored patrol in the security zone kills at least 3 Lebanese, including the driver, wounds unknown number of others, including Israeli soldiers. Syrian Social Nationalist party

claims responsibility, saying its member, 'Ali Ghazi Talib, 22, carried out the attack [NYT 8/1].

August 1 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Ziad Abu 'Ain is rearrested and held in solitary confinement in Hebron prison without charges under six-month administrative detention order. Abu 'Ain begins a hunger strike [WP 8/2]. Nablus remains under curfew as search continues for killer of Albert Buchris. Residents are allowed two-hour reprieve to shop [JTA 8/2]. Israeli military censor orders printing press of *al-Sha'ab* newspaper closed for 3 days for publishing stories 7/30 on the death of 2 Nablus residents; censor said stories harmed investigation [JP 8/2]. Arab Journalists Association in the West Bank and the International Association of Journalists condemned closure order. Israel Press Association did not comment [FJ 8/9]. Israeli police break into site of planned Palestinian heritage festival in Tireh, confiscate IDs of 5 volunteers [FJ 8/9]. Arab local councils in Israel and their employees go on a one-day warning strike to protest government failure to provide promised funds to ease their financial problems [FJ 8/2, 8/9]. *Jewish Press* reports Egypt will lower the price of fuel sold to Israel by up to \$2 a barrel, a savings of \$100 million annually for Israel [JP 8/1]. *The Washington Post* reports Israeli government plans to entice estimated 175,000 Israeli emigrants living abroad back to the country by offering lucrative job contracts to the highly skilled, free shipping of household goods, and free air fares to Israel [WP 8/1].

August 2 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Al-Najah University is ordered closed for two months,

following 7/31 raid in which army officials say they found "inciting" material [F] 8/9]. Chinese government spokesman denies reports about secret arms deal between China and Israel [NYT 8/3]. Israeli sources confirm top-ranking Israeli diplomat last month paid "private" visit to the Soviet Union [JTA 8/2]. Police at military road-block outside Jenin detain 12 Kach supporters apparently on their way to Ar-rabuna, home of three Palestinians suspected of killing two Israeli schoolteachers [JP 8/2]. Curfew on Nablus continues [JP 8/4].

Military Action

Arab World: Israeli warplanes destroy headquarters of Syrian Socialist Nationalist party in the Biqa' Valley; group claimed responsibility for suicide car bomb attacks against Israeli troops in security zone. Members of SSNP say some leaders escaped, 2 killed, and 4 injured [NYT 8/3].

August 3 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: A military court in Ramallah upholds 7/31 administrative detention order against Ziad Abu 'Ain. Abu 'Ain's lawyer, Jonathan Kuttub, is not allowed to speak during the hearing [F] 8/9]. Four-day curfew in Nablus is lifted [NYT 8/4].

Arab World: South Yemen and Algeria announce they will not attend the upcoming Arab summit meeting in Casablanca [CT 8/5]. Syria announces it will punish "traitors" who attend [JP 8/4].

Military Action

Arab World: SLA troops kill three guerrillas in a clash near Quneitra [LAT 8/4].

August 4 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli Cabinet

approves series of harsh security measures in the occupied territories, capital punishment not among them. Measures include deportation of "persons who constitute a security risk," indefinite "administrative detention" without charges for Palestinians suspected of security offenses, an increase in prison capacity in the West Bank, and closing Palestinian newspapers that violate censorship regulations [LAT 8/5]. Forty-three Palestinian local councils in Israel and their employees hold rally outside Israeli prime minister's office to protest government failure to provide promised funds to alleviate their financial difficulties. They demand budgets equal to those of Israeli local councils. The 43 councils have an accumulated debt of \$10 million; some have not been able to pay employees for 3 months [F] 8/2, 8/9]. Public opinion poll by Pori Research Institute published in *Ha'Aretz* shows 10.6 percent of those who voted for Likud in last Knesset elections would now vote for Kach. Another poll by the Modi'in Ezrachi Institute shows Kahane would increase his Knesset seats to 5 if elections were held now [JTA 8/5].

Arab World: *The Sunday Times* reports testimony of British doctor on conditions in the 3 Beirut refugee camps besieged 2 months ago. According to Dr. Swee Chai Ang, over 1,500 Palestinians are missing, feared to have been kidnapped or killed. Palestinians are still being killed, although war of the camps technically ended in June and the camps of Sabra, Shatila, and Burj al-Barajinah are now protected by Lebanese army and internal security forces [LT 8/4]. Libya, which had threatened to boycott Arab summit, sends senior official [WSJ 8/5].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Petrol bomb hurled at a border police patrol outside 'Ain Beit al-Ma', near Nablus injures 2

policemen. Curfew is imposed [JP 8/5]. Another petrol bomb incident is reported in Azzariya, near Jerusalem; no injuries reported [JP 8/6].

