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A six-part Chronology of the War in Lebanon , which began on June 3, 1982 in the Journal no. 44/45 (Summer/Fall 1982) was brought to completion in issue no. 50 (Winter 1984). This quarter marks the beginning of a chronology focused more specifically on events within the Palestinian community, wherever it is (Israel, the occupied territories, other Arab countries, the US, Europe, etc.), and on actions and actors which affect this community. Priority is given to occupied Palestine/Israel, with secondary emphasis on the Arab world and other countries.

Events are classified into two general categories. The Social/Political section covers important community events, protests, demonstrations, official statements, diplomatic, legal and economic activities and, where possible, attention is given to the cause and effect of social movement. Military Action deals with the use or threat of arms by institutionalized and non-institutionalized groups and individuals. When available, casualty figures are included.

The chronology was compiled by reviewing articles from over 80 publications, including the major US, European, Israeli and Arab English-language press. These articles are contained in Mideast Press Report, a weekly clipping service of Claremont Research and Publications in New York. Given the scope of the coverage, only the most important details could be included. Where possible, the original language and words of the various news reports were retained. A range of figures is given (for casualties and economic data) when estimates differ.

For complimentary sources of information, readers may wish to consult: "Report on the Palestinians under Israeli Rule," a monthly chronology published as a supplement to Israel and Palestine (B.P. 130-10, 75643 Paris Cedex 10, France); and Al-Fajr weekly newspaper (2025 Eye St., NW, Suite 902, Washington, D.C. 20026).

Tuesday, December 1

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Imam of Katibeh Mosque in Gaza given 18 mos. prison term for "incitement" after denouncing murder of Hebron U. students last July. Gaza artist, Fathi Ghabin's detention extended for producing "inciting" posters. Raphael Eitan and Chaim Herzog lead public castigation of 6 Israeli POWs returned by PLO in November prisoner exchange and 2 others still captive for cowardly surrender. Gush Emunim settlers camp at Joseph's Tomb in Nablus declaring to create permanent Jewish presence there; Peace Now warns of demonstration next day, supports DM Zipori's position that encampment is illegal. Teachers in 10 Israeli gov't. schools in Ramallah and al-Bireh strike over low wages. Life sentences given 2 Palestinians charged with killing Ramallah Village League head (1981), and an attack on IDF officer imposed as "mayor" of al-Bireh; 2 others sentenced to 12-14 years for attacking Israeli settler in Hebron.

Arab World: Arafat accepts outline of Saudi-organized ceasefire in Tripoli. After letter from Pres. Reagan reiterating US position, King Hussein says he is prepared to resume talks with Arafat on joint Palestinian-Jordanian approach to negotiations with Israel; in light of current struggle in Tripoli, Hussein promises to put "no conditions on him." Rebel spokesman asserts Tripoli fighting results from Arafat's refusal to heed Coordination Committee proposals. Tyre municipality opens special employment office for men released from Ansar prison; appeals to UNRWA to provide jobs.

Other Countries: Meeting in Washington, Pres. Gemayel and Reagan agree to stand by May 17 Lebanese-Israeli agreement. US Sec. of Defense Weinberger tells Jewish leaders of Synagogue Council of America that Arafat is "irrelevant" to future of Middle East. Chile's FM ends visit to Israel; agreement reached to expand mutual trade and agricultural cooperation. Abu Ja'far, Dir. of PLO Political Dep't holds talks with Soviet chargé d'affaires in Tunis; also received GDR, DPRK, Rumanian, Polish and Czech ambassadors on occasion of Int'l. Day of Solidarity with Palestinian People. Major oil co.s shipping under Liberian flag pressure Liberian gov't. to cancel plans for embassy in Jerusalem; ambassador reported looking for alternative location in Tel Aviv.

MILITARY ACTION:

Arab World: Palestinian casualties in Lebanon mountain artillery exchanges: 2 PFLP fighters, 1 from Struggle Front, 2 from Liberation Army and 1 from al-Saiqa killed; 2 from Struggle Front wounded. Israel-backed militia chief in S. Lebanon, Abu Saleh, quits to renew loyalty to Amal militia. 1983 to date, 71 Druze quit Israeli military for religious reasons (compares with 19 in 1982).

Friday, December 2

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 2 Palestinian students arrested in Beer Sheba (Bir Sab'a) on charges of possessing banned printed material. *Al-Fajr* poll finds 94% of Palestinians in Israel support Arafat leadership. 200 residents of Dheisheh refugee camp near Bethlehem attend mtg. at UNRWA office to protest Israeli threat of camp school closure. Galilee priest, Fowzi Khouri, released on IS100,000 bail

after 1 month detention on charges of contact with PLO.

Arab World: Gemayel ends talks with Reagan admin. with no further commitments of US assistance. Second-ranking Druze official murdered in Beirut; Christian Phalange blamed.

Other Countries: 2 Israeli firms sign deals for 1st Israeli factory in Ciskei tribal homeland, S. Africa; Israeli trade there includes sale of American-made Mooney light planes for fledgeling Ciskei airforce plus military training. [Israel and Taiwan lead investment in S. African "Ban-tustans."] British High Court decides to refer Israel's protest at UK's refusal to sell it North Sea oil to European Court of Justice. UN Security Council considers Arafat's request for assistance in evacuating Tripoli.

MILITARY ACTION:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 3 Palestinian workers shot for not stopping at Gaza checkpoint while driving to work in Israel. About 30 Birkat Avraham yeshiva students go on rampage armed with iron rods, smashing windows, injuring 2 Arab men; 3 Arabs and 2 Jews arrested and released. IDF uproots five dunums of fruit trees belonging to Palestinian farmers along Kfar Saba-Qalqilya road where IDF believes petrol bomb attacks on Israeli traffic launched; farmers not to be compensated and ordered not to replant.

Arab World: Heavy artillery exchanges in Tripoli between rival Palestinian forces as talks on evacuation of loyalists stall. Bazooka attack on Israeli army vehicle kills 1 IDF soldier in Lebanon.

Saturday,

December 3

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 2,000 Israelis

demonstrate in Tel Aviv's Museum Square in support of conscientious objection to military service in Lebanon. Yesh Gvul ("There's a Limit") announces over 3,000 IDF reserve officers and enlisted men joined movement against military service in Lebanon. Delegation from Israeli Council for Israeli-Palestinian Peace makes solidarity visit to Bassam Shaka'a after last week's escalation of settler violence in Nablus.

Arab World: Egypt's Pres. Mubarak says Arafat welcome to visit Cairo.

Other Countries: US announces unprecedented all-grant military aid to Israel to reach \$1.4 billion in fiscal 1985. UN Security Council votes unanimously to permit embattled Arafat loyalists to evacuate Tripoli under UN flag.

MILITARY ACTION:

Arab World: Israeli bombers strike alleged guerrilla bases in mountains near Beirut in retaliation for 1 Israeli soldier killed in S. Lebanon ambush yesterday. US commander in Lebanon authorized to use 16-inch guns on USS New Jersey against adversaries.

Sunday,

December 4

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Energy Min. Moda'i urges Cabinet to authorize attempt to capture Arafat and top aides before leaving Tripoli. Israel denies US bombing raids part of joint plan with Israel. Antinuclear, ecumenical Bethlehem Peace Pilgrimage Group arrives in Haifa for last leg of 12,000 km trek from Bangor, WA, USA, to Bethlehem.

Arab World: Syrian FM calls for international and Arab action against aggressive US policy in Middle East. In Tripoli interview, Arafat says he wants

PLO base in Cairo.

Other Countries: Bonn agrees to DM140 million loan to Israel for investment in high-tech development.

MILITARY ACTION:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Molotov cocktail attack on Israeli military patrol in Nablus; curfews imposed on nearby Balata and Askar camps.

Arab World: US jets bomb Syrian positions in Kfar Salwan, Falougha, Hammana, Dahr al-Baidar, Jabal Knayset and Sofar in Lebanon; 2 jets downed. 8 Marines killed by militia, presumed by US to be Syrian-backed; 6th Fleet opens fire on militia positions.

Other Countries: Israeli embassy in Bangkok bombed; attackers unidentified; Thai customs alerted to "suspicious Arabs" trying to leave the country.

Monday, December 5

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Bethlehem U. resumes classes after closure by Israeli military (11/2/83) during folklore festival there. Over 200 anti-Zionist Orthodox Jews protest corner-stone-laying ceremony at Emmanuel religious settlement; block 16 buses of Agudat Israel Party supporters planning to attend. In address to Israeli Federation of Contractors and Builders convention in Jerusalem, Shamir urges private builders to develop West Bank. Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Com. report new ultra-rightwing underground, stockpiling arms and planning to take over part of territories. Labor Federation leader Shehadeh Minawi released on IS\$5,000 bail after held for 24 hrs. on charges of arranging illegal conference in Jerusalem. About 20 S. Lebanon merchants meet with Israeli

Industry and Trade Director in Jerusalem to discuss ways of improving trade.

