Palestine Chronology

16 February—15 May 1986

This section is part ten of a chronology begun in 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.

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16 February

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Pres. Chaim Herzog pardoned 2 more members of Jewish settler underground last week, Boaz and Ya'acov Heinemann [JP 2/16]. Israel was third world’s largest arms producer, producing $1.342 billion worth, between 1980-84, according to Stockholm International Peace Research Institute [JP 2/16].

Arab World: Yasir Arafat begins talks with Egyptian Pres. Husni Mubarak on stalled M.E. peace efforts [JP 2/17].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli soldiers shot and killed Gaza resident yesterday when he fled after being detained for questioning; a second man escaped [NYT, WP 2/16]. West Bank shepherd Ziyad Muhammad Yunis was wounded on 2/13 while resisting arrest near Hebron [JP 2/17]. Israeli soldiers arrested several other Palestinians, confiscated a herd of sheep in the incident [FJ 2/21]. Bombs go off in Haifa, Afula, Beit She'an, causing no injuries or damage [JP 2/17].

Arab World: Lebanese police find severely beaten body of Lebanese Jewish hostage Ibrahim Benesti; Organization of the Oppressed of the Earth issues statement saying he was executed for spying for Israel [BG 2/17].

17 February

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Ibrahim Abu Hamad is appointed mayor of Yatta, near Hebron; Col. Ephraim Sneh, head of the
civil administration, provides Abu Hamad initial grant of $50,000 [JTA 2/19]. P.M. Peres announces Israel's willingness to allow residents of occupied territories greater authority in running municipal affairs and to appoint mayors for al-Birah, Ramallah, and Hebron [JP 2/17]. List of 7 willing to run al-Birah was submitted to civil administration; Ibrahim al-Far, head of Ramallah Chamber of Commerce, also submitted his candidacy. In al-Birah, opponents of the plan held a meeting on 2/12, led by former Mayor Aviv Ibrahim al-Tawil [JP 2/17]. Tel Aviv contractor Avraham Gindi pleads not guilty to charges of fraudulent West Bank land sales, breach of trust, tampering with evidence, attempts to suborn witnesses [JP 2/18]. Central Bureau of Statistics announces inflation rate for January was negative (−1.3%) for first time in 14 years [JC 2/18; DT 2/19].

Arab World: King Hussein holds talks with top Egyptian official Usama al-Baz on yesterday's Arafat-Mubarak talks [JP 2/18].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Six people were injured when bomb exploded on Petah Tikva-Tel Aviv bus on 2/14 [JTA 2/18].

Arab World: Lebanese guerrillas ambush Israeli army patrol in S. Lebanon "security zone," capturing 2 soldiers; Islamic Resistance Front claims responsibility. Israeli army immediately sweeps through more than 10 Shi'ite Muslim villages in S. Lebanon, looking for the missing [NYT, LAT 2/18; GU 3/5]. Two SLA militiamen are killed during the ambush [WP 2/18].

18 February

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Anatoly Shcharansky states his concern for human rights remains undiminished, extends to his adopted country, Israel; states he would like to compare Israeli prison life to Soviet prison life, learn Arabic, visit West Bank [WP 2/19].

Other Countries: European Court of Justice upholds Britain's right to ban North Sea oil exports to Israel [WSJ, JC 2/19].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Grenade is thrown at Israeli foot patrol in Gaza City, wounding 5 soldiers [JP 2/19].

Arab World: Israeli army moves large numbers of reinforcements into S. Lebanon, well beyond the "security zone," in search for 2 soldiers captured 2/17; tanks and helicopter gunships are employed [WP, LAT 2/19]. Iranian-linked Muslim faction warns it will kill 2 captured Israelis if army does not withdraw from S. Lebanon within 24 hours [NYT 2/19].

19 February

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: King Hussein makes 3.5-hour speech on TV announcing he is terminating year-long effort to devise joint M.E. peace strategy with the PLO [NYT, WP 2/20].

Other Countries: Jewish Agency approves $381 million budget for fiscal 1986–87; projects include $50 million for rural settlements in Israel, $20 million for housing new immigrants [JTA 2/20].

Military Action
Arab World: Anonymous phone caller speaking on behalf of Islamic Resistance Front states 1 of 2 kidnapped Israeli soldiers was killed after Israeli army ignored demands that it withdraw from S. Lebanon [JP 2/20]. Israeli army continues massive sweep through S. Lebanon in search of 2 captured soldiers; an estimated 1,200 to 1,500 Israeli troops are involved, conducting house-to-house searches, making arrests, confiscating weapons [WP, LAT 2/20].
20 February

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel plans to increase aid to El Salvador, now that a Salvadoran ambassador has been named to the disputed Israeli capital of Jerusalem [CT 2/20].

Arab World: Yasir Arafat meets with top aides in Baghdad to discuss implications of King Hussein's 2/19 speech [JP 2/21].

Other Countries: U.S. State Dept. issues statement blaming breakdown of talks between King Hussein and Yasir Arafat on the PLO, says it will continue efforts to encourage direct negotiations between Jordan and Israel, although process is entering "period of reflection" [LT, WP 2/21].

Military Action
Arab World: Israeli army clashes with Lebanese guerrillas in S. Lebanon; 1 Israeli, 8 Lebanese killed [NYT, LAT 2/21]. Lebanese sources state Israeli army has rounded up 200 people during search [NYT 2/21].

21 February

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Different lists begin to compete for appointment to municipal committees in Ramallah and al-Biriah, opposition has begun to surface [F] 2/21.

Arab World: General Secretary of the DFLP Nayif Hawatmah issues public appeal to Yasir Arafat to abrogate 11 February agreement reached last year with King Hussein; representatives of DFLP and Arafat's Fateh organization are reported to have met in Prague during past week to discuss healing rift in PLO [NYT 2/23].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Thirteen Israelis, including 5 soldiers, were wounded in at least 7 bombing incidents in the occupied territories and Israel last week [F] 2/21.

Arab World: Israel calls off 6-day military operation north of its "security zone" in S. Lebanon, states it will still try to find 2 missing soldiers [BG 2/22].

22 February

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: King Hussein calls on Palestinian people to decide who should lead them [NYT 2/23]. Syrian Pres. Hafiz al-Assad has called King Hussein about a joint approach to M.E. peace following Hussein's decision to suspend talks with Yasir Arafat [LT 2/22].

Other Countries: UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar summoned Israeli UN ambassador this week and demanded Israel withdraw all its invading forces from S. Lebanon, expressed concern over extensive military operations Israel carried out in S. Lebanon in violation of international law [DW 2/22]. France has freed and expelled 2 members of the Abu Nidal organization who served half of their prison terms for assassinating a PLO leader and another Palestinian in France in 1978 [NYT, LT 2/22].

Military Action
Arab World: Israeli army thins out forces in S. Lebanon, withdraws most mechanized infantry units to "security zone." Army sources confirm 2,000 Lebanese suspects were interrogated and "between 50 and 100" are still held. It is unclear how many of the estimated 3,000 Israeli troops used in the search remain in Lebanon [WP 2/23].

Other Countries: Soviet navy has increased number of vessels off Israeli coast to 3 warships, 1 spy ship, 2 support vessels [JDW 2/22].

23 February

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: P.M. Peres knew
about secret offer U.S. Asst. Sec. of State Richard Murphy made to King Hussein whereby PLO would be invited to int'l. conference if it met three preconditions [JP 2/23; WP 2/24].

**Arab World**: Hundreds of Lebanese villagers who fled during Israeli manhunt in S. Lebanon return to their homes; some accuse Israeli troops of torturing people detained for questioning [NYT, MG 2/24].

24 February ______________

**Social/Economic/Political**

**Occupied Palestine/Israel**: Committee to Confront the Iron Fist sponsors press conference on treatment of Balata refugee camp residents, who state 258 people from the camp—80% of them minors—have been detained by security forces for varying periods in past 3 months [JP 2/25; FJ 2/28].

**Arab World**: Iranian News Agency reports that Iranian govt. has decided to set up an Islamic Republic in Lebanon in coordination with Lebanese Shi’ite leaders who are visiting Iran [LN 2/28].