August 5

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Settlers and their supporters parade through Hebron's main streets carrying 5 Torah scrolls evacuated from the city during the 1936 riots. Event marks anniversary of 1929 violence in Hebron [JP 8/6]. Israeli P. M. Peres announces Israel "totally rejects" apartheid system of South Africa [JP 8/6]. Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee unanimously condemns apartheid in South Africa [JP 8/7]. Residents of Mitzpe Jericho send away 20 youths attending the Kach training camp on field adjoining the settlement, saying the presence of Kach violates the spirit of Mitzpe Jericho [JP 8/6].

Other Countries: U.S. State Department criticizes new security measures approved for occupied territories by the Israeli Cabinet; asks they not be implemented [WP, LAT 8/6].

Military Action

Arab World: Two Israeli soldiers and 3 Lebanese guerrillas die in a shootout in south Lebanon. The Lebanese attackers are believed to have been from Amal [NYT 8/6].

August 6

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli authorities arrest 4 al-Najah U. students without charges, jail them under administrative detention orders. Army claims they are local leaders of Fateh, PFLP, and DFLP [F] 8/9]. Nine Palestinian ex-prisoners released in the 5/20 prisoner exchange are served with deportation notices. Army states they can be deported because they

cannot prove residency before original detentions. The 9 are from a group of 31 (out of the 1,150 ex-prisoners released 5/20) who do not have West Bank or Gaza IDs. They had all been told upon release they must leave when their residency permits expire this week. Some have nowhere to go. The Red Cross is looking into their cases [CT 8/7].) The High Court orders a delay in the deportation of one of the ex-prisoners, 'Abd al-Mujid Rudad, who argued that his whole family lives in Tulkarm and that during his 17 years of detention he repeatedly expressed regret for his political activities [WP 8/7]. The defense minister and the military governor of the Tulkarm area have 45 days to explain why they should not prevent his deportation [JP 8/7]. Defense Min. Yitzhak Rabin justifies recent security measures; says Israel will use "whatever means are effective" to maintain order [LAT 8/7]. Israeli government inaugurates new settlement, Adura, near Hebron, first since Peres took office [PI 8/7]. *The Jewish Telegraphic Agency* reports announcement by Austrian-Arab Society in Vienna that Hospice Hospital will reopen as a full-scale hospital after renovation. Agreement was reportedly worked out between Franz Cardinal Koenig, archbishop of Vienna, and Tahir Kan'an, Jordanian minister for the occupied territories [JTA 8/7]. Israel Radio announces that none of the security officers involved in storming of Israeli bus hijacked by Palestinians last year will be charged in the deaths of two of the four hijackers [NYT 8/7]. *Reuters* reports that Rabbi Meir Kahane is giving 60 youths paramilitary training in a summer camp in the West Bank [TS 8/6]. Thirty-member delegation including Texas and Oklahoma oilmen and 6 U.S. congressmen arrives in Israel on fact-finding mission organized by Council for a Secure America, group established last year to support U.S. legislation aimed at promoting domestic produc-

tion of oil and gas [JP 8/6]. New U.S. Ambassador to Israel Thomas Pickering presents credentials to President Chaim Herzog, reiterates U.S. opposition to new security measures, emphasizes U.S. support for Israel [CT 8/7].

Arab World: Seventeen representatives of Arab League member states assemble in Casablanca for Arab summit meeting [NYT 8/7]. Half the states attending are not represented by their heads of state [FT 8/7]. Fifteen pro-Syrian Muslim, Druze opposition leaders, and Greek Orthodox figures meet in Shtawra under Syrian sponsorship; proclaim National Unity Front to demand changes in Lebanon's system of political representation, now favoring the Maronites; call for a "democratic and secular" state with wide-ranging constitutional and electoral reforms [WP 8/7].

Military Action

Arab World: Suicide bomber riding a mule kills himself, the animal, and wounds at least one other in Hasbayya. Bomber is identified as Jamal Sati, 23, Sunni Muslim student and local Communist party chief [LAT 8/7].

August 7 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman denies Israel "has directly sold weapons to the Contras or has given any direct assistance" [FT 8/8, JTA 8/9]. British Foreign Office announces it "regrets" Israel's new security measures [JP 8/8]. Israeli authorities detain 3 West Bankers suspected of throwing petrol bombs at border police patrol 8/4. Army spokesman said the 3 confessed to that and other gasoline bomb attacks [JP 8/8]. Local councils of development towns decide to co-opt settlements' local councils by giving them full membership in the Union of Local Councils. Move is designed to in-

crease lobbying power of the development towns [JP 8/8]. Israeli religious schools are instructed by religious education division of the Ministry of Education not to conduct meetings between Israelis and Palestinians because they may lead to intermarriage [JTA 8/8].

Arab World: Arab summit conference in Casablanca dispenses with principle of unanimity. Libya withdraws its representation from the conference [WP, LAT 8/8]. Iraqi President Saddam Hussein decides at the last minute not to attend [LAT 8/8]. Lebanese President Amin Jumayyil says he supports his Muslim opponents' demand for greater power; blames country's 10-year-old civil war on the Palestinians [FT 8/7].

Military Action

Arab World: A grenade thrown at a SLA post in security zone kills one SLA soldier [JTA 8/9].