Arab World: PLO Political Dep't. head Qaddoumi refuses proposal by some PLO Executive Com. members to replace Arafat. Mubarak warns new "strategic co-operation" will spell disaster for American friends in Arab world; other official Arab sources concur.

Other Countries: UK Labor Party dep. sec. Hattersley says his party admires Israel as "one of the greatest events of the 20th century," adding Labor's recent pro-PLO resolutions were only attempts to introduce "realism into the romantic." North American Palestinian community mtg. in Newark, NJ publicizes declaration reaffirming support for PLO and Arafat leadership.

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Violent exchanges in Jerusalem between extremist Zionist cells in Jerusalem, Birkat Avraham, Torat Kohanim and Shuva Banim yeshivot and Arab residents of Muslim Quarter when several students spray tear gas in eyes of young Palestinian man near his shop; neighbors retaliate with barrage of stones.

Arab World: 24 US jets strike in Chouf mountains and Metn region, hit 6 villages; US claims retaliation for Syrian anti-aircraft fire against yesterday's US flights over Lebanon; 2 US planes downed, 1 airman killed, 1 captured by Syria. US Navy spokesman says US reevaluating Syrian military capabilities.

Tuesday, December 6

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 12 men in al-Arubb refugee camp near Hebron arrested under suspicion of stone-throwing. Shamir denies any military commitments to US as

quid pro quo for aid received during recent visit to Washington. Jerusalem mayor Kollek calls Birkat Avraham students troublemakers, urges their removal from Old City.

Other Countries: US Securities and Exchange Commission cites Development Corporation for Israel for failing to report to IRS large sums received in exchange for Israel Bonds from 1/82 to 4/83. Antonio Tricoli, Argentine Interior Minister describes anti-Semitism as "barbaric attitude" to be eliminated from the country; Argentine FM Dante Caputo states new constitutional gov't. would recognize PLO as legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

MILITARY ACTION:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 4 killed and 46 wounded in bomb explosion on #18 bus in West Jerusalem; 41 detained for interrogation; anonymous caller from Israeli terror group, "TNT", (Terror Neged Terror), claims responsibility.

Wednesday, December 7

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli shekel now equals 1 US cent. [In 6 years of Likud gov't., Israeli currency devalued 99%.] Knesset defeats Communist no-confidence motion over agreements with Washington. Israeli "civil administration" imposes sanctions on Dheisheh camp residents, restricting travel permits to Jordan, preventing return of Palestinian visitors to other Arab countries.

Other Countries: Greece agrees to send 4 ships to Tripoli for evacuation of Arafat's soldiers. Mayor McCann of Jersey City, NJ, USA, announces his city to "adopt" Israeli settlement of Tekoa in West Bank.

MILITARY ACTION:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Central Nablus curfewed for 24 hours after failed grenade attack on Israeli patrol and Molotov cocktail thrown at patrol in Askar camp.

Thursday, December 8

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Jewish National Fund plans to transplant cedars of Lebanon fail due to war in Lebanon; in Galilee, 10-15,000 reported already transplanted from France where imported by Lebanese immigrants.

Arab World: Gemayel sends FM to Damascus for talks on withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon.

Other Countries: US, British, French and Italian FMs reaffirm commitment to MNF presence in Beirut. In General Assembly debate, Israeli UN ambassador Blum requests UN cancel arrangements to protect Arafat's departure from Tripoli in light of recent bomb explosion on Jerusalem bus.

MILITARY ACTION:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Aisha Adnan Bahash, 11, shot dead, sister, Fida, 9, shot in face by Israeli settler in Nablus bakery. Israeli troops raid and vandalize Palestinian cultural exhibit at Nablus Labor Union office, detain 11 present, confiscate publications. Students and 2 teachers from Hashimiya Secondary School in al-Bira arrested after clashes with about 200 Israeli soldiers as students protest "civil administration" ceremony at school with military presence. Yatta farmers driven from their fields by Israeli settlers. Bus traveling to Kiryat Arba reportedly stoned outside Hebron.

Friday, December 9

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli police detain 7 Kiryat Arba settlers forcing way into Abraham's tomb during Muslim prayer times.

MILITARY ACTION:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Jerusalem police find and detonate 5 IDF grenade bombs near 3 Christian churches and a mosque in city; grenade explodes in Salah al-Din Street; no injured reported; 6 Arab-owned automobiles burnt in Jerusalem; "TNT" claims responsibility for all incidents. Israeli troops extend military camp on farm land in 'Ush al-Ghurab belonging to Beit Sahour residents confiscated 10/7/83 for "military purposes."

Arab World: Israeli gunboats attack Arafat base in Tripoli.

Saturday, December 10

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel police summon Jamal Mu'adi, head of Druze Initiative Committee, charged with holding illegal public gathering 4 months ago. 75 American and 75 Israeli participants join for 1st World Jewish Young Leadership Assembly in Sodom.

MILITARY ACTION:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Torat Kohanim yeshiva students under border patrol guard break into and occupy building under control of "Custodian of Absentee Property" in Jerusalem's Muslim Quarter.

Sunday, December 11

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli police arrest Ephraim Segal, US-immigrant Elon Moreh settler, for questioning in murder of Nablus girl (12/8/83). 2 Israeli buses damaged and 1 Kiryat Arba settler hurt in hail of stones outside Dheisheh refugee camp. Hebron man obtains order nisi requiring West Bank commander to give cause for sealing of his home.

Arab World: Villagers in Milke, S. Lebanon riot against IDF patrol; 5 villagers injured, several arrested.

MILITARY ACTION:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 2 petrol bombs thrown at Israeli police bus near al-Bireh. Occupation forces demolish 3 Palestinian homes and seal 4 others in Hebron and Ramallah belonging to suspected members of groups hostile to Israel.

Other Countries: US Sec. of State Shultz criticized in Tunis for US-Israel "strategic cooperation."

MILITARY ACTION:

Arab World: Gemayel advisor discloses orders received in Washington to move LAF into Druze-held Chouf as US and Israeli warplanes provide cover and US ships blanket area with heavy artillery.

Monday, December 12

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Denied building permits since 1948, refugees of Kadita village living in Anbara camp granted 35 dunums by Israeli Lands Administration. In response to latest clashes with Arab residents in Upper Nazareth, Arab-Jewish committee formed in Jerusalem to

combat increasing racism against Arabs. Law in the Service of Man (Ramallah) publishes reply to misinformation in US State Dep't. report on Israel's human rights record.

Arab World: US Sec. of State Shultz defends "strategic cooperation" with Israel during talks with HM Hassan II in Rabat. About 2,000 Lebanese and Palestinian former Ansar prisoners rearrested and interrogated by Israeli forces. Israeli military court in Nablus sentences 14 youths from Qabatyah to 2 to 3-year prison terms for stone-throwing.

MILITARY ACTION:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Dhib Mahmoud Daba'ak killed instantly by Israeli patrol while ploughing field near Tayasir, NW of Nablus; body airlifted to Jaffa for autopsy and Israel Army spokesman announces man killed by stray bullet while riding horse into firing range. Israeli forces set up checkpoints at entrances to al-Najah National University, harassing students and faculty. Booby-trapped IDF grenade explodes on doorstep of Palestinian home in Husan village; 2 other bombs discovered in search of village.

Tuesday,

December 13 _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Red Cross reports Israel reneged on terms of last month's prisoner exchange, citing case of Ziad Abu Ain; PLO claims 39 still held in defiance of agreement; Israel DM communicate blames error in ICRC/Israel coordination for reversal of Abu Ain's release. Patron of Birkat Avraham yeshiva remanded for 4 days for disregarding gov't. order to remove illegal structure. Trial begins for 10 Palestinians charged with harassment of Jewish settlers in

Galilee and organizing demonstrations. Israel Bonds Organization announces total of \$475,434,250. raised in 1983 (compared with \$502,144,500. in 1982); total since 1951 more than \$6.5 billion.

Arab World: Jordan Cabinet confirms 12 Jordanians of Palestinian origin given death sentences *in absentia* by special military court for selling West Bank land to Israel.

Other Countries: Gemayel in London for 2 days of talks with PM Thatcher. Responding to reports that Israel asked US for Pershing 11 missiles, Shamir sends message to USSR that Israel would not acquire missiles capable of hitting Russia. UN Gen. Assembly adopts resolution calling for peace conference inviting all parties, including US, USSR and PLO on equal footing [124-4, 15 abstentions].

MILITARY ACTION:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Abdullah Ahmed Musa, worker from Bir al-Basha/Jenin, found dead near Akka; family fears killed by Israeli vigilantes.

Arab World: US and Israeli navies launch simultaneous but separate attacks on Syrian and Palestinian positions, respectively, near Lebanese coast. Grenade thrown at IDF patrol near Sidon, 2 Israeli patrol soldiers wounded; Israeli truck driver wounded by grenade attack south of Zaharani River.

Wednesday,

December 14 _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli authorities unfreeze \$200,000 of \$1 million seized from Gaza Islamic U. 1 year ago. Suspect in murder of Nablus girl (12/8/83) released for lack of evidence. DM Moshe Arens announces Israel will

review policy of blowing up homes of Palestinians charged with actions against the state.