25 February ______________

**Social/Economic/Political**

**Occupied Palestine/Israel**: Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin meets with 20 West Bank personalities, outlines Israel’s policy of encouraging talks with a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation as long as none are PLO members [FJ 2/28]. Rashid al-Jabari, head of Hebron Chamber of Commerce and son of late Mayor Shaykh Muhammad ‘Ali Jabari, has submitted candidacy for mayor to the civil administration [JP 2/25]. P.M. Peres makes surprise visit to Golan Heights, sparking violent demonstrations by about 5,000 Druze; five Israeli policemen are wounded [JP 2/26; FJ 2/28]. Golan figures who meet with Peres are also attacked [FJ 2/28]. Israel is now largest supplier of arms to China, selling 100 times as much as Britain last year [DT 2/25].

26 February ______________

**Social/Economic/Political**

**Occupied Palestine/Israel**: P.M. Peres states he is considering ways to promote self-rule among Palestinians in the occupied territories, outlines plans to nominate mayors in 3 major West Bank towns, would consider easing restrictions on travel to Jordan [NYT 2/27]. Israeli Army Chief of Staff Moshe Levy states 170 people were arrested during 6-day sweep in S. Lebanon, some have been transferred to prisons in Israel [NYT, TS 2/27].

**Arab World**: Radio Monte Carlo broadcasts statements by Nayif Hawatmah, general secretary of the DFLP, and a representative of the Palestine Communist party outlining conditions for rapprochement with Yasin Arafat’s Fateh faction: (1) cancellation of the 11 February Amman agreement; (2) convening of the PNC; (3) creation of a collective leadership in the PLO [FJ 2/28].

**Military Action**

**Arab World**: Car bomb explodes outside entrance to ‘Ain al-Hilah refugee camp, near Sidon, killing driver and wounding 10; explosion occurred a half-hour before Palestinian students were to join a march to commemorate a slain Sidon leader [NYT, WP, CT 2/27].

27 February ______________

**Social/Economic/Political**

**Arab World**: Israeli editor of HaOlam HaZeh, Uri Avneri, traveling on a West German passport, arrives in Jordan for a visit [BG, CSM 3/6; JP 3/7]. Yasin Arafat tells press conference PLO is preparing a reply to King Hussein’s 2/19 speech, states that the PLO considers the 11 February accord “still working” [BG 2/28].
Other Countries: Common Cause reports spending by pro-Israel political action committees on congressional campaigns has increased at far sharper rate in 1980s than election spending by PACs as a whole [NYT, LAT 2/28].

Military Action
Arab World: Israeli forces bombard several Shi’ite villages in S. Lebanon hours after Israeli command announces 1 soldier was killed, 4 wounded in clash with Lebanese guerrillas [NYT, WP 2/28].

28 February

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Hundreds of West Bankers have traveled to Amman to express support for King Hussein following his attack on the PLO last week; the trips are reportedly being orchestrated by members of the Jordanian parliament residing in West Bank [JP 2/28]. Nearly 170 prisoners in Kafr Yunis prison went on 2-day hunger strike last week to protest maltreatment and inhumane prison conditions [FJ 2/28].

Other Countries: UN Secretariat in New York is seeking Israeli explanation following reports that several villagers in Shakra, S. Lebanon were tortured during Israel’s search for 2 missing soldiers last week [JP 2/28].

1 March

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: Deputy head of the DFLP Yasir ‘Abd Rabbu states PLO is considering abrogating 11 February Hussein-Arafat agreement to heal rifts in the PLO and head off what he called attempts by King Hussein to create a substitute Palestinian leadership [NYT 3/2].

Other Countries: Thirty-four members of Congress serving on committees that deal with foreign policy received nearly half the $853,520 in contributions made last year by 65 political action committees advocating strong support for Israel, according to a report by Common Cause [WP 3/1].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Two guerrillas from the DFLP wearing Israeli army uniforms and carrying Israeli army weapons are caught after crossing Lebanese border into Israel; both are killed [LT, NYT, JP 3/3].

2 March

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: An Israeli army intelligence report dated 6/30/48 has recently surfaced which states more than 70 percent of the Palestinian exodus from Palestine by June 1948 was caused by Jewish military attacks [JP 3/2]. In last 3 days, Israeli security forces have freed 32 Palestinians held under administrative detention orders because 6-month detention period had ended; freed detainees were asked to sign document stating they would not commit future offenses; some refused to sign [JP 3/3]. Israel has agreed to allow Golan Heights Druze to export apples to Syria, possibly through Jordan or directly; P.M. Peres also favors renewing family reunions between Golan and Syrian Druze, which were stopped by Syrians several years ago [JP 3/2].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli-appointed Palestinian mayor of Nablus, Zafir al-Masri, is shot dead by a single, unidentified assailant. In Damascus, the PFLP claims responsibility; in Beirut, a telephone caller claims responsibility on behalf of Fateh Revolutionary Council (Abu Nidal group) [NYT, PI, CT 3/3]. Nablus city council appoints Deputy Mayor Hafiz Tuqan mayor [CSM 3/3].
Arab World: Israeli army patrol north of the S. Lebanon “security zone” intercepts guerrilla squad, kills 1 [JP, JTA 3/3].

3 March __________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: About 50,000 mourners attend Zafir al-Masri’s 2-hour funeral procession through Nablus, carrying Palestinian flags and pictures of Yasir Arafat, and chanting pro-PLO slogans [WP, CT 3/4]. P.M. Peres states Israel will not be deterred from implementing policy of “devolution” in occupied territories, will continue to hand over administrative powers to residents there [JP 3/4]. Nadim Zaru, of Ramallah, and Walid Mustafa Hamad, of al-Birah, withdraw candidacies for mayoralities of those 2 towns [JP 3/4; WP 3/5]. Plans for delegation of senior pro-Jordanian figures to visit Amman to express support for King Hussein are also shelved [JP 3/4]. Sephardic speakers at press conference called by the Jerusalem Committee for Sephardic Jewry and the World Sephardic Federation state Jewish communities in Syria and Lebanon are being neglected [JTA 3/4].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Palestinian Muhammad Mahmoud Abu Da’ra, 57, is shot in the head and killed, and his son Mahmud Muhammad Abu Da’ra, 22, is wounded in separate demonstration in Balata refugee camp in which the murdered man reportedly tried to strangle an Israeli soldier; 4 Palestinians are arrested [WP, CSM, CT, JP 3/4].

4 March __________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: More Palestinians withdraw their candidacies for mayoralities of West Bank towns, including Jamil Tarifi of al-Birah and Muhammad Rashid Ja’bari, of Hebron; Fathi Fahmawi, of Janin, abandons plan to organize municipal council acceptable to Israel [WP, PI 3/5]. Israeli Radio reports gun used to kill al-Masri is same as one used in killing of Israeli border policeman in January and an Israeli merchant last August, both in Nablus [WP, PI, LT 3/5]. Jerusalem District Court sends Israeli bailiffs to Palestinian-run Jerusalem Electricity Company to evaluate and mark company’s equipment; bailiffs give company 3 weeks to pay $10 million debt to the Israel Electric Corporation before JEC’s property will be seized; workers declare partial strike in protest of the measure [JP 3/5, 6].

Arab World: PLO leadership meets in Tunis to discuss response to King Hussein’s unilateral break from joint M.E. peace approach [MG 3/5].

Other Countries: New White House National Security Advisor Vice Admiral John Poindexter will replace 2 top M.E. staffers, James Covey and Howard Teicher with Dennis Ross, former senior Pentagon official and strong supporter of close U.S.-Israeli strategic cooperation [JP 3/4].

Military Action
Arab World: Hizbollah publishes names of 11 people it executed in reprisal for massive car bombing in W. Beirut last March which it said was intended to kill Hizballah’s spiritual leader, Muhammad Husayn Fadlallah; organization states the 11 worked for section of Lebanese intelligence that cooperated with Israeli and U.S. intelligence [JP 3/5].

5 March __________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli authorities search and close for 6 months offices of the 2 General Federations of Trade Unions, located in Nablus, saying they were fronts for terrorist organizations; documents are

Other Countries: Pres. Reagan urges 100 American Jewish leaders attending White House briefing for the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations to support his request to Congress for $100 million in aid for the Contras fighting the Nicaraguan government; Reagan promises he would never sell arms to moderate Arab countries that would threaten security of Israel [JTA 3/6; MO 3/15].

6 March

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli security authorities seal 1 house and 3 rooms belonging to 4 residents of Tulkarm accused of throwing fire bombs at Israeli vehicles [JP 3/7].