August 8 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Lawyers Felicia Langer and Lea Tsemel win High Court injunctions staying deportation of 12 former Palestinian prisoners released in the 5/20 prisoner exchange [F] 8/9]. *The Jerusalem Post* reports Gush Emunim has decided not to build new settlements but to expand existing ones, starting with Eli, on the Nablus-Ramallah road [JP 8/8]. Peres warns Jordan against continuing to harbor Palestinian fighters [JP 8/9]. P. M. Peres tells U.S. Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead Israel would like to start direct peace negotiations with Jordan and the Palestinians immediately. Foreign Min. Yitzhak Shamir stresses Israel's objections to any meeting between Murphy and the Palestinian delegates now proposed [JP 8/8]. Israeli authorities arrest Khalil Abu Ziad, bookstore owner from Azzariya, and

announce they have issued a deportation order against him [MG 8/9]. Abu Ziad is charged with involvement in "subversive activities" and representing Fateh. Abu Ziad is appealing the order in Israeli court [NYT 8/9]. Israeli army reports arrest of several Palestinians suspected in the gasoline bomb attack on border guard patrol near Nablus [JTA 8/9]. Education Minister directs ministry's religious education division to ignore instruction of 8/7 forbidding social meetings between Israelis and Palestinians [JTA 8/9].

Other Countries: President Reagan signs \$25.4 billion foreign aid bill, which provides \$3 billion for the next two years to Israel, plus a one-time infusion of \$1.5 billion in emergency economic aid. Egypt gets \$2.1 billion for the next 2 years, plus \$500 million in emergency economic aid [JP 8/9].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Gasoline bomb is thrown at army truck on the outskirts of Tulkarm; no injuries or arrests are made [JP 8/9].

Arab World: Israeli jets bomb PFLP-GC base in the Biqua; no casualty reports given [NYT, JP 8/9].

August 9 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: *Al-Fajr* English weekly reports 34 faculty and administration of Islamic U. in Gaza, including the president, were forced to leave the country last week after university rejected conditions placed on issuing work permits which would have allowed military interference in university affairs [FJ 8/9]. Israeli Defense Ministry sources state decision to expel 22 ex-prisoners released in the 5/20 prisoner exchange is not act of deportation. The 22 are part of group of 31 prisoners allowed to stay in occupied territories pending deter-

mination of right of residency: 22 have been found to be non-resident [JP 8/11]. The Jewish-Arab Committee for Jaffa begins a week-long work camp to improve conditions in the Palestinian sector of Jaffa, which residents claim municipality wants to turn into fashionable Israeli neighborhood [JP 8/7].

Arab World: Arab summit in Casablanca ends by "noting" the joint Palestinian-Jordanian accord outlining a joint effort for negotiations with Israel; does not endorse the accord [WP, NYT 8/10]. No agreement is reached on issue of recent attacks on Palestinian camps in Beirut [LAT 8/10].

Military Action

Arab World: Fighting breaks out along the green line separating east and west Beirut, killing 6 [NYT 8/10].

August 10 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: *Daily World* reports Palestinian Communist party has denounced the moves to form joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation to negotiate with the Israelis; sees it as effort to undermine principles of the PLO and the goal of an independent national state [DW 8/10]. The "Judea and Samaria" Settlement Council, dominated by Gush Emunim, announces boycott of Kiryat Arba because of its discrimination against Palestinians [JP 8/11]. Kiryat Arba town council cancels clause in its coalition agreement. Move opens the way for town council to receive funds blocked by the Knesset finance committee on grounds the clause violated the law [JP 8/11]. Jerusalem Magistrates Court imposes three-month suspended sentence and IS 200,000 fine on Rabbi Moshe Levinger for striking a 6-year-old boy in Hebron last year [JWP 8/11].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Kiryat Arba settler Ya'acov Reiter, 46, is stabbed in Hebron's marketplace; his condition is reported to be satisfactory. Curfew is imposed on Hebron, with house-to-house searches conducted for the two attackers [NYT, WP 8/11].

Arab World: Fighting continues in Beirut, with shells striking presidential palace [BG 8/11].

August 11 _____**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli High Court issues interim injunction ordering defense minister to refrain from deporting Khalil Abu Ziad and to show, within 3 days, why order should not be cancelled [MG 8/12]. The Israeli coordinator of government activities in the occupied territories, Shlomo Goren, advises Israelis to be armed and accompanied whenever entering heavily populated Palestinian areas [JP 8/12]. *Jerusalem Post* reports Israeli Ministry of Labor has asked IDF civil administration in south Lebanon to find Lebanese workers for manual labor in the Galilee for fruit picking and hotel jobs during high tourist season. Few Lebanese have responded. IDF reports estimate 550 Lebanese come into Israel every day to work. Some stay overnight [JP 8/11]. Israeli High Court upholds the right of a Lebanese to appeal to it for redress for the Israeli army's seizure of property during the invasion of Lebanon [JP 8/12]. The Israeli Cabinet officially and "unconditionally" condemns apartheid for the first time, but ministers say the government will make no move to end the commercial and arms trade with South Africa [WP, JP 8/12]. Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tsur presents "Master Plan for Ethiopian Jewish Absorption" to Prime Minister Peres; 84 housing units have been made available to Ethiopian Jews in West Bank; Tsur says no

immigrants will be forced to relocate there [JP 8/12].