Arab World: Israel joins LAF and Red Cross in evacuating 2,000-2,500 Phalangist militiamen and other Christians from Deir al-Qamar from Druze forces.

Thursday, December 15 _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: High Court delays order to demolish 2 al-Thowri homes belonging to families of persons suspected of indirect involvement in killing of Israeli settler in Hebron. 3 Dura teenagers sentenced by Ramallah military court to 15-30 years for membership in "illegal organizations." 2 Gaza Red Crescent Society officials, Dr. Haidar Abd al-Shafi & Abd al-Karim Tululi, tried for possession of banned books. Town arrest of Hamdi Faraj, executive member of Arab Journalists Assoc., renewed for 6 months. Israel Central Bureau of Statistics announces inflation to reach 190% by end 1983 (compared with 130% in 1982).

Other Countries: Israel's 1985 American aid request presented simultaneously in Washington and Jerusalem; no final sum, but declares need for \$3.3 billion to fill foreign currency gap. Reagan appoints Orthodox Jew, Marshall Jordan Berger to post as White House liaison to US Jewish community. UNRWA disavows any connection with Israeli gov't.'s proposed refugee resettlement scheme. US praises Israel-assisted rescue of Phalangist militiamen from Deir al-Qamar as "model for further progress in the reconciliation process in Lebanon." European Parliament to send delegation to Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Israel and Egypt to examine possibilities of solutions to Middle East

and Lebanon conflict.

MILITARY ACTION:

Arab World: USS New Jersey's 16-inch guns, in action for first time since Vietnam war, fire at Syrian anti-aircraft batteries east of Beirut.

Friday, December 16 _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Egyptian diplomats in Tel Aviv complain of anonymous phone threats and vandalism against their cars and homes; Israel Foreign Ministry dismisses acts as "normal Tel Aviv crime."

Arab World: Gemayel makes visit to Col. Qadhafi in Tripoli, Libya.

Other Countries: US and Israel reach agreement for future US military use of Israeli medical facilities.

Saturday, December 17 _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Homes of 13 Palestinian families demolished in Ras al-Amoud near Jerusalem and Israeli court grants the land to Israeli construction company, Tomer. 32 refugee families from Beach Camp (Gaza), whose homes demolished by occupation forces, appeal to UNRWA & other humanitarian agencies for aid in 2nd winter without proper shelter. Israel declares Dheisheh refugee camp closed military zone, forcing Israeli Committee for Solidarity with BZU volunteers to stop helping pave road; 2 Israelis & TV crew detained. EL AL forbids flights over "Temple Mount" on advice of former Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren that the holiness of the site extends to the air above it; "therefore, there is fear

that religiously unclean people will defile that airspace by flying through it."

Arab World: 97 wounded Palestinian loyalist fighters evacuated by Italian hospital ship to Tunis and PDRY. Senior Egyptian official, Shafi Abdel Hamid, declines invitation to visit Israel.

Other Countries: US Asst. Sec. of Health signs 5-year agreement with Israel providing for exchange of information on social services and human development.

Sunday, December 18 _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Coordinating Bureau of Economic Organizations and Histadrut agree workers to get 17.9% cost of living raise, effective 12/25/83.

Other Countries: Israel Radio claims Reagan made secret pact with Israel to increase military aid in 1986; US State Dep't. asserts no secret agreement signed "while Shamir was here." [In fact, Reagan signed secret National Security Decision Directive for closer strategic cooperation and commitment to Israel on 10/9/83.]

MILITARY ACTION:

Arab World: US F-14s meet Syrian anti-aircraft fire over Beirut; US warships bombard Syrian-controlled hills. For fifth time in 9 days, Israeli gunboats shell Palestinians awaiting evacuation at Tripoli; Palestinian fighters return fire. 2 Israeli soldiers seriously wounded, 1 Lebanese killed in grenade attack on IDF patrol near Sidon; Israelis open fire on crowd gathering after incident.

Monday, December 19 _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli gov't.

denies Israel Radio report that Dep. PM Levy met with King Hussein in Paris. Israeli official complains that US consulate officials in Jerusalem "encouraging" pro-PLO circles. DM Arens affirms Israel will continue to use house demolition as "pre-trial punishment."

Other Countries: Soviet-born Israeli arrested and charged with arson in Amsterdam's porno row fire which killed 13 and injured at least 25.

Tuesday, December 20 _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Dep. Knesset Speaker Cohen-Avidov justifies telling his son serving in West Bank to ignore IDF restriction on use of arms against stone-throwers. Student council elections held in Gaza Islamic U. and Bir Zeit U; Student Youth Movement wins all 9 seats in BZU council. Striking dock workers force business, gov't. and port authorities to create special fund to transport cargoes by air.

Arab World: Arafat and some 4,000 loyalists sail from Tripoli on 5 chartered Greek passenger ships escorted by French Navy.

Other Countries: Resolutions adopted in UN Gen. Assembly: denouncing new US-Israeli accord [87-29, 29 abstentions]; condemning increasing collaboration between Israel and S. Africa (especially in nuclear field) [101-18, 20 abst.]; calling for economic and military sanctions against Israel [84-24, 31 abst.]; declaring Israel's decision to impose jurisdiction over Jerusalem null and void [137-1, 3 abst.]; and condemning Israel's plundering of Palestinian cultural property during occupation of Lebanon [120-1, 20 abst.]. S. California Edison Co. buys \$15 million

solar plant from Israeli firm, Ormat.

MILITARY ACTION:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Hand-grenade thrown at Border Patrol vehicle in Gaza. Israeli troops use teargas against about 100 students protesting occupation and attempts to put al-Najah National U. under military control; hours later, petrol bomb flung at Israeli foot patrol, no injuries. Greek Orthodox nun and Muslim muezzin injured when 2 IDF grenades explode in al-Eizariya (Bethany); "TNT" claims responsibility.

Arab World: 2 Israeli soldiers and 5 Lebanese civilians wounded by grenade hurled at Israeli patrol in Sidon; 2 Israeli soldiers wounded by land mine near Jib Jennin; explosive device wounds 1 Israeli in Ghaziyeh village in S. Lebanon; attacks on Israelis in Lebanon total 6 today.

Wednesday,

December 21

SOCIAL POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 24-day dock workers' strike ends with workers accepting 25% pay increase, but with higher work quotas and worker layoffs.

MILITARY ACTION:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 3 Palestinian-owned cars set ablaze in E. Jerusalem; no response from fire dep't.; police respond after 45 mins.; Israeli vigilantes suspected.

Arab World: At least 2 killed by Israeli air raids in S. Lebanon. Israeli soldiers ransack mosque in Lebanese village of Aadlun, triggering religious protests and general strike there.

Thursday,

December 22

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli FM Yehud Ben-Meir resigns. During visit of Italy's FM Giulio Andreotti, PM Shamir voices alarm at potential damage to Israel's exports if Spain and Portugal admitted to EEC. Israel's High Court refuses recently-imprisoned conscientious objector's challenge to re-mobilization orders issued immediately on his release from prison. Muslim cemetery in Jaffa vandalized; tombstones spray-painted with threats to Arabs, signed "TNT."

Arab World: Arafat meets Pres. Mubarak in Cairo; DFLP criticizes move; Khaled Fahum terms it "flagrant violation of rule of PNC;" Saleh Khalaf calls it a personal move by Arafat.

Other Countries: US hails Mubarak-Arafat mtg. Venice prosecutor issues warrant for Arafat's arrest on charge he had knowledge PLO supplied weapons to Red Brigade.

MILITARY ACTION:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Hebron curfewed after grenade thrown at Usama Ibn Munqeth School, occupied by Jewish squatters.

Friday,

December 23

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Arab World: Jordan and Egypt sign new trade protocol agreement to revive economic ties.

MILITARY ACTION:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Curfew imposed on central Hebron after grenade thrown at Beit Romano, occupied by Jewish squatters. Amal Salim Wahdan Labadi, member of Women's Work Committee and trea-

suror of Abu Dis Public Institutions Workers' Union, placed under town arrest in Abu Dis for "security reasons;" Labadi is 6 mos. pregnant.

Other Countries: Fleeing gunman fires at Israeli charge'd'affaires in Malta.

Sunday, December 25 _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Ansar prisoner, Othman Raafat Said Hamdan, scheduled for release in November prisoner exchange, discovered still held in Israel's Atlit military prison. Israeli Cabinet accuses Egypt of violating spirit of Camp David by Mubarak's meeting with Arafat. Railroad workers in North strike for 3 days to protest erosion of salaries. Estimated 12,000 tourists visit Bethlehem at Christmas.

Arab World: Egypt's FM Butros Ghali urges resumption of talks between Jordan and PLO.

MILITARY ACTION:

Arab World: 30 killed (mostly civilians) and 50 wounded in Beirut fighting; LAF gain control of 3 key positions near Sabra & Shatila after French withdrawal.