Arab World: Israeli journalist Uri Avneri is expelled from Jordan to Egypt after reportedly holding contacts with Jordanian and PLO officials in Amman; Avneri returns to Israel, states he met with senior Jordanian and Palestinian personalities, including at least 1 cabinet minister and PNC members, denies he was expelled. (Avneri’s trip was approved by P.M. Peres, Foreign Minister Shamir, and Defense Minister Rabin) [JP 3/7; WP 3/8]. Syrian Foreign Minister Faruq al-Shar’ concludes 2 days of apparently unproductive talks in England with senior British officials; he states in press conference that Israel is main obstacle to peace in the M.E., that Syria allows Abu Nidal group to maintain political press office in Damascus but it “has nothing to do with violence” [WP, MG, LT 3/6].

Military Action
Arab World: SLA soldier is killed by roadside bomb; Israelis kill 2 Arab guerrillas in S. Lebanon “security zone”; Lebanese security sources say Israeli troops kill 1 farmer, injure another in raid outside “security zone” [MG 3/7].

7 March

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: New Arabic newspaper al-Nakar, staffed by pro-Jordanian Palestinians, begins operations in East Jerusalem; Publisher and Editor-in-Chief ‘Uthman Hallaq says paper will represent view of “silent majority” [JP 3/7].

Other Countries: PLO Executive Committee and Fateh Central Committee have been meeting for 3 days in Tunis to decide on response to Hussein’s 2/19 cancellation of joint Jordanian-PLO peace effort [NYT 3/8; JP, WP 3/9]. San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein concludes 6-day visit to Israel, concludes port-call agreement with Zim shipping company, 14-point memorandum of agreement with Haifa Mayor Arye Gurel covering cultural and other exchanges [JP 3/9].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Two Israeli army vehicles traveling in the Gaza Strip are ambushed with a remote control charge, a device common in Lebanon but hitherto unemployed in the occupied territories; no injuries or damage caused [JP 3/7]. American tourist David Blumenfeld is lightly injured by gunfire in Jerusalem’s Old City while returning from Friday evening prayers at the Western Wall; police cordon off the area, find the weapon used, make several arrests [JP 3/9; JTA 3/10].
8 March

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: PLO issues statement on King Hussein's 2/19 speech ending joint Jordanian-PLO peace efforts; PLO expresses "great regret" at the rift, blames it on "Washington's continued bias in favor of the Zionist enemy," hopes to "transcend any negative developments" in its relationship with Jordan [WP, JP 3/9; 3/14]. King Hasan of Morocco urges PLO to form a government-in-exile to increase its credibility and prestige [JP 3/9].

Military Action

9 March

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Fifteenth Herut party convention opens in Jerusalem [JTA, WP, BG 3/10].

Military Action
Arab World: One Israeli soldier, 2 unidentified Arab militamen are killed in clash in S. Lebanon; 5 other Israelis wounded [WP, PI 3/10; JP 3/13]

10 March

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Some 50 Palestinians held in detention for suspected anti-Israel activities have been released because of overcrowding; some 200 Palestinians were arrested following assassination of Zafir al-Masri; 20 are still being held on suspicion of links with the PFLP. Over 60 Golan Heights Druze have been arrested following P.M. Peres' visit to the area [LT 3/10]. Five leading black American university officials visit Israel in pilot project aimed at creating an academic bond between their institutions in the American south and Hebrew University in Jerusalem [JTA 3/11]. Violence breaks out between participants at Herut party convention over struggle for chairmanship of the party [BG 3/11].

Arab World: An Iraqi deputy foreign minister reportedly recently met with Israeli Ambassador to the UN Binyamin Netanyahu, on Iraq's initiative, to seek advice on Iranian army's capabilities and intentions; Israeli Foreign Ministry officials deny the reports [JP 3/10].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Palestinian resident of Balata refugee camp is shot and killed after he refused to stop and identify himself, military spokesman says [LAT 3/11; LT 3/12].

11 March

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Galilee district police report huge quantities of arms and ammunition were seized last year in Palestinian villages in the Galilee and Druze villages in the Golan, most stolen from the Israeli army [JP 3/12].

Arab World: King Hussein states Jordan will continue to abide by Rabat summit conference decisions, will not replace PLO as representative of Palestinian people, gives guarded pledge of assistance to Palestinians in occupied territories [JP 3/12].

Other Countries: U.S. Asst. Sec. of State Richard Murphy states U.S. will unfreeze $150 million of the $1.3 billion civilian aid program for Egypt in wake of police rioting 2 weeks ago. (U.S. had been withholding the aid to express displeasure at
Egypt's failure to implement economic reforms) [WP, FT 3/12].

12 March

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: Egypt gives Israel a report on the Ras Burqa massacre in which 7 Israelis were shot dead by an Egyptian security man last October [JP 3/13].

13 March

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Herut party convention ends in chaos and intra-party violence; no new party chairman is named [JTA 3/13; NYT 3/14]. Foreign Ministry expresses official dissatisfaction with Egypt's report on Ras Burqa massacre [JP 3/14].

Other Countries: Hanna Siniora, editor of al-Fair newspaper, states during visit to Washington, D.C. he is exploring possibility of an international conference without preconditions, in which individual Palestinians would be part of a single Arab delegation [JTA 3/13]. Pakistani Pres. Zia al-Haq urges PLO to recognize Israel's right to exist, supports peace plans put forward by King Fahd and King Hussein [JP 3/14]. U.S. Asst. Sec. of State Richard Murphy ends visit to Tunis, Cairo, and Jerusalem with no significant progress made [JP 3/14].

14 March

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: During the past weeks, 4 Palestinian factions opposed to mainstream PLO leadership condemned the PLO's 3/8 reply to King Hussein's 2/19 speech and called for total abrogation of the 11 February Amman agreement [F] 3/14].

Other Countries: Greek court sentences 25-year-old Palestinian to 10.5 years for aborted attempt to assassinate senior Jordanian diplomat in Athens in 1984; police say 'Amir Mabruki was connected with Black September organization [LT 3/14].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli security forces find body of Israeli soldier David Manos, who had disappeared 6/11/84, in a cave in the West Bank [CT 3/26; JTA 3/28].

16 March

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: The Defense Ministry's coordinator of occupied territories affairs, Shmuel Goren, leaves for U.S. in effort to raise $500 million for Israeli scheme to "improve the quality of life" in the West Bank and Gaza; Palestinians oppose the objective of the trip, calling it a "prelude to autonomy" [F] 3/21]. Ariel Sharon begins to mediate between Yitzhak Shamir and David Levy, rivals for control of the Herut party [NYT, TS 3/17].

Other Countries: U.S. State Dept. Counselor Edward Derwinski, returning from trip related to refugee affairs, states Palestinians displaced in the Arab-Israeli wars are "permanent refugees" and should be absorbed by the Arab world [JP 3/16; JTA 3/17]. Americans for a Safe Israel holds 1986 national conference [JW 3/28].
17 March

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: Arab League Israel Boycott Office blacklists 22 more foreign companies for dealing with Israel, lifts ban on 12 [JP 3/18].

18 March

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli and U.S. officials resume talks on strategic military and political cooperation [JP 3/19].

Other Countries: U.S. House of Representatives approves $4.4 billion antiterrorism bill that would increase security at U.S. embassies, pay U.S. diplomats for each day held hostage [WP 3/19].

19 March

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: The Arab Students Front, affiliated with the Israeli Communist party, wins the majority of seats in elections for the Arab student committees in 4 of the 5 Israeli universities [F] 3/28].

Arab World: Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad) states thousands of guerrillas who left Lebanon during 1982 Israeli invasion have returned to take up fighting positions [NRT 3/20].

Other Countries: Head of PLO political department Faruq al-Qaddumi holds talks in London with British Labor party leader Neil Kinnock, in apparent effort to win support for the organization following last month's collapse of PLO-Jordanian peace initiative [MG 3/20].

Military Action
Arab World: Gunmen in Cairo open fire on car carrying 2 Israeli diplomats and their wives, killing 1 woman, injuring 3 others; anonymous letter claims responsibility by "Egypt's Revolution." (Attack is 2nd on Israeli diplomats in Cairo in less than a year by the previously unknown group) [NYT, WP 3/20].