Other Countries: U.S. Sen Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) says he will initiate a defense agreement between Israel and the U.S. to include air strips, joint research and development, and cooperation in other fields. Helms is on a private visit to Israel, along with Sen. Chick Hecht of Nevada [JP 8/12]. Members of the Hispanic Caucus of the U.S. Congress leave Jerusalem for Madrid to urge government there to establish diplomatic ties with Israel. The thirteen-member caucus was visiting Israel as guests of the Anti-Defamation League [JP 8/12].

Military Action

Arab World: Fighting continues in Beirut; 6 are killed, more than 47 wounded. The 7/16 Syrian-backed security plan fails to halt the fighting [NYT 8/12].

August 12 _____**Social/Economic/Political**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli military authorities state they will reject the recommendation of the military review board to drop deportation proceedings against Khalil Abu Ziad, will oppose his appeal in the civil courts [WP 8/13]. Hanna Siniora, *al-Fajr* Arabic daily newspaper editor, leaves for 'Amman, raising speculation he will meet there 8/20 with U.S. Asst. Sec. of State Richard Murphy [JP 8/13]. Military authorities lift the three-day curfew imposed on Hebron following 8/10 stabbing of a settler [JP 8/13]. Moshe Rivlin, chairman of the Jewish National Fund, states the Galilee is top priority [JTA 8/13].

Other Countries: Rep. George O'Brien (R-Ill.) and U.S. Ambassador William Eagleton meet Syrian President Hafiz Asad for 40 minutes reportedly to discuss 7 Americans being held hostage in Lebanon;

Asad denies knowing who is holding the 7 or where they are being held, "condemns" the kidnappings, and says he will work for their release [CT 8/13, 8/17].

Military Action

Arab World: Fighting continues along Beirut's green line, killing at least 16 and wounding 75. Muslim leaders demand resignation of Amin Jumayyil [NYT 8/13].

August 13

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel tells U.S. it would object to meetings between a Palestinian-Jordanian delegation and Asst. Sec. of State Richard Murphy, who arrived in 'Amman today for talks with Jordanian leaders [NYT, WP 8/14]. Hanna Siniara and Fayeze Abu Rahmeh arrive in 'Amman, timing arrival to coincide with that of Richard Murphy [CT 8/14]. Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir calls for prosecution of a general, 5 members of the Shin Bet, 3 soldiers, and 3 police officers in connection with the beating of 2 captured Palestinian bus hijackers who died shortly afterwards [NYT 8/14]. Zamir accepts the recommendation of a special investigating committee that a general implicated in the deaths not be charged with homicide [WP 8/14]. Israeli army officers break into apartment in Hebron's old market and evict group of 8 settler squatters who had moved in 8/12 after the stabbing of a settler [JP 8/14]. P. M. Peres says IDF soldier Samir Asad, missing in action from the war in Lebanon, is being held captive by the DFLP in Damascus [JP 8/14]. Israel releases 101 more Palestinian and Lebanese prisoners from Atlit prison; 230 more prisoners remain in Atlit [JP, MG 8/14]. Visiting Honduran Foreign Minister Dr. Edgardo Paz Barnica meets with Foreign Min. Shamir; discusses possibility of upgrading diplomatic relations between the two countries [JTA 8/14].

August 14

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Reagan administration assures Israel it will not engage in "indirect negotiations or prenegotiations" with proposed Jordanian-Palestinian delegation [LAT 8/14]. Rabbi Meir Kahane is prevented from speaking at a rally in downtown Jerusalem. Hundreds, including members of the Committee Against Racism, gather to heckle; Kahane forced to leave after half an hour [JTA 8/16]. Israel unveils first locally produced hydrofoil missile boat; states it will be used to prevent infiltration from the sea [JC 8/14].

Arab World: U.S. envoy Richard Murphy meets with King Hussein [JTA 8/15]. *Financial Times* reports Jordan will purchase electronic warfare equipment and other high technology items from a list of British defense supplies through a loan backed by the British government [FT 8/14]. Jordan TV reports that missing Israeli soldier Zecharia Baumel is being held in Damascus by the DFLP [JTA 8/16].

Military Action

Arab World: Car packed with 400 pounds of nail-studded TNT explodes in Christian East Beirut, killing 15 and wounding 120. No group claims responsibility [NYT, MG 8/15].