Monday, December 26 _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Students of West Bank vocational institutes and colleges strike to protest renewed attempts by Jordan Ministry of Education to impose comprehensive exam. Heads of Jewish settlements in occupied Golan complain that Israeli gov't. neglecting development there. PM Shamir says there is no chance for revival of Reagan peace initiative. Dr. Khalil Budeiri, 1st Pales-

tinian ophthalmologist and respected patriot, dies.

Arab World: Arafat arrives in Yemen Arab Republic with loyalists aboard Greek ship; 10 marriages and 1 birth took place on board during weeklong voyage.

Other Countries: US presidential candidate, Jesse Jackson, invited to Damascus for talks by Pres. Hafez al-Assad.

MILITARY ACTION:

Arab World: 1 Israeli soldier killed in Sidon ambush.

Tuesday, December 27 _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Postal workers strike for improved benefits and working conditions. Death penalty conferred on 2 Palestinian men, Maher & Karim Yunis, convicted of killing Israeli soldier in 1980; families maintain confessions were extracted by torture. 6 mo. town arrest order imposed on Khaled Qidra Abd al-Hadi, Deputy General Secretary of Gaza Lawyers Union.

Arab World: Arafat meets with Fateh Central Committee in Sana'a, YAR. Cease-fire called in Beirut; after 3 days fighting, about 60 (mainly Lebanese and Palestinian civilians) killed, 150 wounded. Egyptian foreign affairs advisor says US should open talks with Arafat, calling him "a voice of reason and moderation."

Other Countries: US State Dep't. assails Soviet cut in Jewish emigration as "an unmitigated act of evil."

Wednesday, December 28 _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: In proposal to

curb public spending, Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad proposes freeze on further Israeli settlements; Peace Now hails plan; rightwing Tehiya Party threatens to pull out of coalition if plan approved. *Haaretz* publishes poll indicating 48.5% Israeli respondents oppose more settlements on West Bank; 26.9% favor. General strike in Eilat sees 5,000 residents demonstrate against closure of Timma Copper Works and general economic distress. Striking postal workers ordered back to work. Abed Abu Diab, Jerusalem unionist and consultant to Jerusalem Electric Co., gets 5th renewal of 6-month town arrest order.

MILITARY ACTION:

Arab World: 1 Israeli soldier killed and 2 wounded in ambush on IDF border patrol in Jezzine, S. Lebanon.

Thursday, December 29

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Encouraged by US urging to restore Egypt-Israel relations, Shafi Abdul Hamid received by Shamir. [Hamid is first ranking Egyptian diplomat to visit Israel since invasion of Lebanon.] On eve of cabinet mtg. over austerity measures, PM Shamir calls emergency mtg. for Herut members of Cabinet in unity attempt.

Arab World: Sidon port on general strike in response to Israel's occupation, recent killing of 3 and arrest of 2 local citizens. Aides in Sana'a, YAR announce Arafat approves military plan for future PLO action.

Other Countries: 13 retired US generals and admirals return from visit to Israel sponsored by B'nai Brith.

Friday, December 30

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Central Bureau of Statistics announces Israel's economy grew less than 1% in 1983, foreign debt set at \$23 billion. Cabinet defers decision on urgent economic recovery program; announces new round of consumer price increases. US 6th Fleet serviced in Haifa; 2 US warships under repair in Israel Shipyard; US sailors expected to spend \$5 million on leave there during month of December.

Arab World: Arafat arrives in Tunis for Fateh Central Committee mtg. Israel seals off Awali River crossings between North Lebanon and occupied South. Public demonstrations staged throughout S. Lebanon protesting Israeli occupation.

Other Countries: Indonesia decides not to host 1984 International Parliamentary Union conference as Israel expected to attend.

MILITARY ACTION:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 2 IDF grenade-bombs explodes in 2 mosques in Hebron; 1 worshipper slightly wounded; Israeli "TNT" claims responsibility. Bomb spotted and defused on Jerusalem bus.

Saturday, December 31

SOCIAL POLITICAL

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Bomb explodes at home of Haj Rashad Shawwa, former mayor of Gaza; no injuries.

Arab World: Israelis reopen Ansar concentration camp. Lebanese gov't. protests to US over closure of access to South Lebanon and mass arrests by Israel over past 2 days. DM Spadoloni tells Lebanese

gov't. of plan to halve Italian MNF troops.

MILITARY ACTION:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 110 lb. bomb explodes at roadside south of Sidon; witnesses say 2-3 Israelis killed. Bomb explodes as IDF vehicle patrols area near Nusrat refugee camp.

Sunday,

January 1 _____

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli Dep. Cabinet Min. warns 50-100,000 Israelis may emigrate in 1984. Israeli police report material evidence links shooting of Nablus girls (12/8/83) to Yosef Harnoi (of Tel Aviv & Elon Moreh); Pinhas Mahrabi and Ephraim Segal as accomplices. 19th anniversary of establishment of PLO. Hanna Nakkara distinguished Palestinian advocate, well-known for his work in defense of Bedouin rights and against land confiscation, dies in Haifa.

MILITARY ACTION:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Rida Hashem Zeid Keelani of Jenin shot dead by Israeli patrol at Jalazoun refugee camp for failing to stop for identity check; occupation authorities force family to bury body at night to avoid attention; IDF later announces victim listed as suspected terrorist. Central Nablus placed under curfew after petrol bomb attack on IDF foot patrol; later, petrol bomb hurled at patrol in Balata refugee camp; petrol bomb attack reported in Jabaliya refugee camp in Gaza Strip.

Monday,

January 2 _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 3 Galilee youths held since 9/27/83 sentenced to 6-15 mos. prison for participation in 1983 Land Day demonstration; lawyer says

youths subjected to physical and psychological torture while in Jalameh and Akka prisons. Israeli Ministerial Economic Committee sets Friday deadline for gov't. dep'ts. to present budget proposals with 9% overall spending cut; DM Arens rejects notion of cutting budget for development of Lavi bomber. *Jerusalem Post* poll reports 72% favor cut in spending for West Bank settlements. Settlers from Yakir and Kedumim, bitter over arrest of 3 Israelis suspected of Nablus killings (12/8/83), return IDF-issued weapons to Israeli authorities.

Arab World: Rev. Jesse Jackson meets Pres. Assad in Damascus, appeals release of US airman downed 12/4/83.

MILITARY ACTION:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Incendiary bomb thrown at Israeli military patrol at Balata refugee camp; no casualties.

Arab World: Israelis reopen Awali River crossings after 3 days.

Tuesday,

January 3 _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel civil servants stop work over new austerity measures, including 15% increases in staple food prices as subsidies cut. Knesset Finance Committee approves 14% increase in electricity costs, retroactive to 12/1/83. Social Workers Union members demonstrate before Labor and Social Affairs Ministry to protest recent sanctions.

Arab World: Syria releases US airman to Rev. Jesse Jackson.

Other Countries: Before American Jewish Committee in NY, Israel's former advisor on Arab affairs Menahem Milson says Palestinians should be granted right to

organize politically (provided they recognize Israel and reject PLO). Britain declassifies 1953 secret memorandum outlining early plans to arm Israel.

MILITARY ACTION:

Arab World: Israeli Kfir bombers launch 2 attacks on suspected Palestinian positions in Bhamdoun, Lebanon. Some non-essential IDF personnel withdrawn from Sidon.

Wednesday, January 4

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: In response to report of arrest of 160 former Ansar detainees, DM Arens says only 16.

Arab World: Fateh Central Committee ends 3 days of talks in Tunis; 5 rebel officers expelled from PLO military ranks: Mohammed Tarki al-Khadra, Mohammed Zahran, Lt. Col. Mahmoud Hamdan (Abu Adwi), Maj. Yusef al-Ajjouri and Said Musa (Abu Musa).

Other Countries: Jury selection begins in Albufeira, Portugal for trial of Muhammed Hussein Rashid (a.k.a. Yousef al-Awad), for murder of Issam Sartawi (4/10/83); defendent denies guilt.

MILITARY ACTION:

Arab World: 16 Israeli bombers inflict heavy casualties in Baalbek area; 40-100 killed, 360-400 wounded. Lebanese state court reinstates ailing Saad Haddad into Lebanese Army, reversing 7-year-old decision; Haddad being treated in Rambam Hospital, Haifa. 7 West Bank deputies cross to Jordan to attend session of reconvened Jordanian parliament.

Other Countries: Reagan says willing to meet Syrian Pres. Assad if it would help peace in the Middle East.

Thursday, January 5

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel Central Bureau of Statistics reports Israeli population grew by 1.7%; Arabs by 2.8% in 1983. Meir Kahane detained for illegal demonstration supporting Jewish terror against Arabs; Kahane allowed by interrogators to escape.

Arab World: King Hussein orders reconvening of Jordan's parliament; 12 deputies now live under Israeli occupation. International Red Cross confirms that casualties of Israeli bombing raids near Baalbek (1/4/84) were mostly civilians; Baalbek closed in general strike.