20 March

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli tax officials, accompanied by troops, raid 'Aqbat Jabir refugee camp, outside Jericho, imposing value-added taxes (VAT) in the millions of shekels on merchants, confiscating stock to force payment, and detaining and remanding into custody for 4 days merchants who protested the moves [F] 3/28].

Arab World: Following 4 hours of talks in Cairo with Pres. Mubarak, King Hussein states peace efforts have reached a dead end for now [BG 3/21]. Yasir Arafat is quoted as saying the PLO is ready to open a new page in relations with Syria [JP 3/21].

21 March

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: The Reagan administration is reportedly quietly encouraging Israel to sell arms to Iraq, according to an unnamed report published in London [JP 3/21]. Several thousand Golan Heights Druze converge on Majd al-Shams to protest police confiscation of 2 tons of apples belonging to Druze growers who allegedly failed to submit income tax returns [JTA, JP 3/24].

Arab World: Yasir Arafat is quoted as saying the United Arab Emirates has resumed financial aid to the PLO [BG 3/22].

22 March

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: PLO announces in Sidon that 4 Israeli soldiers and 4 PLO fighters were killed in 7.5-hour clash near northern
Israeli settlement of Zarit a few days ago [BG 3/23]. Nabih Birri, head of Amal, states Israeli weapons and military personnel have been sent to Christian districts in Beirut to assist militia forces there in their confrontation with Muslims [NYT 3/24]. Iraq displays Israeli-made weapons and equipment it says was captured in recent battles with Iran [JP 3/23].

Other Countries: Spanish Foreign Minister Francisco Fernandez Ordonez says Spain will grant full diplomatic status to the PLO [WP 3/23; MG 3/24].

23 March

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: P.M. Peres rejects pressure from Labor Party Central Committee to break 1984 agreement with Likud bloc to rotate offices with Foreign Minister Shamir, due to take place in October [NYT, MG 3/24].

Arab World: East Jerusalem newspaper al-Mithaq reports Syrian Pres. Hafiz al-Asad has outlined terms under which he would be willing to begin dialogue with Fateh organization: (1) PLO must issue statement in Arafat's name praising Syrian army's role in 1982 Lebanon war; (2) statement must contain apology for media campaign PLO has conducted against Syria since its evacuation from Beirut; (3) statement must praise Syria's rejection of "capitulatory" solutions to M.E. conflict, affirm Syria's efforts to prevent cantonization of Lebanon; (4) statement must criticize "reactionary" Arab efforts to pressure PLO to accept UN Security Council Resolution 242 [JP 3/24]. Yasir Arafat states it is up to the U.S. to break the deadlock in M.E. peace efforts that followed the collapse of Jordanian efforts to bring the Palestinians into the talks with Israel [BG 3/24]. Arafat states he has sent new proposals for a M.E. peace settlement to the U.S., awaits a response [PI 3/24].

24 March

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli authorities have arrested scores of West Bankers and 1 Gazan on charges of committing attacks that have wounded at least 8 Israelis; most of the suspects are said to belong to Fateh cells active in the Jerusalem and Ramallah areas, to have been responsible for series of bombings since last September [JP, JTA 3/24].

Arab World: Yasir Arafat repeats PLO offer to trade acceptance of UN resolutions 242 and 338, and therefore acceptance of Israel, in return for guarantees by the 5 permanent members of the UN Security Council of the Palestinians' rights to self-determination [BG 3/25]. Morocco's King Hasan proposes a summit conference between a chosen Arab leader and P.M. Peres to hear Israel's views on the Fez peace plan [JP 3/25].

Other Countries: U.S. is reportedly pressuring Israel to sell arms to Iraq, including Israeli "drone" reconnaissance aircraft and Soviet weapons captured by Israel during past wars with Arab neighbors [DT 3/24].

Military Action

25 March

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli police announce they have arrested 6 members of a West Bank Palestinian family in connec-
tion with kidnap-slaying of Israeli soldier David Manos, whose remains were found in a West Bank cave 2 weeks ago [JTA 3/28].

Arab World: Shi‘ite Amal militia announces it holds 3 Palestinian guerrillas who the PLO claimed were killed in cross-border raid into Israel in which 4 Israeli soldiers were also claimed to have been killed [JP 3/26].

26 March

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli military spokespersons tell reporters armed attacks in the northern West Bank have nearly doubled in the past year, while attacks in the Bethlehem-Hebron area have declined by 11% [JP 3/27]. Students at Bethlehem U. stone cars and pedestrians following Land Day demonstration, unfurl Palestinian flag, throw makeshift gasoline bombs at Israeli soldiers, set up roadblocks; Israeli troops fire in air to disperse them [JP 3/27].

Arab World: Car bomb explodes near Phalange party office in East Beirut, killing 10, wounding 80; 2 hours earlier, 6 were wounded by bomb outside another Phalange party office [NYT, WP 3/27].

27 March

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics Israel announces number of Israelis living in occupied territories rose by 4,800 in 1985 to a total of 42,000; the area inside the Green Line has registered losses through emigration [JP 3/28].

Arab World: Jordanian parliament votes to more than double its size, increasing number of Palestinian representatives from the West Bank and legislators from Jordan [JP 3/28].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Rocket fired from Lebanon strikes Kiryat Shmona, in northern Israel, slightly wounding 4 [NYT, WP 3/28].

Arab World: Following rocket attack on Kiryat Shmona, Israeli air force bombs Palestinian targets near Mieh Mieh camp, outside Sidon, killing 15 and wounding 25 in 2 attacks [NYT, WP 3/28].

28 March

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira and Sephardic Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu say they oppose the antiracism bill currently before the Knesset on the grounds it may result in some portions of Judaism being declared racist [JWP 3/28].

Other Countries: A Greek captain and his Austrian chief mate are arraigned in a Greek court on charges of illegally transporting Israeli arms through Greek waters; arms were destined for Portugal, Guatemala, and several S. American countries [JP 3/30; JTA 4/1].

29 March

Military Action
Arab World: Palestinian guerrillas battle Shi‘ite militiamen in Sabra and Shatila refugee camps; 2 Palestinian and 2 Amal gunmen are reportedly killed, 30 civilians wounded [NYT, WP 3/30].

30 March

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Thousands attend Land Day protests held in Taybah village, Dayr Hanna, Kafir Saba, and Tel Sheva, in the Negev; rallies were organized by Rakah Communist party, National Committee of Arab Mayors, and the National Commit-
tee for the Protection of the Land [MG 3/31; JTA 4/1]. Palestinian shopkeepers in East Jerusalem close shops to commemorate 10th anniversary of Land Day, which coincided with Easter this year [LAT, TS 3/31].

Military Action
Arab World: Fighting continues for 3rd day between Palestinian and Shi'ite gunmen around Sabra and Shatila refugee camps; 6 Palestinians and 4 Shi'ites have been killed, and 40 people wounded [TS, NYT, BG 3/31]. Two UNIFIL, 1 SLA soldier die in 3 separate clashes over the weekend [JP 3/30; JTA 3/31].

31 March

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: During negotiations to heal rift in Herut party following convention, Ariel Sharon proposed that party posts be split three ways between Yitzhak Shamir, David Levy, and Sharon; Shamir and Levy reject the proposal. (Sharon currently controls only 15% of the party) [NWK 3/31].

Other Countries: P.M. Peres arrives in U.S. for 4-day visit [CSM, LT 4/1]. Peres is seeking support for his “Marshall Plan,” whereby the 7 main industrialized nations would put together an aid package to help the pro-Western Arab states overcome the potentially disastrous effects of the drop in oil prices [DT, LT 4/1].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli troops kill 1 Palestinian youth in al-Burayj refugee camp, injure 3 others while quelling several Palestinian nationalist demonstrations in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, according to an army spokesman [NYT, LT, MG, WP 4/1; JP 4/2].

Arab World: Fighting continues between Palestinian and Shi'ite fighters around Sabra and Shatila refugee camps [WP 4/1]. Sixteen have been killed, 62 wounded [DT 4/1].

2 April

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: Radio Monte Carlo reports WAFA (the Palestine News Agency) offices in Amman were closed following King Hussein’s suspension of joint peace efforts with the PLO; Khalil al-Wazir (Abu Jihad) states PLO office in Amman has remained open, PLO is no longer responsible for handling security and passport problems of PLO personnel, they are now being processed by Jordanian security services, like Jordanian nationals; Abu Jihad states 1 PLO official has been expelled from Jordan, another turned back at Amman airport 2 weeks ago [JP 4/3; FJ 4/4].