August 15

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: U.S. envoy Richard Murphy arrives in Israel without having met with Palestinian delegation; briefs Israeli leaders on his discussions with King Hussein [NYT 8/16]. Three MKs from Tehiya party—Geula Cohen, Eliezer Waldman, and Gershon Shafat—lock themselves inside empty apartment in central Hebron; say they will remain until Cabinet discusses question of expanding

Israeli presence in Hebron. Their action follows two previous attempts by Kiryat Arba settlers to occupy same apartment [JTA 8/16]. *Al-Tali'a* weekly reports Jordanian authorities have demanded dismissal of George Hazboun as secretary of Union of Public Institutions Workers in Bethlehem as precondition for release of funds to the union. Palestinian unionists denounce the demand as blatant interference in union affairs [F] 8/16]. The Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics announces July's inflation rate, 27.5 percent, a record level for a single month [FT 8/16].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Qalqilya is declared closed military zone following ambush of Israeli bus. Area was searched and a number of arrests made [F] 8/23]. Land mine explodes as Israeli car passes on its way to Kiryat Arba; windshield is shattered [F] 8/23]. Israeli soldiers surround group of farmers from Sakhnin village, fire guns over their heads, and beat them. Two children and 3 women are injured [F] 8/23].

Arab World: Suicide car bomber kills himself and a SLA militiaman when he tries to ram SLA post on the edge of security zone. The Syrian Arab Ba'th party claims responsibility [LT 8/16]. Fighting continues in Beirut, killing 10. Shells strike presidential palace [NYT 8/16].

August 16 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Four houses in 'Ain Beit al-Ma' refugee camp near Nablus are sealed. Israeli spokesman says houses belong to families of youth accused of several recent gasoline bomb attacks [F] 8/23]. Balata refugee camp near Nablus is put under curfew following 8/15 shooting of the mukhtar. Residents are subjected to 48 hours of continuous search, harass-

ment, and interrogation [F] 8/23]. Foreign Min. Shamir, speaking at a public meeting in Ganei Tikva, says prosecution of individuals involved in fraudulent land deals in the occupied territories should not be allowed to challenge entire settlement process [JP 8/18]. *Jewish Week* reports 70,000 Palestinians from the occupied territories work inside the green line and as many as 50,000 of them sleep inside the green line without proper authorization from the labor exchanges, according to testimony presented to Knesset Interior Committee [JW 8/16]. The *Washington Post* reports Egyptian tour groups have started visiting Israel; Egyptian businessmen are being granted import licenses for Israeli goods for the first time since 1982 [WP 8/17]. Honduras announces it will send resident ambassador to Israel. Israel is reported to be planning aid to Honduras. Israeli officials state Honduras has not asked for military aid [JWP 8/16].

Arab World: The *Economist* reports on conditions in Sabra, Shatila, and Burj al-Barajinah, as observed by the British charity group Medical Aid for Palestinians, following the siege: of 70,000 original inhabitants of the camps, nearly 18,000 have fled to makeshift shelters in other parts of Beirut; 14,000 have moved to southern Lebanon; 1,500 were captured; Palestinians inside the camps have buried 638, mostly civilians; Gaza Hospital was burned; there are only 9 Palestinian doctors and less than 20 foreign medical assistants left; water and food are being let through, but there is no protection for the Palestinians [EC 8/16]. U.S. special envoy Richard Murphy arrives in Egypt to confer with President Husni Mubarak on latest attempts to revive stalled Middle East peace negotiations [LAT, NYT 8/17].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Hand grenade is thrown at military car parked next to city

hospital in Ramallah. Curfew is imposed, several youths are arrested [F] 8/23].

Arab World: Fighting in Beirut spreads from southern Beirut to engulf the whole city; 19 killed and 82 wounded [NYT 8/17].

August 17

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Tel Aviv district court agrees to extend remand of 3 Israeli suspects under questioning in land fraud case for another 15 days to allow continuation of investigation [F] 8/23]. Minister without Portfolio Ezer Weizman says he would be prepared to meet with Chairman Arafat if Arafat were ready to meet with him [JW 8/23].

Arab World: U.S. envoy Murphy makes unexpected return to 'Amman [WP 8/18].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Gasoline bomb is thrown at Israeli military vehicle in the Gaza Strip between Jabalya refugee camp and Beit Lahiya village. No casualties are reported [F] 8/23].

Arab World: Car bomb with 550 pounds of dynamite explodes outside a crowded supermarket in Christian East Beirut killing 54 and wounding 120. Most victims are women or children out shopping. No one claims responsibility [NYT, WP 8/18, DT 8/19].

August 18

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli Cabinet approves Free Trade Agreement with U.S. whereby the two countries will lift trade restrictions on each other's products over next 10 years; it is expected to increase Israel's exports to U.S. by \$200 million in the next two years [JTA 8/19]. One-man military disciplinary court rules Brig. Gen.

Yitzhak Mordechai not guilty of using excessive violence in the interrogation of 2 Palestinians who hijacked bus in Gaza 12/4/84 [NYT 8/19]. Israeli MKs continue illegal occupation of house in Hebron. Inner Cabinet of senior government ministers splits 5-5 on the issue, putting problem back into the hands of the army [LAT 8/19]. Nazareth's annual municipality-sponsored work camp ends after 7,000 volunteers build bypass road and fence for local school [JP 8/18]. Ultra-Orthodox Jewish residents of Mea She'arim shatter windshield of car, try to overturn it and set it afire, and beat the 2 Palestinian occupants, who fled from the scene. Orthodox residents say the incident was in retaliation for previous attacks on members of their community by "secular" youths. Orthodox also stoned a "secular" family living near Mea She'arim. No arrests made [JP 8/18].