MILITARY ACTION:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Bomb in Qazizin market in Hebron; defused shortly before set to explode.

Friday, January 6

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Galilee settlements chrnm., M. Ariav, says 31 settlements in north are near economic collapse. PM Shamir meets with US envoy Rumsfeld and US Sen. Tower of Sen. Armed Services Com. Musa Jaradat, *Al-Fajr* correspondent placed under town arrest.

Saturday, January 7

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Arab World: Sheikh Jalaaladdin, Mufti of Sidon, issues statement accusing Israel of arbitrary and repressive measures designed to terrorize Sidon population. With MNF withdrawn, LAF conduct new round of mass arrests in Sabra refugee camp.

MILITARY ACTION:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Water mains connecting Esh'ar Israeli Army post blown up with make-shift bomb.

Arab World: Israeli Merkava tanks and armored vehicles spray Sidon streets with machine-gun fire three times; 3 wounded, cars and shops damaged.

Sunday, January 8

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli reservist convicted of stealing money from West Bank residents returning from Jordan. Chrmn. of US Joint Chiefs of Staff arrives from mtg. with Pres. Gemayel for 3-day visit with IDF officials. Zionist General Council convenes in Jerusalem to discuss settlement, immigration, Jewish education, as well as crisis in the Zionist movement. Muhammed Amireh, journalist with *al-Quds*, placed under town arrest for 6 mos. Palestinian journalist, Raymonda Tawil prevented from leaving West Bank to participate in political debate for West German television. Meir Kahane, after stating to press he would turn himself in only if later released on bail, reports to Jerusalem police station; released on IS25,000 bail and ordered to turn over US passport to authorities.

Arab World: 3 PLO Executive Committee members, Abdul Mohsen Abu Maizar (Ind.), Ahmed al-Yamani (PFLP) and Yasser Abed Rabbo (PDFLP), leave talks in Tunis, return to Damascus. Syrian and Lebanese FM's meet in Riyadh with Saudi counterparts for talks on Lebanon security plan; talks focus on Syrian call for repudiation of May 17 agreement.

Monday, January 9

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 500 industrial, service & gov't. workers protest at Finance Ministry against yesterday's work sanctions. 2 Likud MKs present urgent agenda for freeze on new settlements in occupied territories. 15 Bedouin sheikhs present PM Shamir with complaints of deteriorating conditions as Israeli military continue to expropriate grazing and watering lands in Negev and Galilee; Shamir says the issue will be turned over to Agriculture Ministry. Mapam MK Elazar Granot proposes Alignment table bill abolishing state of emergency in effect in Israel since 1948.

Arab World: Jordanian Parliament meets for first time since 1976; amends constitution to permit Palestinians from Israeli-occupied West Bank to be appointed as members. Former Lebanese PM Saeb Salam protests to LAF commander Gen. Ibrahim Tannous recent LAF mass arrests of civilians carried out in Sabra and Shatila camps.

MILITARY ACTION:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Grenade thrown under IDF patrol vehicle explodes without injury in Jericho.

Tuesday, January 10

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 2 homes in Marj al-Dudeh near Yatta demolished without warning by Israeli military bulldozers, claiming buildings were not licensed; residents expelled. Nablus military court issues prison sentences of 2½ to 4½ years to 5 youths from Bidya villages believed to have thrown Molotov cocktails at Israeli

and collaborators' cars. MK Shulamit Aloni discloses secret military document recommending Israeli withdrawal of IDF from Lebanon. Settlers from Ofra go on window-smashing rampage, damaging 10 cars belonging to Palestinians. 2 IDF grenade bombs discovered in Hebron synagogue by Arab workers doing repairs there; investigation directed to Israeli vigilante group, "TNT."

Other Countries: Int'l. Commission of Jurists (Geneva) accuses Israeli authorities of arresting Palestinian students without charge to prevent them from taking important exams.

Wednesday, January 11

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 3 Palestinian homes bulldozed by Israeli occupation forces in Samu' and Tarqumiya villages on pretext that they were built without license. Ariel Sharon rejected as candidate for chairmanship of Jewish Agency's immigration department. PM Shamir announces budget for West Bank settlements to be cut. Ramallah teacher and member of teachers' committee, Fadel Rimawi, and Ismail Othman, principal of Hashemiya secondary school, raided by occupation troops, confiscating books. More than 70 members of "Green Patrols," para-military wing of Israeli nature conservation assoc., in convoy of 14 vehicles, force Bedouin shepherd women to return to their homes, abandoning sheep; sheep returned next day minus 25 head, Bedouins charged IS150,000 for their transportation plus IS157,000 fines.

Other Countries: Portuguese court acquits Muhammed Hussein Rashid of Issam Sartawi murder; sentences him to 3 years in prison for using forged passport.

Thursday, January 12

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF Brigadier-General Amos Yaron, criticized in March 1983 report for role in Sabra and Shatila massacres, promoted to full general in spite of recommendation that "no command be given to him for three years." Karam Saleh Karam of Bethlehem fined IS50,000 and given suspended sentence of 3 years prison for demonstrating and throwing stones at Israeli border guards last year. 30 Dheisheh camp residents summoned to Bethlehem military governor's office and told to create council of camp residents to coordinate with "civil administration;" proposal rejected by refugees citing "lack of faith" in military gov't. Political prisoner, Nabil shawkeh, sentenced (November 1982) to 7 years prison for membership in "hostile organization," deported to Jordan following drastic deterioration of health and subsequent repeated request by his lawyer for release.

Arab World: US envoy Rumsfeld arrives in Damascus for talks with Syrian officials.

Other Countries: 9 children wounded in Israeli invasion of Lebanon arrive in NY for medical treatment sponsored by "Save Lebanon" project of the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee; 40 have already been treated under this project.

MILITARY ACTION:

Arab World: IDF convoy ambushed near Zahrani River, 3 soldiers wounded.

Friday, January 13

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Other Countries: British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe rejects Israeli argument

that PLO has no role in Middle East settlement and Israeli amb. Yehuda Avner's censure of Howe's statement from Riyadh, urging Israel's recognition of Palestinian rights to self-determination, criticizing West Bank settlement policy and calling for PLO involvement in peace talks. Italian gov't. rejects Gemayel's demand that its MNF contingent withdraw from Palestinian refugee camps and concentrate on protection of Beirut commercial establishments and government buildings. US amb. to UN Kirkpatrick rejects Sec. Gen. Perez de Cuellar's Middle East peace conference proposal as "ill-considered and harmful."

Saturday, January 14 _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Arab World: Maj. Saad Haddad dies of cancer at his home in Marjayoun, Lebanon. US envoy rumsfeld meets with Hafez al-Assad in Damascus.

Sunday, January 15 _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 500 settlers from southern kibbutzim demonstrate before PM's office in Jerusalem for immediate IDF withdrawal from Lebanon. Occupation authorities ban *Al-Fajr* journalist from entering West Bank for 1 year and Gaza for 6 months; no explanation given. [The journalist recently served 4 mos. in jail for possession of "banned printed material."]

MILITARY ACTION:

Arab World: 2 grenades thrown at IDF patrols in central Sidon; 1 in Nabitiya; roadside bomb explodes by remote control as IDF passes near Ansar.

Monday, January 16 _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Special Cabinet session to discuss implementation of planned take-over of Hebron market postponed for members to attend Saad Haddad funeral.

Arab World: Fourth Islamic summit Conference convenes in Casablanca with 24 heads of state attending; Afghanistan, Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Libya and Syria presidents not attending. Maj. Saad Haddad buried in Marjayoun, Lebanon; Israelis attending funeral include PM Shamir, DM Moshe Arens, Ariel Sharon, Shimon Peres, FM David Kimche.

Other Countries: Officials of the National Assoc. of Arab Americans (NAAA) meet with US Pres. Reagan in Washington; urge Marines withdraw from Lebanon. Presidents of major American Jewish organizations send cable to W. German chancellor Kohl calling for cancellation of arms sale to Saudi Arabia.

Tuesday, January 17 _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli military court in Nablus sentences Nayef Sweitat to 9 mos. prison on charges of contact with PLO. Israeli National Insurance Institute releases figures indicating 10% of Israel's population lives below poverty level. Brigadier Shlomo Ilya, head of Israeli "civil administration" in West Bank, resigns in connection with military police investigation of corruption. Israel government workers stage warning strike in support of wage increases; public services, including radio and television broadcasts disrupted. High Court order nisi chal-

lenges Gaza military court decision to demolish 24 Palestinian homes in Jabaliya refugee camp.

Arab World: Several leaders of Palestine Liberation Front in Damascus reportedly kidnapped by rival members of PLF.

MILITARY ACTION:

Arab World: Villages from Iqlim al-Kharrub to Souq al-Gharb resist LAF mass arrests and imposition of "mourning curfew" by IDF forces after Saad Had-dad's death.

Wednesday, January 18

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Arab World: Adjournment of Islamic Summit delayed over issue of Egypt's readmission to membership.