Other Countries: U.S. State Dept. spokesman Bernard Kalb confirms U.S. and Israel have begun discussion of “Marshall Plan” for the M.E.; Israeli govt. sources say Pres. Mubarak is interested in the idea, Israelis have also raised it with W. Germans; U.S. officials say priority is being given to interesting W. German and Japanese leaders in the plan [NYT, JP 4/3].

Military Action
Other Countries: Bomb explodes aboard TWA jet en route from Rome to Athens, killing 4 and wounding 9; group called Arab Revolutionary Cells claims responsibility, states attack was in retaliation for U.S. attacks on Libya [NYT, WP 4/3].

3 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Tension between Jews and Muslims over control of the Haram al-Sharif (Temple Mount) flares as Jerusalem police block an attempt by the
Wadf (Islamic trust) to seal off a courtyard leading to the area [JP, JTA 4/4].

Arab World: PLO closes another of its offices in Amman; the Office of Popular Organization maintained contact with and files on Palestinians living in Jordan, especially refugee camps; no reason is given for the closure [JP 4/4].

Military Action
Arab World: Fighting continues between Amal and Palestinian fighters in Sabra and Shatila refugee camps in Beirut; nearly 30 people have been killed, 60 wounded in 6 days of fighting [MG 4/4].

5 April

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: Saudi Arabia has given $28.5 million to the PLO, believed to be a quarter of the $114 million earmarked for the PLO for this year [JDW 4/5]. Former first vice president of the Sudanese government under Pres. Numayri, Maj. Gen. 'Umar Muhammad al-Tayyib, is sentenced to 2, 30-year jail terms for his role in airlifting Ethiopian Jews out of Sudan to Israel [NYT 4/6; LT 4/7].

Other Countries: U.S. Vice Pres. George Bush arrives in Saudi Arabia for start of 8-day, 4-country tour aimed largely at demonstrating continuing U.S. commitment to Arab states of the Persian Gulf; Bush promises U.S. arms to Saudi leaders [WP, NYT 4/6].

6 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Spain's first ambassador to Israel, Pedro Lopez Aguirre de Goa, arrives to take up his post [JP 4/7]. Twenty black union leaders from South Africa are attending a course at the Histadrut's Afro-Asian Institute in Tel Aviv [JP 4/6]. They are receiving training in social organizing and economic leadership skills, in preparation for power sharing in the event of a transition from white rule [WP, LAT 4/8].

Arab World: Syrian-sponsored cease-fire takes effect around Sabra and Shatila refugee camps, ending 10 days of fighting between Amal and Palestinian fighters; at least 46 have been killed [BG 4/7].

Other Countries: West Germany's defense minister arrives in Israel for 4-day visit [JP 4/7]. American Israel Public Affairs Committee begins 27th Annual Policy Conference in Washington, D.C. [JTA 4/8].

7 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: P.M. Peres demands resignation of Finance Minister Yitzhak Modai, who publicly criticized Peres over the weekend [LAT, CT 4/8]. Smith Research Center poll finds 54% of Israeli public wants rotation agreement between P. M. Peres and Foreign Minister Shamir to be honored [JP 4/7].

Other Countries: Greece and Israel sign a cultural and scientific cooperation agreement [JC, JTA 4/7].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Ten people are injured, one seriously, by gasoline bomb thrown through back window of Egged bus in north Jerusalem suburb of Neve Ya'acov [JP 4/9].

Arab World: Israeli planes attack Palestinian guerrilla bases around Sidon, killing 2 and wounding 20 [NYT, WP 4/8].

8 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: P.M. Peres states in keynote speech opening Labor party convention that Israel recognizes the Pal-
estinians "as a nation," states Israel is trying to "create interim conditions for an interim arrangement" in the occupied territories until their final status is resolved [DT 4/10]. Egyptian delegation headed by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butrus-Ghali attends the convention, as well as delegations from 20 other countries [JP 4/9].

Arab World: Former chief of intelligence for the PLO, 'Atallah 'Atallah (Abu Za‘im), is reported to have been touring Palestinian refugee camps in Jordan delivering speeches critical of policies of Yasir Arafat and blaming him for the collapse of dialogue with King Hussein; Abu Za‘im’s statements have been given front-page coverage in Amman [JP 4/8; NYT 4/9]. Chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee Abba Eban arrives in Cairo for a visit [JP 4/9].

Other Countries: U.S. Asst. Sec. of State Richard Murphy, originally scheduled to accompany Vice Pres. George Bush on his M.E. tour, stops instead in Cairo and then proceeds to Israel; Bush tells press conference Murphy is investigating a new peace initiative [LAT, BG 4/9].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Firebomb is thrown at bus on northern edge of Jerusalem, injuring 9 Israeli passengers; police detain 17 Palestinians for questioning [LAT, WP 4/9]. A bomb explodes in Afula, injuring a soldier; WAFA, the Palestine News Agency, states the PLO is responsible for placing the bomb [WP, LAT 4/9].

Arab World: Suicide bomber drives car into checkpoint near Hasbayya, at edge of Israeli-declared "security zone," killing himself and injuring 3 SLA militiamen and 3 civilians; the pro-Syrian Lebanese Ba’th party claims responsibility [WP, NYT 4/9]. Car bomb in Christian port city of Juniayah kills 10, injures over 100; no one claims responsibility [WP, NYT 4/9].

9 April _______________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Several hundred students of the government-run Teachers Training Institute in Ramallah demonstrate on campus on anniversary of massacre of Dayr Yasin; Israeli troops use tear gas to quell the students, close the institute until 4/19 [FJ 4/18].

10 April _______________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Labor party approves moderate foreign policy program which emphasizes necessity of interim arrangements in the occupied territories, Labor party’s willingness to meet with all representatives of the territories, but rejects the prospect of a Palestinian state [JP 4/11]. Two thousand people mark 40th day after death of former Nablus Mayor Zafr al-Mastri, stage a pro-PLO demonstration [JP 4/11].

Arab World: Salah Khalaf tells Kuwaiti newspaper that Yasir Arafat’s Fateh faction has decided to dismiss 7 of its Jordan-based members, including Abu Za‘im, formerly a member of the Fateh Central Committee, after they formed a splinter group [JP, FJ 4/11]. Algeria offers to host a conference of all Palestinian factions to settle differences and reunite leaders; PFLP and DFLP welcome the offer; PLO spokesman in Tunis states the welcome which the PLO representative in Algeria gave to the offer does not necessarily represent the view of the organization [JP 4/11].

11 April _______________________

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli border patrol kills 1 Arab infiltrator, captures an-
other near the Jordanian border; the 2 were said to be carrying weapons [NYT 4/14].

13 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli cabinet resolves 8-day coalition government crisis by agreeing that Justice Minister Moshe Nissim and Finance Minister Yitzhak Modai change jobs, to satisfy P.M. Peres' demands that Modai be ousted from his post for insulting Peres [NYT, WP 4/14]. Tehiya party convention opens in Jerusalem, to be followed by working sessions at Kiryat Arba; party leader Yuval Ne'eman calls for transfer of 500,000 Palestinian refugees from occupied territories to Arab countries as precondition for peace negotiations [JTA 4/16]. Several hundred Israeli settlers in the Gaza Strip demonstrate near Rafah, protesting government plans to resettle some 7,000 Palestinian refugees from the Egyptian side of the town [JP 4/14].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Three Israelis are wounded, one seriously, when their bus is attacked by gunfire in the West Bank; roadblocks are erected on road to Ramallah for several days [CSM 4/14; FJ 4/18].

14 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: A Jerusalem court convicts Israeli army Capt. Shlomo Leviatan and Maj. Ronnie Gila of complicity in bombings carried out by anti-Arab Jewish underground group [JP, WP 4/15]. U.S. Asst. Sec. of State Murphy meets with Bethlehem Mayor Iliyas Furayj at reception at American consulate in East Jerusalem; reports circulate that they discussed the “Gaza first” proposals being floated by some circles in Jerusalem; Murphy confirms he attempted to ease tensions between Israel and Syria during recent meetings with Syrian Pres. Hafiz al-Asad [JP 4/15]. Students at Hebron Polytechnic demonstrate in protest of Tehiya convention; 70 students are arrested [JP 4/15; FJ 4/18].