Arab World: U.S. special envoy Richard Murphy returns to Washington without meeting with a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation [NYT 8/19].

Military Action

Arab World: Car bombs explode outside a café in Druze-controlled quarter and a mosque in Shi'ite-controlled quarter of West Beirut, killing 29 and wounding 82 [NYT 8/20].

August 19

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin fails to persuade 3 MKs occupying apartment in Hebron to end illegal sit-in [WP 8/20]. Peres says government will remain sole body to authorize timing and location of settlement in occupied territories. Four more MKs join the protest sit-in: Yuval Ne'eman, Tehiya; Haim Druckman, Morasha; Benny Shalita and Dov Shilansky, Likud [JP 8/20]. Reports indicate Fara'a prison near Nablus

has stepped up use of torture and intimidation. Water is often cut and quality of food is deteriorating. Overcrowding continues [FJ 8/23]. West Bank land dealer Moshe Zar submits defense in 9-month-old suit brought against him by 9 Beersheba residents who say he failed to deliver on IS 54 million of land purchases [JP 8/20]. Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder of Jewish Defense League, states he has resigned as group's leader, in move to save chances of getting visa to the U.S. since Knesset passed bill 7/31 outlawing MKs from having dual citizenship, which Kahane now has. Irv Rubin, 40, is appointed new leader [NYT 8/20].

Other Countries: Pope John Paul II, speaking in Casablanca, Morocco during an unprecedented visit to a Muslim country, states the status of Jerusalem, now under Israeli control, should be reviewed [WP 8/20].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Gasoline bomb is thrown at Israeli military vehicle in Gaza Strip between Gaza City and Jabalya refugee camp. No casualties reported [FJ 8/23].

Arab World: SLA militia, trying to retaliate against Shi'ite attacks, mistakenly shell Irish UNIFIL post, narrowly miss killing troops [FT 8/20].

August 20 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli army evicts 7 MKs from apartment in Hebron, declares area "a closed military zone." The 7 leave but promise to appeal legality of eviction to the High Court [NYT 8/21]. Inspector General David Kraus, Plia Albek, a senior Justice Ministry official responsible for land registration, and Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandlebaum appear before Knesset State Comptroller Committee for large-scale investigation into land fraud cases

begun by police after upsurge in complaints following arrest of several West Bank judges early in summer on bribery charges [JP 8/21]. Ahmad Odeh, wealthy West Banker, was arrested last week on charges of involvement in illegal land sales. *Al-Fajr* reported he contributed \$30,000 to the Likud election campaign last year [JP 8/20].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Booby-trapped car is detonated minutes before it explodes at central bus station in Netanya. Police round up 100 Palestinians in the vicinity. A telephone caller claims responsibility for Fateh's Force 17 [FJ 8/23].

Arab World: Israeli diplomat Albert Atrakchi, 30, an administrative attache, is killed and 2 embassy employees wounded when 3 men spray their car with kalashnikov assault rifles in Cairo. "Egypt's Revolution" takes responsibility, threatens attacks until all "Israeli colonialists" leave Egypt [NYT, WP, JP 8/21]. Amal militia and the sixth brigade of the Lebanese army attack Burj al-Barajinah and Shatila with heavy bombardments; 24 refugees are injured [FJ 8/25]. Unidentified jets raid Hazerta village in the Biqa' Valley. Israel denies responsibility [JP 8/21]. Car bomb explodes in Tripoli, killing 44 and wounding 90. Caller claims responsibility on behalf of the Revolutionary Christians of the Cedars [NYT 8/21]. In Beirut, 40 are reported killed and 143 wounded in round-the-clock fighting between Christian and Muslim militias [NYT 8/21].

August 21 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Citizens' Rights Movement holds press conference, claims it has evidence that dozens of signatures of West Bank landowners have been forged on land sale documents. A letter from the

CRM and the contents of their file on the topic have been handed over to Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir. An unpublished section of the State Comptroller's 1983 annual report said as much as 12,500 acres in the West Bank may have been acquired illegally [PI 8/23]. Israeli Cabinet decides to proceed with development and production of the Lavi jet fighter [JP 8/23]. Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin states Israel is actively looking for American partner to help produce the plane [JP 8/22]. The Bank of Israel announces Israel's foreign debt decreased by \$690 million between September 1984 and March 1985 [JP 8/22].

Arab World: Egypt vows to "spare no effort" in its search for the assassins who killed an Israeli diplomat yesterday [CT 8/22]. Several suspects are arrested. Security at the Israeli embassy is tightened [JP 8/22].

Other Countries: Spain announces it will establish formal diplomatic relations with Israel before autumn 1986 [JTA 8/23]. The *Daily World* reports on the New Jewish Agenda conference held in Ann Arbor, Michigan at the end of July, states it took a strong stand on "mutual recognition by Israel and the Palestinian people of the rights of each to national self-determination" [DW 8/21].