Other Countries: Israeli Pres. Chaim Herzog arrives in Kinshasa for 1st visit to a black African nation since Yom Kippur war.

MILITARY ACTION:

Arab World: Dr. Malcolm Kerr, President of American University of Beirut, gunned down near his office by unknown assailant.

Thursday, January 19

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Military court sentences 6 young Aida refugee camp residents to 5-9-year jail terms for throwing petrol bombs at military vehicles.

Arab World: Egypt readmitted to Islamic Conference Organization by majority vote; Syrian, Libyan and PDRY delegations walk out in protest.

MILITARY ACTION:

Arab World: Light arms fire directed at

IDF troops at Sidon port; no injuries reported. Bomb explodes at home of Abed Kabub, chairman of Islamic Waqf, Jaffa; local leaders suspect "TNT."

Friday, January 20

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: As students escalate protests against Jordan's imposition of comprehensive exams, UNRWA-operated Ramallah Teachers Training Centers for men and women close for 8 days. Israeli police arrest Yonah Aburushmim in connection with last year's murder of Peace Now activist Emil Grünzweig. Palestinian home in Ibtin village destroyed by Israeli police bulldozer on pretext that structure was unlicensed.

Other Countries: British PM Thatcher and US envoy Donald Rumsfeld meet in London to discuss alternatives to MNF in Lebanon.

Saturday, January 21

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Yesh Gvul holds teach-in on war in Lebanon at Tel Aviv cinema.

MILITARY ACTION:

Arab World: Lebanese Shi'ite spiritual leader, Sheikh Abbas Harb, arrested in his Hallusiyeh home by IDF and whisked off by helicopter to unknown location; his home demolished in 30 mins. by IDF bulldozer. UNRWA Commissioner General Olof Rydbeck denounces increase in arrests, kidnappings, assassinations, injuries and disappearances of Palestinian refugees from S. Lebanon camps over past 2 months.

**Sunday,
January 22** _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 200 settlers from Kibbutz Ein Hashofet demonstrate near PM's office, demand immediate IDF withdrawal from Lebanon. 4 Palestinian Druze members of Israeli border police suspended for refusal to serve in Lebanon.

MILITARY ACTION:

Arab World: IDF forces besiege Hallusiyeh, al-Homeira and Tarafelsiyeh villages in S. Lebanon, conducting mass arrests.

**Monday,
January 23** _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Representatives of 31 Palestinian institutions in West Bank meet at BZU to issue statement strongly rejecting moves by Jordan to recall National Assembly with Palestinian participation as conspiracy undermining PLO achievements. Israeli Cabinet approves 1984 budget of \$20.1 billion providing for \$169 million cut in military spending. Leader of "Sons of the Cedars" militia, Etienne Saqr (a.k.a. Abu Arz), meets with PM Shamir in Jerusalem.

Other Countries: US and Israeli officials meet for 2 days of talks in Washington on expanded military and political cooperation. Joseph Churba, Dir. of Center for International Security, NY, asserts Israel's military involvement with pro-Western Central American forces is part of Israeli state policy to prevent US becoming bogged down defending the western hemisphere.

**Tuesday,
January 24** _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: W. German Chancellor Kohl arrives for official 6-day visit amid tight security and demonstrations by Israeli WW II holocaust survivors.

Other Countries: Mu'in Bseisso, Palestinian poet, found dead in London hotel room. Argentine Jewish community voices apprehension over Knesset delegation involvement in investigations into fate of Jewish *desapericidos*.

**Wednesday,
January 25** _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Former chief of staff Yigael Yadin submits affidavit stating IDF seizure of Hebron central bus station is not justifiable for reasons of security. PM Shamir survives 3 no confidence motions in Knesset. *Al-Fajr* journalist, Awad Abdel Fattah, denied access to West Bank and Gaza for 1 year by Israeli occupation authorities. Yaqoub Hijazi, owner of Akka publishing house, summoned by Israeli police for questioning about new book of short stories; police confiscate copies of the book, claiming it is "inciting."

Arab World: Lebanese Shi'ite leader, Raghib Harb, makes last public appearance in Hallusiyeh rally after fellow Shi'ite leader arrested by IDF.

Other Countries: Israeli Pres. Herzog ends African visit, returning from Liberia with wide-ranging commercial cooperation agreement. *Washington Post* alleges presidential candidate Rev. Jesse Jackson privately made anti-Jewish remark; Zionist

anti-Jackson campaign accuses candidate of "racism" and "anti-Semitism."

Thursday, January 26 _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli firm J.O.E.L. strikes oil in commercial quantities at Gurim in Negev.

Other Countries: Reagan administration informs Israeli gov't. of plans to renew efforts to supply Jordan with \$220 million in military equipment for 8,000-man strike force for Gulf.

MILITARY ACTION:

Arab World: Israeli-backed militia leader in S. Lebanon, Mohammed Farhat, shot and killed by assailant in speeding car in Ramun village.

Friday, January 27 _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Other Countries: Smithsonian Institution (Washington) cancels planned Israeli archaeological exhibit as Israel unable to verify ownership of artifacts. In letter to UN Sec. Gen. Perez de Cuellar, Israeli UN amb. Blum claims UN is largely responsible for worldwide resurgence of anti-Semitism.

Saturday, January 28 _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli gov't. press office tries to rescind statement by PM office Dir.-Gen. Mattityahu Shmuelovitz that arms sales to Saudi Arabia might force Israel to launch "preemptive strike."

MILITARY ACTION:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Jewish extremists, reportedly suspected "TNT" mem-

bers, flee Jerusalem police after plot to blow up Dome of the Rock and al-Aqsa Mosque with IDF explosives; four men apprehended and later released. 17 year-old Palestinian boy, Nasser al-Sarisi, killed by Israeli soldiers in Nablus when youths attack border patrol with stones; violent protests follow, resulting in 2 shot in legs when troops open fire on crowd.

Sunday, January 29 _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli Cabinet Minister, Mordechai Ben Porat, resigns over disagreements with PM Shamir on Lebanon policy and economic situation. Israeli military court takes into custody David Shemtov, suspected of stealing and selling IDF grenades and bullets. Youths in Balata camp demonstrate to protest murder of Nablus boy (1/28/84); Israeli troops use tear gas to break up crowd.

Monday, January 30 _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: IDF grenade bomb discovered in Jerusalem near Via Dolorosa; 3 found near Lions Gate.

Other Countries: Pentagon notifies US Congress of plan to sell 35 additional M48A5 tanks to Lebanon at cost of \$28 million to total 137. Australian FM Bill Hayden urges freeze on settlements in occupied territories and Israel's recognition of Palestinian right to self-determination during talks with Shamir in Jerusalem.

**Tuesday,
January 31** _____

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Acting chrmn. of Israeli Cabinet Settlement Committee Yuval Ne'eman (Tehiya party), announces 2 new Jewish settlements in occupied Gaza. Jerusalem district attorney files charges against 6 Kiryat Arba settlers for rioting in Hebron market last July.

Other Countries: US House of Representatives Democrats agree on resolution for "prompt and orderly withdrawal" of Marines from Lebanon.

**Wednesday,
February 1** _____**SOCIAL/POLITICAL:**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Knesset vote defeats Shamir proposal to build a "Jewish Quarter" in Hebron. Israeli professor sends letter of protest to DM Arens concerning confiscation of books and arbitrary arrests of Arab students at Beer Sheba U.; Negev Human Rights Association presents petitions.

Other Countries: Chile refuses Israel's request to extradite former SS officer Walter Rauff for trial as Nazi war criminal in Israel. US Pres. Reagan declares he will ignore House resolution for US withdrawal from Lebanon.

**Thursday,
February 2** _____**SOCIAL/POLITICAL:**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Military authorities order closure of BZU central campus for 3 mos. after student demonstrations protesting attempt to blow up al-Aqsa Mosque. Shamir announces to Knesset plans for 5 new settlements for 7,000 settlers in Golan over coming 5 years.

**Friday,
February 3** _____**SOCIAL/POLITICAL:**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 2 suspects in attempt to blow up Dome of the Rock and al-Aqsa Mosque, Meir Liebowitz of Brooklyn and Bart Silverman of New Jersey, arrested by Jerusalem police while attending JDL rally. Over 300 leading Palestinian personalities attend *arba'in* memorial for Dr. Khalil Dubeiri at Women's Union HQ in Jerusalem.

**Saturday,
February 4** _____**SOCIAL/POLITICAL:**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 40,000 join Peace Now demonstration in Tel Aviv against Israel's occupation of Lebanon.

Arab World: Lebanese Shi'ite leader, Nabih Berri, calls on Muslim cabinet ministers to resign and Muslim LAF soldiers to quit army.

MILITARY ACTION:

Arab World: IDF position at Sidon port and patrol 8 miles north of Tyre subject to light weapons ambushes.

**Sunday,
February 5** _____**SOCIAL/POLITICAL:**

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Gov't. school-teachers in West Bank repeat demand for 100% wage increase.