Arab World: West Bank Palestinians travelling to Jordan are experiencing increased bureaucratic harassment, including passport confiscation and interrogation by Jordanian authorities; moves seem to be targeting Fateh supporters [JP 4/14].

15 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Tehiya convention unanimously calls for government aid to West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians willing to emigrate; for the expulsion of anyone found guilty of subversive activities; and for the annexation of the occupied territories [JP 4/16]. Over 250 Palestinian political prisoners in Hebron prison begin hunger strike [FJ 4/25].

Other Countries: U.S. State Department has protested to Israel the alleged torture, in Israeli-supervised detention center in S. Lebanon, of Ghazi Dabaja, an Arab-American; Israeli states the charges are “completely baseless” [WP 4/15; NYT 4/16].

16 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel has quietly moved hundreds of Ethiopian Jewish immigrants to the West Bank, despite U.S. opposition [PI 4/16]. Israeli military authorities order Hebron Polytechnic closed for 2 weeks following riots at the campus on 4/14 [FJ 4/18]. Foreign Minister Shamir states P.M. Peres spoke as the leader of the Labor party, and not as the leader of the country, when he last week called for

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: In al-Birah, an Israeli soldier kills a Palestinian running away from a bus at which he is said to have thrown something [JP 4/17]. West German tourist is shot and injured by unidentified gunman in Jerusalem's Old City [JP 4/17].

17 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Over 700 Israeli border police and security forces gather in 4 Druze villages in the Golan Heights to prevent rallies and demonstrations on the 40th anniversary of Syria's independence; busloads of sympathizers from the occupied territories are turned back at roadblocks [JP 4/18].

Other Countries: Ecuador, a member of OPEC, recently repaid a $5 million debt to Israel in oil despite an embargo by OPEC on sales to Israel, according to a report in Ha'aretz [JC 4/17].

Military Action
Arab World: Bodies of 1 kidnaped American, Peter Kilburn, and 2 kidnaped Britons, Philip Padfield and John Leigh Douglas, are found near Beirut with note stating they were killed in retaliation for Britain's role in the U.S. bombing raids on Libya; note is signed by "Arab Fida'iyyin Cells" [NYT, WP, FT 4/18; LT. 4/19].

18 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: King Hussein has frozen all West Bank funds in Jordanian banks and has suspended all aid to public institutions in the territories, according to a report in 'Al Hamishmar [JP 4/18]. Inspectors of income tax and VAT departments, assisted by a strong force of police, raid Palestinian villages of Kafr Qasim, Jaliuliyah, and Kafr Bara to collect debts; they impound TV sets, furniture, and 2 motor vehicles [JP 4/21].

Arab World: Radio Monte Carlo broadcasts that Yasir Arafat has notified Jordan that Amman-based Fateh military officer Abu Za'im has been relieved of his duties and that Jordan should suspend all contact with him [JP 4/18].

Other Countries: A U.S. federal judge rules that PLO Permanent Observer to the UN Zuhdi Tarzi may travel from New York to Cambridge, Mass. for a debate with Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz, despite State Department travel ban [PI 4/20]. UN Security Council votes to extend UNIFIL mandate in S. Lebanon an additional 3 months; Soviet Union concurs in vote for first time since UNIFIL's creation, states it will begin contributions to UNIFIL budget [NYT 4/19; WP 4/20].

20 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli govt. commission of inquiry appointed to investigate October 1983 collapse of banking shares, headed by Moshe Beijsky, a High Court judge, issues recommendations that call for resignation of governor of Israel's state bank and the top executives of the country's 4 leading commercial banking chains within 30 days [FT, NYT, WS] 4/21]. P.M. Peres states Jordan is determined not to lose its stake in the Gaza Strip and that an autonomy plan for Gaza could be combined with plans for autonomy on the West Bank; Peres states Egypt has a "lack of political interest" in estab-
lishing an interim Israeli-Egyptian “condominium” in Gaza [JP 4/21].

Arab World: Yasser Arafat reportedly met with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in East Berlin on 4/18; sources also say Arafat met secretly with Gorbachev in Moscow last February [JP 4/20].

21 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli magistrate’s court in Haifa remands 10 Palestinians from inside the Green Line who are alleged to have been organized in the Palestinian resistance movement and to have killed an Israeli soldier in August 1984; some of the detainees have travelled to Cyprus and are alleged to have continued on to Syria for military training, as well as being members of the PFLP [FJ 4/25]. Yesh Gvul (There Is a Limit) organization holds press conference in West Jerusalem announcing their refusal to serve in the occupied territories [FJ 5/2]. Moshe Mendelbaum, governor of the Bank of Israel, states he will resign within 30 days; Giora Gazit, chairman of Bank Hapoalim, announces his resignation [WS], MG 4/22]. The number of West Bankers working inside the Green Line declined slightly last year to 47,000 each week, down from 50,000 weekly during the previous year; the number of Gazans working inside the Green Line increased from 41,000 to 42,000 weekly; the work force in the occupied territories reached 251,000 weekly last year, a 2% rise from 1984 [JP 4/21].

Arab World: PFLP announces 13 guerrilla organizations held a secret conference in Damascus last week and decided to escalate attacks against U.S. targets to avenge air strikes on Libya; the groups included the 6 Palestinian factions making up the Palestine National Salvation Front, as well as 7 unidentified “liberation movements,” according to the source [JP 4/22]. Druze leader Walid Jumblatt denies meeting with Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin in Geneva in February, as was reported by Agence France Presse [JP 4/22].

Other Countries: P.M. Peres meets in Paris with French Pres. Francois Mitterrand and P.M. Jacques Chirac for talks on terrorism and Peres’ proposal for a M.E. Marshall Plan [JP 4/22]. U.S. Justice Dept. notifies Congress it does not plan to seek prosecution of Yasser Arafat for the murders of 2 U.S. diplomats on 5/2/73 [WP, BG 4/22]. U.S. State Dept. has appealed ruling by U.S. district judge allowing PLO Permanent Observer to the UN Zuhdi Tarzi to travel to Cambridge, Mass. for a debate despite State’s travel ban on Tarzi, on grounds it would lend legitimacy to the PLO [BG 4/22].

22 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: P.M. Peres tells 21-member Council of Europe, in Strasbourg, that Israel is willing for Gaza Strip residents to be given Jordanian passports, states that the “only framework” that holds promise for peace between Israel and its neighbors and for solving the Palestinian problem is “direct negotiations between a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation and an Israeli delegation” [JP 4/23]. Israeli army sources state there have been 67 incidents of shooting, planting explosive devices, and throwing hand grenades and gasoline bombs since January of this year, compared with 104 during the period between August to December of 1985 [JP 4/23].

Arab World: PLO officials in Amman state Jordan has deported 7 Fateh officers from the Karamah force who sided with Yasser Arafat in conflict with ‘Atallah ‘Atallah
(Abu Za'im) [BG 4/23; JP 4/24]. Reports from Amman indicate that 40 to 100 more Palestinians may be facing deportation as well [F] 4/25). Jordan has increased its restrictions on the entry of prominent pro-Fateh Palestinians from the West Bank and is turning them back at the bridges; Jordanian authorities have begun bureaucratic harassment, confiscation of passports at the border, and lengthy questioning of Fateh supporters [JP 4/23].

Other Countries: Seventeen people, including a retired Israeli general, are indicted in New York on federal charges of conspiring to sell Iran more than $2 billion worth of American weapons, in violation of U.S. arms embargo; Israeli embassy denies Israeli govt. involvement in the matter [WP, WS] 4/23).

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli bus driver Shlomo Hatuka, injured in 4/12 attack on his bus near Ramallah, dies of gunshot wounds suffered in the incident [WP, JP 4/23].

Arab World: Two members of PLO are wounded during shoot-out at PLO office in Amman; reports say 'Atallah 'Atallah (Abu Za'im) tried to shoot his way into his office after finding it locked [WP, MG 4/23].

23 April ______________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Retired Israeli General Avraham Bar-Am, arrested 4/22 in Bermuda for alleged conspiracy to sell U.S. arms to Iran, states the Israeli defense establishment knew of his actions [WP, CT 4/24]. Palestinian political prisoners in Hebron prison suspend 8-day hunger strike after achieving some of their demands [F] 4/25].