Military Action

Arab World: Shelling in Beirut continues; Syria indicates readiness to take provisional steps toward achieving a cease-fire. At least 42 are reported killed; Beirut airport is closed because of shelling [WP, NYT 8/22].

August 22 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: A second Palestinian who sold land to Hebron settlers goes into hiding after receiving death

threats. Earlier, the land dealer who sold the apartment the 7 MKs occupied, Muhammed Yunis Ja'abari, took refuge in Hebron Mosque [JP 8/23].

Arab World: Egyptian Tourism Minister Wajih Shindi, on three-day visit to Israel, assures P. M. Peres restrictions on Egyptian tourists coming to Israel are now cancelled, owing to Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon [JTA 8/23].

Other Countries: Zulu Chief Minister Gatsha Buthelezi says Israeli experts will soon visit Kwa-Zulu, the home of South Africa's 6 million-strong Zulu tribe, to assess possible avenues for Israeli assistance [JP 8/23].

Military Action

Arab World: 21 are reported killed and 50 wounded in fighting as militias battle in Beirut before Syrian-sponsored cease-fire goes into effect [NYT 8/23].

August 23 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: *Jerusalem Post* quotes Dr. Meron Benvenisti of the West Bank Data Base Project as stating only minute fraction of 130,000 dunums purchased by Israelis in West Bank is properly registered. Most land is not registered but held on the basis of irrevocable powers-of-attorney granted by the sellers [JP 8/23]. Ram Ron, managing director of Israeli National Coal Supply Corporation, travels to London for talks about new five-year agreement with Britain to supply up to 500,000 tons of coal from the UK's National Coal Board to the Israeli electricity industry [FT 8/23].

Arab World: Egypt's leading opposition party paper *al-Sha'b* reports Israeli Academic Center in Cairo is a front for Israeli and American espionage. Prof. Shimon Shamir, founder and the first director of

the center, vehemently denies the charge [JP 8/23].

Military Action

Arab World: Shelling continues in Beirut but eases as Syrian-sponsored cease-fire is implemented. 21 are killed and 89 wounded. Beirut airport reopened after 2-day closure. [CT 8/23, LAT 8/24].

August 24 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: The *Guardian* reports 3 Israelis and 6 Palestinians have been detained in connection with land fraud investigation [MG 8/24]. Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin warns Amal that Israel will not allow it to carry out attacks across the northern border [MG 8/25]. The *Washington Post* reports Knesset Internal Affairs Committee voted 7–4 to block construction of the Mormon Center on Mount of Olives [WP 8/24]. A new memorial, called the Center for Special Studies in the Memory of the Fallen of Israel's Intelligence Community, opens in Tel Aviv [NYT 8/25].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Andre Alush, 40, is shot and killed by lone gunman in Tulkarm. Curfew is imposed [WP 8/25]. Avi Oved, of Tiberias, is shot three times in the marketplace of Jenin. His condition is serious. Curfew is immediately imposed [WP 8/25]. Katyusha rocket fired from Lebanon falls in northern Israel, causing no casualties [WP 8/25].

Arab World: IDF carry out large-scale search operations in 3 south Lebanese villages: Qabrikha, Majd al-Salim, and Shaqra. Search follows firing of a katyusha into the Galilee earlier in the week. Several arrests are made and a variety of weapons seized [MG 8/25]. The Arab Socialist Ba'ath party claims suicide bomber

killed or wounded 60 at a SLA checkpoint; Israel's army radio says one Lebanese Christian soldier was killed and 2 others wounded [MG 8/25].

August 25 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli military forces destroy homes of 2 suspected members of underground resistance cell allegedly uncovered in the West Bank village of Anabta. A third home is sealed. Military sources claim cell has been active since 1983, men were responsible for 2 shooting incidents involving a military jeep and a bus in which 2 people were wounded [JP 8/25]. Deputy P. M. David Levy and Trade and Industry Minister Ariel Sharon call for capital punishment in cases of politically motivated attacks resulting in murder, and deportation for Palestinians suspected of inciting anti-Israeli violence [PI 8/26]. Israel and Egypt initial agreement to further tourist traffic between the two [JTA 8/26].

Military Action

Arab World: Third katyusha in 48 hours lands inside Galilee panhandle, causing no injuries or damage [JP 8/26]. Artillery barrages break shaky Syrian-sponsored cease-fire in Beirut [PI 8/26].

August 26 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Khalil Abu Ziad accepts 3 years of voluntary exile in exchange for cancellation of his deportation order [JTA 8/27].