Arab World: Lebanese PM Shafiq Wazzan and 9-member cabinet resign under pressure from Muslim groups opposed to Gemayel gov't.; Gemayel accepts resignations; offers Saudi-backed 8-point plan for national reconciliation, including promise that "everything is negotiable."

MILITARY ACTION:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Homes of Pales-

tinians suspected in killing of Israeli settler in Hebron sealed in pre-trial punishment.

Arab World: Booby-trapped car in Nabatiya explodes, injuring 1 Israeli and 4 Lebanese civilians; automatic fire opens up on IDF convoy 4 miles south of Jezzine and south of Ansariya. Israeli Air Force jet crashes in Sinai, pilot killed; Egypt returns body to IAF.

Monday, February 6 _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Arab World: Lebanese Shi'ite and Druze leaders call for Pres. Gemayel's resignation.

Other Countries: US Senate Finance Committee begins hearings on issue of establishing free trade relations with Israel. US Sec. of State Shultz, in Brazilia, accuses Syria of "trying to dominate Lebanon by force." Pres. Reagan orders use of air and naval forces against anti-gov't. positions around Beirut. Late American journalist Fred Sparks' \$25,000 bequest to PLO diverted to Red Cross for work with Palestinians; decision results from protest suit taken up by 3 American Zionist organizations. Speaking in Melbourne, former Pres. Carter calls for US withdrawal from Lebanon. European Parliament Pres. Dankert criticizes Israeli policy in Middle East before Knesset and in mtg. with PM Shamir.

MILITARY ACTION:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Nisreen Ahmed Shrouf, 5 years old, killed, 2 brothers and 2 sisters wounded in Bethlehem when grenade explodes in hand; grenade suspected planted by "TNT."

Arab World: Shi'ite and Druze forces take over most of West Beirut from LAF/Pha-

lange; demand Gemayel's resignation. 2 Israelis wounded when grenades hit IDF patrols south of Zahrani River; grenade-attacks on IDF patrols in Sidon and Nabatiya market. US gunships Garcia and JF Kennedy and A-6 Intruder bombers pound mountain positions near Beirut.

Tuesday, February 7 _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Karp report criticizing Israeli law enforcement practices toward Arabs in West Bank made public; report reveals Jewish settlers who kill West Bank Palestinians enjoy high degree of immunity from police investigation. Israeli gov't. announces no intention of intervening to salvage Gemayel presidency in Beirut, in spite of reported pleas from Phalange emissaries. Interior Ministry official attacks Jerusalem Mayor Kollek for accusing political motives behind gov't. refusal to approve 5 replacement generators for Arab-owned Jerusalem Electric Co. Spokesman for Council of Jewish Settlements ("Judea & Samaria") reveals IDF commander Aluf Ori Orr instructed settlers not to cooperate with civilian police after attacks on Arabs. PM Shamir and US amb. Lewis meet for urgent talks on LAF setback. Gaza-Majdal Road checkpoints withdrawn by Israel, thereby removing only visible demarkation of 1948 border.

Other Countries: US Pres. Reagan announces plan to withdraw Marines from Beirut to warships offshore. European Parliament Pres. Dankert, speaking to Knesset, suggests Israel coordinate efforts with Morocco and Tunisia to protect agricultural exports to Europe if Spain and Portugal admitted to EEC.

**Wednesday,
February 8** _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Knesset in emergency session on consequences of US withdrawal from Lebanon; proceedings classified.

Arab World: Arafat arrives in Sana'a from Kuwait for talks with Pres. Saleh.

Other Countries: US House Speaker O'Neill claims US shelling not authorized within War Powers Act. Pope John-Paul urges pull-out of MNF from Lebanon and calls for protection of Palestinian refugees there in appeal to US Pres. Reagan. French gov't. reacts critically to US decision to pull out of Beirut; engages in diplomatic efforts to reconvene UN Security Council for replacing MNF with UN force.

MILITARY ACTION:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli patrol kills Israeli government ranger, shooting at wild dogs in field near Beit Lahiya, Gaza, mistaking him for Palestinian "guerrilla." Complaints registered with Tel Aviv police that Civil Defense volunteers from local high schools randomly beat Arabs; base commander Sarah Ruhamim, reportedly commanded pupils: "Get out of the patrol car and see that the Arabs get a beating; my daughter enjoys it terribly." Ruhamim resigned after summoned by CD commander.

Arab World: USS New Jersey fires big guns for 5 hours at artillery positions behind Syrian lines. 6th/15th Lancers of British MNF withdraw from Beirut to aircraft carrier Reliant.

**Thursday,
February 9** _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Ariel Sharon announces intention to run for leadership of Herut Party and seek nomination for PMship. BZU students hold 4-hour rally protesting IDF closure of university.

Arab World: Lebanese opposition leaders meet in Damascus; remain divided over whether or not Gemayel should resign. UN HQ in Nakoura, Lebanon files complaint to IDF of S. Lebanon militias, formerly under Saad Haddad, attacking UNIFIL forces.

MILITARY ACTION:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 2 Katyusha rockets fired from S. Lebanon hit near Metulla within Israeli border.

Arab World: US destroyers fire into Beirut hills for second day. Roadside bombs blast personnel carrier and IDF patrol south of Tyre; IDF patrol comes under light arms fire near Nabatiya.

**Friday,
February 10** _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Representatives from UNRWA and 17 West Bank refugee camps meet in Aqbat Jabr camp near Jericho to discuss youth programs.

Other Countries: Spain's Dep. PM Guerra dispels speculation of possible diplomatic relations with Israel; says conditions for relations include Israel's guaranteed borders, withdrawal from Lebanon and recognition of Palestinian rights to homeland. Britain proposes 50-man UN force to monitor Beirut's "Green Line." Mubarak arrives in Paris for talks with Pres. Mitterrand; leaders examine possible resurrection of UN Resolution 242 with

amendment calling for mutual and simultaneous Israel-PLO recognition.

MILITARY ACTION:

Arab World: Red Cross 707 with urgent medical supplies for Lebanese hospitals turned back from Beirut airport after Christian militia threatens to shoot it down. 6 Israeli Kfir jets attack Bhamdoun, Mansuriya and Baalchmay in Lebanon; at least 2 killed, several buildings damaged; Israel claims retaliation for Palestinian Katyusha attack on Metulla.

Saturday, February 11

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine: PM Shamir warns Gemayel cancellation of May 17 agreement would end Lebanon's independence, and indicates Israel would have to occupy S. Lebanon indefinitely. Israeli northern border posts fail to reopen as planned due to protests by inspectors demanding pay increases.

Arab World: Senior Syrian officials say cancellation of May 17 agreement essential for Pres. Gemayel's political survival.

Other Countries: French-Egyptian peace plan rejects reviving amended UN Res. 242.

Sunday, February 12

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Al-Najah National U. resumes classes after 21-day closure; al-Najah admin. agrees to postpone decision to withhold credit from students attending "unlicensed meetings." Israeli feminist members of Women Against Occupation demonstrate against mistreatment of imprisoned Palestinian women at public appearance of ad-

ministrator for prison affairs in Tel Aviv. In apparent response to adverse publicity, military authorities lift town arrest of Amal Wahdan. Naturei Karta spokesman Rabbi Hirsch calls for annexation of their Mea Shearim quarter to future Palestinian state. 3 Hebron residents convicted of attacks on IDF positions sentenced to 5-12 years in prison. Israeli Cabinet fails to agree on possible IDF redeployment in Lebanon after 7-hour session.

Monday, February 13

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Arab World: General strike called in Majd al-Shams (Golan) protesting Israeli occupation of Lebanon and US interference in Lebanese affairs.

Other Countries: Hungarian state business representatives meet with Israeli businessmen in Jerusalem; in absence of diplomatic relations, talks remain on private level. Soviet delegation informs US Security Council that USSR will not approve UN peacekeeping force in Lebanon until US, British, French and Italian MNF withdraw permanently.

MILITARY ACTION:

Arab World: IDF soldiers wounded by mine explosion on road to Nabatiya.

Other Countries: 50 members of US Druze community demonstrate at State Dep't. against US policy in Lebanon. FM Kimche ends 4-day official visit to Singapore.

Tuesday, February 14

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli Dep. PM Levy says Reagan decision to pull out of Lebanon shows "poor judgement and certain weakness." Israeli Chief of Staff

Eitan says IDF must remain in S. Lebanon forever to ensure safe northern border.

Other Countries: King Hussein, Pres. Mubarak and Pres. Reagan meet at White House to discuss ways to negotiated settlement of West Bank and Gaza status; Reagan disassociates self from Mubarak's appeal for "direct dialogue" with PLO. US amb. to Israel Samuel Lewis tells presidents of American Jewish organizations at Jerusalem Hilton that US Embassy should have been moved to Jerusalem in 1950s. British FM Howe states position that May 17 agreement "must not be allowed to become an obstacle to national reconciliation" in Lebanon.