Arab World: Yasir Arafat meets with PLO's Supreme Military Council in Baghdad, they unanimously decide to dismiss 'Atallah 'Atallah (Abu Za'im) from his position as assistant chief of staff of PLO armed forces and from his membership in the Palestine National Council [TS, MG, JP 4/25].

Military Action
Arab World: Christian radio station Voice of Lebanon reports 3 bombs explode in Syrian port of Tartus, killing 1 and wounding 20; 73 persons are arrested, including 15 from the Palestinian refugee camp of Yarmuk, near Damascus, among them 2 Fateh officers [JP 4/25].

25 April ______________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Two-day conference on unemployment among Palestinian university graduates in the occupied territories, held in East Jerusalem, concludes by selecting 6-member committee to study the growing problem [F] 5/2]. A study by Abraham Cohen, published by the Institute of Arab Studies in Givat Haviva, found that Palestinians inside the Green Line earn 66% of what Israeli Jews earn, and have families about twice as large as Jewish families [DW 4/25].

Other Countries: U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit in Boston stays lower court order allowing Zuhdi Labib Tarzi, PLO permanent observer at the UN, to travel to Cambridge for a debate at the Harvard Law School Forum with law professor Alan Dershowitz [BG 4/26; WP 4/27].

Military Action
Arab World: U.S. embassy communications officer Arthur Pollick is shot and wounded by unidentified assailant in San'a, N. Yemen [LAT, LT 4/26].
27 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Gaza resident and ex-political prisoner Zaki Statiyyah, from Jabaliyyah refugee camp, is deported to Jordan, bringing total of Palestinians deported from the occupied territories since the onset of the “iron fist” policies last August to 34 [F] 5/2. Over 5,000 Israeli supporters of Gush Emunim stream into Hebron for a mass visit to the city; the visits are in the guise of Passover “tours” of Jewish sites and coincide with the 18th anniversary of the first Jewish “settlement” in Hebron during Passover week of 1968 when Rabbi Moshe Levinger brought a small group ostensibly for a seder in a hotel and then stayed, defying the government to evict them [JTA 4/28].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: British tourist Paul Appleby is shot dead outside the Garden Tomb in East Jerusalem [NYT, WP 4/28].

28 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: P.M. Peres states Israel has engaged in “quiet diplomacy” with Jordan since King Hussein’s break with the PLO in February [BG, WP 4/29]. Syrian army deserter captured by Israeli army in S. Lebanon says on Israel TV that he and 2 other Syrian deserters were recruited and paid by Fateh to infiltrate Israel, take hostages at Kibbutz Manara, take the French ambassador to Israel hostage, and demand safe passage out of the country to Jordan, Egypt, or Tunisia; he states Fateh has many Syrian, Pakistani, and Iraqi recruits for similar missions [JP 4/29].

Arab World: Spokespersons for Yasir Arafat’s Fateh, the DFLP, and the PFLP denounce Jordanian regime for secret contacts with Israeli government officials [F] 5/2. Abu Nidal’s Fateh Revolutionary Council claims responsibility for 4/27 shooting of British tourist in East Jerusalem, states it was in reprisal for U.S. air raid on Libya and British “collusion” in the attack, states Briton shot was an intelligence agent [WP, PI 4/29]. Egypt, which supplies Israel with one quarter of its oil, has reduced prices by approximately 25%, saving Israeli Treasury over $50 million a year [JTA 4/29].

29 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: The deficit in the balance of goods and services between the occupied territories and Israel increased by 49% in 1985 to total $219 million; the West Bank’s trade deficit declined to $425 million in 1985, compared to $428 million the previous year, while the West Bank’s surplus in services fell to $206 million in 1985, compared to $281 million in 1984, due to the erosion of Israeli salaries and the cutback in construction work [JP 4/29]. Israeli police announce arrest of members of a “terrorist ring” suspected of 2 killings and 2 attempted killings in Jerusalem in last 6 weeks; Jerusalem court declares news blackout on the case [NYT, PI, MG 4/30]. Later reports indicate 20 Palestinians are arrested [JP 5/6]. Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin has instructed the security authorities to bring to trial the West Bank settlers who blocked a road north of Halhul a fortnight ago to prevent people from reaching a Peace Now symposium in nearby Hebron [JP 4/29].

Arab World: The Jordanian minister for the occupied territories, Tahir Kan’an, was dismissed over the weekend [LT 4/29]. New departments are dedicated for hospital in S. Lebanese Christian town of Marja’uyun; SLA commander Gen.
Antoine Lahd thanks Israel for its help in training workers and doctors for the hospital; some $2 million was donated for the hospital, coming from Israel, Middle East Television, and the SLA command [JP 4/29].

Military Action
Arab World: Guerrillas clash on slopes of Mt. Hermon with Israeli army troops; 2 guerrillas are killed, 3 Israeli soldiers wounded [JP, JTA 5/2].

30 April

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: The owner of a local tile manufacturing plant who lives in Jabaliyyah refugee camp is shot dead in his home [JP 5/2].

Arab World: Two guerrillas are killed and 3 Israeli soldiers wounded in clash in the S. Lebanon "security zone," according to Israeli military [WP 5/1].

1 May

Social/Economic/Political
Other Countries: Julio Maria Sanguinetti, president of Uruguay, arrives for 5-day visit to Israel, receives 21-gun salute in Jerusalem, marking the first time a visiting head of state agreed to be welcomed officially in the disputed capital rather than at Ben-Gurion Airport [LT, JP 5/2].

Military Action
Arab World: Shi'ite guerrillas from the Islamic Resistance Movement say they kill 7 members of the SLA; Israeli reports say 1 Shi'ite was killed and 5 SLA members were wounded; both reports say 3 SLA members were kidnaped by the Shi'ites [NYT, JTA 5/2].

2 May

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Deputy Minister of Agriculture Avraham Katz-Oz is quoted as saying the country is facing a problem in supplying enough water; he is working on a legal way to turn all water resources in the country, including run-off water and purified sewage water, into government property [JP 5/2]. Contractor Avraham Gindi, charged with fraudulent West Bank land deals and tampering with evidence, makes a second suicide attempt by swallowing 50 tranquilizers and turning on the gas oven in his Rishon LeZion office [JP 5/4].

Arab World: Egyptian Foreign Minister 'Ismat 'Abd al-Magid is quoted as saying Egypt is appealing to the upcoming Tokyo summit to establish a $30 billion M.E. development fund to assist countries in the region suffering financial difficulties as a result of the oil price collapse [FT 5/2].

Other Countries: U.S. State Dept. rejects appeal of Rabbi Meir Kahane to keep his U.S. citizenship despite his service in the Knesset [LAT 5/3].

3 May

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: Radio Amman reports King Hussein issued a call to Arab and Islamic countries to set up a fund to provide loans for Palestinian housing on the West Bank [JP 5/4].

4 May

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Three members of the Jewish underground are released from prison, with a third of their sentences left to be served, following decision by parole board to free them on grounds of good behavior; only 7 of the original 27 sentenced last July for terrorist offenses against Palestinians are still in jail [JP 5/4; LT 5/5].
5 May

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Six Palestinian lawyers from the West Bank petition the High Court for permission to establish a local bar association. (In 1979 a bar association was set up in Gaza for the lawyers working there) [JP 5/6]. Israeli military court in Lod sentences 2 Palestinians from inside the Green Line to 21 years imprisonment for planting bombs in Israeli neighborhoods, finds them guilty of membership in the PFLP [JP 5/6]. Nablus military court sentences another Palestinian to 21 years imprisonment for stabbing an Israeli soldier in the chest on 12/14/85 [JP 5/6]. Presidents of Uruguay and Israel issue joint statement affirming the friendship between their countries and support for the M.E. peace process [JTA 5/6].

Arab World: Syrian Pres. Hafiz al-Asad arrives in Amman for talks with King Hussein, his first visit to Jordan in 6 years [NYT, WP 5/6].

Other Countries: The leaders of the 7 largest industrial democracies, meeting at the Tokyo summit, adopt a joint statement condemning terrorism as an international scourge that "must be fought relentlessly and without compromise"; Libya is specifically mentioned as a source of terrorism [NYT, WP 5/6]. U.S. State Dept. calls on Syria to expel Abu Nidal organization from territory under its control [NYT 5/6].