August 27 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli military officials state they have uncovered underground political cell in Golan town of Majd al-Shams responsible for attacks

against IDF and civilians during the past 6 months [JTA 8/28]. Latest poll by Modi'in Ezrachi shows that if elections were held, Kach would be third largest party in the Knesset, getting 11 seats in the 120-seat parliament. Labor would get 51 seats and Likud 24 [PI, USN 8/28]. Curfews continue in Tulkarm and Jenin while investigations are conducted into 8/24 attacks on Israelis. [JP 8/28]. *Chicago Tribune* reports more than 70 Israeli-owned West Bank land offices are under investigation in unfolding land fraud scandal. Among those questioned are former senior officials in Agriculture Ministry involved in settlement activity, ex-officials in the West Bank military government, police authorities, and several land brokers, 4 of whom have been arrested [CT 8/27]. P. M. Peres says Chairman Afarat is directly responsible for attacks against Israelis, and Israeli government has evidence to prove it. He says 'Amman has been warned of the consequences of letting the PLO station itself in 'Amman [DT 8/28]. Isramco, U.S. oil company with oil and gas interests in Israel, announces it is launching expanded program for oil and gas production in the Negev. Company plans to spend between \$5-6 million by the end of the first quarter of 1986 [JC 8/27].

Other Countries: First International Christian Zionist Congress convenes in Basel, Switzerland for three days, gathering 500 Christian lay leaders and theologians, active supporters of Israel. Congress is organized by the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem [JTA 8/22].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Palestinian in Qalqilya is shot as he tries to flee IDF patrol attempting to detain him and 2 others [JP 7/28]. The wounded man was hospitalized and the 2 arrested.

August 28 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: The Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce announce the economy is moving into a recession [JP 8/28]. *Defense Week* reports U.S. is acting to prevent Israel from concluding \$100 million deal to sell old American-built A-4 Skyhawk attack jets to Argentina. Israel reportedly concluded the deal before asking for required "third-party transfer license" from U.S. According to the report, at least 12 A-4s are at Ben-Gurion Airport waiting to be transferred [BG 8/28]. Energy Min. Moshe Shahal announces \$5 million international center for solar research will be set up at Sde Boker. First phase will be completed by 1989 [JC 8/29]. IDF artillery corps announces it has developed 2 new pieces of equipment which give Israeli gunners "first shot accuracy" and make maps "almost superfluous" [JTA 8/29].

Military Action

Arab World: Suicide car bomber attacks a SLA post near Jazzin, killing about 15 people, including undetermined number of SLA soldiers. State-owned Lebanese radio says member of "Asad brigade" of Lebanese branch of the Ba'th carried out the attack [FT 8/29]. In Tyre, Amal militiamen take Palestinians at gunpoint from convoy of 113 prisoners released from Atlit prison in Israel and drive off with them, terming them "Israeli collaborators." Some 66 Palestinians were said to have been released from Israel. Most others were said to belong to Hizballah [MG 8/29].

August 29 _____

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli army orders 3 Palestinians deported for "subversive political activity," jails 15 others without charge under administrative detention orders [WP 8/30]. Israeli security authorities

are holding an American, an Australian, and 6 Palestinians. The Westerners are accused of transporting Palestinians—said to be a commando squad—to Lebanon, from which the squad allegedly planned to attack Israel [WP 8/30]. Israeli State Prosecutor's Department decides to appeal for tougher sentences for 5 members of Jewish underground [JTA 8/30].

Other Countries: First International Christian Zionist Congress ends with appeal to all Jews to emigrate to Israel and to all Christians to give active help to Israel. Final resolutions provide for the creation of a \$100 million fund to invest in indus-

trial projects in Israel via a Basel-based company [JTA 8/30].

Military Action

Arab World: Rival Druze and Shi'ite militias battle for control of West Beirut; fighting continues along the green line between east and west Beirut; 6 dead and 15 wounded. Christian and Muslim militias exchange 22 kidnap victims [NYT 8/30]. Fighting breaks out in Tripoli between pro-Syrian and Muslim fundamentalist militias [PI 8/30]. The SLA shells Sidon, apparently in revenge for 8/28 suicide car bombing of its checkpoint [PI 8/30].

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Journal Source Abbreviation

AMJ (A.M. Journal)	LAT (Los Angeles Times)
AN (Amsterdam News)	LM (Le Monde)
AW (Aviation Week and Space Technology)	LT (The Times [London])
BG (Boston Globe)	MEI (Middle East International)
BR (Barrons)	MG (Manchester Guardian)
BW (Business Week)	MGW (Manchester Guardian Weekly)
CC (Christian Century)	MJ (Muslim Journal)
CSM (Christian Science Monitor)	NA (The Nation)
CT (Chicago Tribune)	NCR (Natl. Catholic Reporter)
DFA (Defense and Foreign Affairs)	NER (Near East Report)
DT (Daily Telegraph)	NR (New Republic)
DW (Daily World)	NS (New Statesman)
EC (Economist)	NWK (Newsweek)
FBIS (Foreign Broadcast Information Service)	NYT (The New York Times)
FJ (Al-Fajr Jerusalem)	NYTM (New York Times Magazine)
FT (Financial Times)	OB (Observer)
GIST (Department of State)	PI (Philadelphia Inquirer)
GU (Guardian [US])	PP (Palestine Perspectives)
HE (Human Events)	TI (Time)
JC (Journal of Commerce)	TS (Toronto Star)
JP (Jerusalem Post)	USN (US News and World Report)
JTA (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)	VO (NAAA Voice)
JW (Jewish Week)	VV (Village Voice)
JWP (Jewish Press)	WP (Washington Post)
	WSJ (Wall Street Journal)