MILITARY ACTION:

Arab World: Druze militias make gains against LAF; US responds by shelling Druze areas with 45 rounds from destroyers offshore

Wednesday, February 15

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: DM Arens warns Druze to stop assisting Palestinians and Syrians against Israel or it "will have no choice but to react." Druze MK Amal Nasser al-Din says Israel has nothing to lose in abrogating May 17 agreement and cooperating with S. Lebanese Shi'ites and Druze.

Other Countries: 2 Britons expelled from USSR for smuggling Zionist literature into country.

MILITARY ACTION:

Arab World: LAF collapses as Druze forces link up with Shi'ites in south Beirut

Thursday, February 16

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Arab local councils in the Triangle and Galilee strike for 2 hours to demonstrate their severe fiscal problems. Ramallah lawyer Shukri Aboudi fined IS50,000 and given 6-month jail term on charges of membership in illegal organization.

Arab World: Gemayel informs opponents he will annul May 17 agreement in exchange for their participation in reconciliation talks.

Other Countries: King Hussein flies to London for talks with PM Thatcher and FM Howe. Chairman Arafat nominated for post of rector of Glasgow University by students, election March 5.

MILITARY ACTION:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Jewish settlers break into home of 84-year-old Tulkarm man; chop off his finger when he refuses to sign over property to Israeli buyers.

Arab World: Advancing Druze militia discover 117 Druze corpses in Kfar Matta, S. Lebanon, massacred by Christian Phalange militia in 1983. Israeli tanks patrol north-coast highway to Damour demonstrating support for Phalangist takeover there. Israel-backed death-squad kills Shi'ite leader, Raghieb Harb, while walking home in Jabsheet near Nabatiya.

Friday, February 17

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Arab World: Lebanese leaders reject Gemayel's 8-point plan; Nabih Berri quoted as saying he will not consider the plan until Gemayel accepts "responsibility for massacres of the southern suburbs."

Other Countries: US approves use of \$250 million of military grants for development of Lavi jet fighter. Israeli FM Kimche attends founding of Japan-Israel Parliamentary Friendship League in Tokyo.

**Saturday,
February 18** _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Jewish Agency Settlements Dep't. head proposes 3-year moratorium on all new West Bank settlement because of economic crisis.

**Sunday,
February 19** _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Yaacov Levinson, long-time chairman of Bank Hapoalim, commits suicide after investigations into financial misdealings involving Labor Party institutions.

Arab Countries: Lebanese opposition leaders confer in Damascus. King Hussein returns to Amman after visit to US.

Other Countries: Israeli PM Shamir begins 3-days with EEC FMs in Brussels, lobbying for favorable trade treatment. Reagan admin. claims no knowledge of contact over past 9 mos. between State Dep't. and PLO via intermediary, John Mroz.

MILITARY ACTION:

Arab World: Israelis bomb positions at Hammana, Bhamdoun and Damour alleging rebel Palestinian bases there; local residents insist no Palestinians in area; Souq al-Gharb and Aley also hit.

**Monday,
February 20** _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Arab World: Italian MNF contingent complete withdrawal from Beirut, leaving

Sabra and Shatila refugee camp positions to Shi'ite militia; turn over 70-bed military hospital to Shi'ite welfare organization.

Other Countries: UN Human Rights Commission approves 2 resolutions: condemning Israel's West Bank policies of confiscation and demolition of Arab property, mass arrests and torture; calling on Israel to release Ziad Abu Ain; both resolutions passed with 11 (mostly Western) members abstaining; only US opposed. International Federation for Human Rights presents evidence to UN commission of Lebanese security forces and Phalangist militia abductions of more than 1,500 civilians in S. Lebanon in conjunction with IDF. Gen. Manager of Yuval Guitars, Katzrin settlement (Golan), reports sell-out of Israeli 'ouds marketed at World Music Festival in Frankfurt to Saudi, Lebanese, Syrian and Tunisian buyers.

**Tuesday,
February 21** _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Former chief of staff, Eitan heckled during visit to Beer Sheba U. on tour of Negev; declares Arab students have no business there, tells them: "This is our country, not yours."

Arab World: Syria presents Gemayel 4-point plan for Lebanon: abrogate May 17 accord, deal with Syrian military presence through Arab League, set up national unity with parity for all factions, convene national unity talks in Geneva. Christian Phalangist militia leader Fadi Frem cautions Gemayel his forces will not accept abrogation of May 17 agreement.

Other Countries: Sec. of State Shultz says Marine pull-out from Beirut will be complete in 2 weeks. Israeli firm, Elbit,

announces \$6 million deal to supply naval communications systems to undisclosed European government.

MILITARY ACTION:

Arab World: US Marines begin formal withdrawal to 6th Fleet vessels off Beirut. Israel bombs alleged Palestinian targets in central mountain villages of Bhamdoun, Ain al-Jadida, Bikh Shtay and Mansuriya; sends armored column north within 12 miles of Beirut.

Wednesday, February 22

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 4 Israeli Cabinet ministers oppose continued IDF forays north of Awali River line at risk of Israeli involvement in factional fighting. DM Arens sharply criticizes LAF performance against Druze and Shi'ite militias; justifies forays to north as defense against "terrorist infiltration." Representatives of Arab local councils meet in Shefa Amr; protest to gov't. and Histadrut increasing number of dismissal notices served Arab workers.

Other Countries: US suspends shipment of 130 armed personnel carriers to Lebanon, may not sell 35 tanks already planned. Israeli Industry and Trade Minister visits Bucharest for talks aimed at doubling Israeli exports to Rumania. US physicist Sam Cohen, veteran of Los Alamos atom-bomb project, proposes impregnable radiation barrier, or "nuclear wall" for Israeli borders to "end the tragedy of war in the Middle East." Reagan admin. clarifies stand against moving USEmbassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Arab World: Christian Phalange officers confirm Israel promised regular army patrols to aid in fighting back Druze and Shi'ites.

Thursday, February 23

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Arab World: General strike from Tyre to Sidon to protest Israeli-backed death-squad killing of Shi'ite leader Raghieb Harb (2/16/84).

MILITARY ACTION:

Arab World: LAF officials say "at least 3,000 Palestinian fighters" in Bhamdoun; Israel F-15s bomb Bhamdoun, Mansuriya and Rweisat; Syrian gunners repel attackers. Ambush on Israeli patrol claims 1.

Friday, February 24

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Territories: Israeli Cabinet Settlement Committee head says Israeli settlers will double over coming 14 mos.

Sunday, February 26

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij heads delegation to Jordan to observe Arafat-Hussein talks; says will urge Arafat to join peace process.

Arab World: Chairman Arafat arrives from Tunis for talks with King Hussein on future of PLO-Jordan coordination.

Other Countries: Richard Arens, international human rights lawyer and board member of Search for Justice and Equality in Palestine/Israel, dies of heart failure in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

MILITARY ACTION:

Arab World: Marine contingent completes withdrawal to warships off coast of Beirut; Shi'ite militia and rebel Lebanese Army units take bunkers vacated near airport; within hour after last Marine

retreat, USS Caron and New Jersey blast anti-government positions in hills over Beirut; Israeli jets bomb positions around Souq al-Gharb as Druze militia fights last LAF holdout there.

Monday, February 27 _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 1,000 kibbutzniks and 35 IDF reservists demonstrate at PM's office urging IDF withdrawal from Lebanon.

Arab World: Over 1,000 Egyptian lawyers demonstrate in Cairo, burning Israeli and US flags, on 4th anniversary of normalization of Israeli-Egyptian relations. Chairman Arafat and King Hussein hold secret session in Amman to discuss common approach to future of occupied territories.

Other Countries: Soviet FM Gromyko accuses US of blocking settlement in Lebanon; reaffirms Soviet offer to help set up international conference. Security Council vote on French proposal for UN force in Beirut delayed by Soviet objections to wording.

Tuesday, February 28 _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Knesset passes 8th Basic Law (Justice System); Justice Minister Nissim speculates Israel will have

a constitution of 11 Basic Laws within next 10 years.

Other Countries: 7 Canadian MPs meet Arafat in Amman while on Middle East tour sponsored by Arab League. Reagan admin. turns down appeal from Gemayel for increased use of US air and naval power in direct support of Beirut government.

MILITARY ACTION:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: 2 grenades explode in West Jerusalem, injuring 21; in Damascus, PFLP claims responsibility as retaliation for recent raids by Zionist settlers on Muslim shrines.

Wednesday, February 29 _____

SOCIAL/POLITICAL:

Occupied Palestine/Israel: PM Shamir reacts to Hussein-Arafat talks; says if Hussein wants peace, he should realize the address for talks in Jerusalem.

Arab World: Pres. Gemayel received with full honors in Damascus for mtg. with Pres. Assad; both leaders agree discussions fruitful.

MILITARY ACTION:

Arab World: 6-man team of US artillery spotters at Beit Meri, guiding fire from US 6th Fleet offshore, comes under attack 6 miles east of Beirut; USS Sims fires 20 rounds into surrounding area. Israel reports 400 Phalangists join Haddad's army; press for Israel to appoint Haddad's successor.

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