6 May

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon has ordered strict labeling guidelines for all products made in the occupied territories, which he claims "threaten Israeli firms with unfair competition" [JP 5/6]. Israeli police and Shin Bet arrest 5 more members of alleged underground Palestinian cell suspected of 2 murders, 2 attempted murders, bringing total arrested to 25 [JP 5/7]. Israel signs agreement to participate in U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative; Israel is the third to sign, after Britain and West Germany [LAT, WP 5/7]. Police Staff Sergeant-Major Yosef Oren is charged in police disciplinary court with beating a prisoner with electric cords to force him to confess to murder [JP 5/7]. Mattityahu Drobles, cochairman of the World Zionist Organization's settlement department, vetoes proposal by his cochairman, Nissim Zvili, that 500 Palestinian refugee families replace the Israeli settlers in Kibbutz Netzarim instead of being settled at Tal Sultan; Gaza Strip settlers joined Drobles in dismissing the proposal [JP 5/7].

Arab World: Pres. Hafiz al-Asad ends 24-hour visit to Amman after talks with King Hussein aimed at improving relations between the 2 countries; no communiqué or joint statement is issued [NYT 5/7].

Other Countries: U.S. Senate rejects by vote of 73–22 the Reagan administration's request to sell $354 million worth of advanced arms to Saudi Arabia [NYT, WP 5/7]. Ahmad Nawaf Mansur, a Jordanian arrested in connection with the explosion at a West Berlin discotheque last month, has reportedly confessed to an earlier bombing in the city, saying it was organized by the Syrian embassy in East Berlin [NYT 5/7].

7 May

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel Aircraft Industries announces the Lavi jet fighter has passed all of its ground tests and will make its first test flight on schedule next September [JTA 5/8].

Other Countries: U.S. House of Representatives rejects by vote of 356–62 Reagan
administration's requested arms sales to Saudi Arabia [LAT, BG 5/8]. British investigators are seeking to question a Syrian diplomat in connection with the attempt to smuggle a bomb aboard an Israeli jumbo jet at Heathrow Airport [NYT, MG 6/8].

8 May

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli troops and police halt an effort by about 100 ultranationalist Israelis to establish an unauthorized settlement in the occupied Gaza Strip near Tal Sultan [CSM 5/9].

Other Countries: West African state of Gabon and the PLO have announced they will establish diplomatic relations at the ambassadorial level [JP 5/8]. A shipment of 50 U.S. Stinger ground-to-air missiles clandestinely bound for South Africa disappeared during shipment from Europe last year and was diverted to Libya, Syria, and Iran, according to sources close to the arms trade [BG 5/8]. An appeals court in Genoa, Italy upholds convictions of 3 Palestinians accused of hijacking the Achille Lauro last fall; court reduced some of the sentences and ordered that the fourth defendant, who was a minor at the time of the incident, be retried in a juvenile court [NYT 5/9].

9 May

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: P.M. Peres and the Israeli army chief of staff issue separate statements indicating that Israel has no intention of beginning a war with Syria and they see no immediate evidence that the Syrians are planning a war with Israel [NYT 5/10].

Other Countries: Yasir Arafat arrives in Togo, last stop on his 7-nation African tour in which he is discussing "Arab-African issues" [LAT 5/10].

10 May

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad) states 5 Palestinian factions, including 2 opposed to Yasir Arafat, have agreed to attend proposed reconciliation conference in Algiers; sixth group has agreed conditionally, and Algeria is expected to issue invitations in about 2 weeks time [BG 5/10; JP 5/11].

Other Countries: Britain expels 3 Syrian diplomats after their govt. turns down British request to waive diplomatic immunity so that police might question them in connection with last month's attempted bombing of an El Al jet at London's Heathrow Airport [WP, PI 5/11].

11 May

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli Cabinet hears report from Hebrew U. Prof. Roberto Bacchi on falling birth rate among world's Jewish population, predictions that there will be more Palestinians than Israelis living in Israel and the occupied territories by early next century [LT 5/13; JTA 5/14; BG 5/15]. Deputy Agriculture Minister Avraham Katz-Oz stated over the weekend Israel has been overpumping from its water reserves for the past decade by over 1,000 cubic meters; he stated water quotas would be cut this year by 10% from a high of 2 billion cubic meters [JP 5/11].

Arab World: Pres. Husni Mubarak has talks in Jordan with King Hussein [BG 5/12].

Military Action
Arab World: Israeli army spokesperson states Israeli troops kill two guerrillas in S. Lebanon "security zone" [JTA 5/13].

12 May

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli and West-
ern military sources state that over the past few months, the Syrian army has been building trenches in S. Lebanon that are closer to the Israeli border [NYT 5/13].

*Arab World:* Thousands of Fatah fighters are returning to take up fighting positions in Lebanon; PLO officials confirm that a tacit alliance has been established between the PLO and Hizballah organization, in the wake of ongoing clashes between PLO guerrillas and the Amal militia [FT 5/12]. Syrian govt.-owned newspaper Tishrin states Syria has signs and proof of an imminent Israeli attack on Syria [LT 5/13].

**13 May**  

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**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** Israeli state comptroller’s report sharply criticizes Israel’s rule over 1.3 million Palestinians living in the occupied territories [WP 5/13]. P.M. Peres states in radio interview that Israel has made efforts to engage Syria in dialogue on either limited or comprehensive issues but has been rebuffed on both levels; his remarks are first indication Israel has approached Syria for talks [JTA 5/14]. Peres states he is awaiting Syria’s response to a U.S. note about Syrian army movements near the Israeli border with Lebanon [BG 5/14]. Ernest Japhet, chairman and chief executive officer of Bank Leumi le-Israel, announces his resignation after govt.-appointed commission of inquiry called for his ouster [FT 3/15].

*Other Countries:* The U.S. Defense Department notified Congress it plans to sell Egypt 560 Sidewinder missiles in a proposed sale valued at $42 million which will also include spare parts and support equipment [WSJ 5/13].

**Military Action**  

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** Three Israelis are slightly wounded by rockets apparently fired from Lebanon [BG, WP 5/14].

**14 May**

*Social/Economic/Political*  

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** The report of the state comptroller, Yitzhak Tunik, claims Israel’s Interior Ministry has been supplying much of the money used to fund anti-Arab demonstrations in the West Bank, to pay for protection of Jewish settlers, and to follow activities of West Bank Palestinians and their Israeli sympathizers [LT 5/14].

*Other Countries:* The U.S. is quietly exploring with Britain, France, and West Germany the possibility of joint economic and diplomatic sanctions against Syria in the event of clearcut evidence of its involvement in violent attacks against American or European nationals or on European soil [BG 5/15].

**Military Action**  

**Occupied Palestine/Israel:** Israeli troops shoot and injure 2 Palestinians in Nablus during anti-Israel protest on anniversary of formation of state of Israel [JTA 5/14; CSM, LT 5/15].

*Arab World:* Lebanese TV and radio report that Israel has sent a large number of tanks, escorted by helicopter gunships, into its “security zone” in S. Lebanon; border crossings into the “security zone” were reportedly closed for 24 hours because of the military moves [NYT 5/15].
Journal Source Abbreviations

AAN (AAUG Newsletter)        LAT (Los Angeles Times)
AMJ (A.M. Journal)            LM (Le Monde)
AN (Amsterdam News)           LN (Lebanon News)
AW (Aviation Week and Space Technology) LT (The Times [London])
BG (Boston Globe)             MEI (Middle East International)
BR (Barrons)                  MEP (MEP Survey)
BW (Business Week)            MG (Manchester Guardian)
CC (Christian Century)        MGW (Manchester Guardian Weekly)
CSM (Christian Science Monitor)MJ (Muslim Journal)
CT (Chicago Tribune)          MO (Mideast Observer)
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 (New York Times)
FJ (Al-Fajr Jerusalem)        NYT (New York Times Magazine)
FT (Financial Times)          OB (Observer)
GIST (Department of State)    PI (Philadelphia Inquirer)
GU (Guardian [U.S.] )         PP (Palestine Perspectives)
HE (Human Events)             TI (Time)
JC (Journal of Commerce)      TS (Toronto Star)
JDW (Jane’s Defense Weekly)   USN (U.S. News and World Report)
JP (Jerusalem Post)           VO (NAAA Voice)
JTA (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)VV (Village Voice)
JW (Jewish Week)              WP (Washington Post)
JWP (Jewish Press)            WSJ (Wall Street Journal)