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This section is part fourteen 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.

16 February

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Police raid W. Jerusalem Alternative Information Center, confiscate material, arrest director, and order center closed for 6 months on charges center has been "rendering services" to PFLP [NYT 2/18; FJ 2/20]. Trial of John Demjanjuk, accused of being Treblinka concentration camp prison guard known as "Ivan the Terrible," opens in Jerusalem [GU 2/17].

Arab World: Washington Post describes Saudi Arabian arms build-up as response to Israeli military threat [WP 2/16]. Syria asks Amal to ease its siege of Burj al-Barajinah and Shatila refugee camps in Beirut and Rashidiyyah camp near Tyre [OB 2/17]. Kuwait announces plan to contribute $5 million to joint PLO-Jordanian fund [NYT 2/18].

Other Countries: Reports confirm U.S. has upgraded Israel's status to non-NATO ally [PI 2/16].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Soldiers shoot and wound 9 youths during 2 demonstrations in Gaza City. As punishment for campus demonstrations, military authorities order Islamic University of Gaza closed for 3 days. Demonstrations are also held in Khan Yunis and Rafah. Commercial strike closes most shops and students block roads in Jerusalem. Roger Heacock, American Birzeit University professor, is arrested on charges of incitement. Military attempt to storm Ramallah's Teachers Training College and break up demonstration fails [FJ 2/20].

Arab World: At least 25 killed, 100 wounded in fierce street fighting between Amal, communist, Druze, Palestinian, and Murabitun forces in W. Beirut [BS 2/17].
17 February

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Knesset com. votes to deny Rabbi Kahane his free postal privileges after he sent "hate mail" to Israeli Arabs [WP 2/18].

Arab World: PLO delegation led by Khalil al-Wazir (Abu Jihad) ends talks with Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Marwan Dudin and other Jordanian officials in Amman with agreement on how to distribute Saudi contribution to joint PLO-Jordanian fund [WP 2/18].

Other Countries: Israeli P. M. Shamir and U.S. Sec. of State Shultz meet in Washington, discuss disagreement over international Middle East peace conference [NYT, WP 2/18].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: One woman is shot by police during 9th day of demonstrations in Khan Yunis [BG 2/18]. Authorities order Bethlehem University closed for 4 days, Birzeit U. for 2 days following demonstrations at both campuses. Demonstrations are reported in Gaza City, Rafah, and several camps [FJ 2/20].

Arab World: Amal temporarily lifts siege of Shatila and Burj al-Barajinah camps after PLO fighters agree to withdraw from posts in Maghdushah [FJ 2/20].

18 February

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: During court hearing in case of Alternative Information Center Director Michael Warschawski, police prosecutor indicates arrest and closure of center were linked to plans to publish study on Israeli torture of Palestinian detainees [FJ 2/20].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Witnesses allege a taxi driver who was shot and killed after running his car into Israeli military patrol, injuring 2 soldiers, was trying to avoid stone-throwing youths. Military claims Palestinian driver intentionally ran into the soldiers [FJ 2/20]. Gaza City's Ansar II detention center reopens [FJ 2/20].

Arab World: Street battles continue in Beirut despite Syrian-proposed cease-fire, bringing casualties to at least 65 killed, 280 wounded since 2/15 [CSM 2/19].

19 February

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: Two Muslim Americans in Beirut to negotiate for release of American hostages leave country after militiamen ransack, rob their hotel rooms [NYT 2/20]. SLA commander Lahad rejects plan to swap Arab prisoners for foreign hostages, states willingness to swap them for Israeli soldiers [WP 2/20].

Other Countries: Israeli P. M. Shamir, on visit to U.S., says he will accept an international Middle East peace conference if U.S.S.R. and "militant" Arab states are excluded [PI 2/20].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Troops use tear gas to break up group of stone-throwing demonstrators in Ramallah; use tear gas and live ammunition against protestors blocking streets in Rafah, Khan Yunis, and refugee camps in the Gaza Strip, wounding at least 3 [FJ 2/27].

Arab World: Police in S. Beirut report "de facto truce" around Burj al-Barajinah and Shatila refugee camps [LAT 2/20].

20 February

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Davar reports Israel needs 4 years to fulfill contracts with S. Africa and avoid losing minimum of $500 million [LAT 2/21].
Arab World: Lebanese P. M. Karami and House Speaker Husayni formally request Syrian intervention to end Beirut street battles [WP 2/21].

21 February ________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Members of Gaza Trade Union of Carpenters and Construction Workers defy Israeli ban, vote in first union election in Gaza in 20 years [NYT 2/22; FJ 2/27]. Jerusalem Post cites reports Israel has doubled size of forces in Lebanon to almost 3,000 [JPI 2/21]. Meir Ya'ari, one of the founders of Hashomer Hatzair Zionist youth movement and a long-time leader of Mapam party, dies at age 90 [JPI 2/28].

Other Countries: Head of PLO Political Dept. Faruq al-Qaddumi ends 3-day official visit to Rome [FJ 2/27].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Estimated 200 students participate in protest in Ramallah, throw stones at Israeli soldiers [FJ 2/27].

Arab World: Advance party of Syrian troops and tanks arrives in S. Beirut; 4,500 Syrian and Lebanese soldiers are expected to enter W. Beirut 2/22. Lebanese Pres. Jumayyil, returning from 10-day trip to European capitals, terms Syrian plan "illegal and unconstitutional" [WP 2/22].

22 February ________________

Social/Economic Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Military authorities order Gaza's Islamic University closed for 10 days [FJ 2/27].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Grenade explodes during changing of Israeli border guard at Jerusalem's Damascus Gate, wounds 12 soldiers, at least 2 Israeli citizens, 3 Palestinians. PLO claims responsibility [FJ 2/27]. Explosion destroys soldiers' hitch-hiking station at entrance to new Jewish settlement town of Efrat, midway between Jerusalem and Hebron [JP 2/27]. At Jalazun refugee camp near Ramallah troops use tear gas to disperse protestors who had blocked roads, thrown stones. Merchants strike in Gaza City to protest continued detention of over 135 university students [FJ 2/27].

Arab World: Syrian troops enter W. Beirut [BG 2/23].

23 February ________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Authorities close Hebron University for 3 days [FJ 2/27].

Arab World: Reports indicate PLO has received UAE permission to move Palestine National Fund from Amman to Abu Dhabi [FJ 2/27].

Other Countries: In report on human rights, U.S. State Dept. issues "generally mild critique" of Israel's treatment of Arabs in the occupied territories [CSM 2/24]. European Economic Community officially states support for international conference on Middle East peace [FJ 2/27].

24 February ________________

Social/Economic/Political
Other Countries: Washington Post reports Egypt's Pres. Mubarak and Jordan's King Hussein have canceled plans to visit U.S. because of arms sales to Iran [WP 2/24].

Military Action
Arab World: Beirut news sources report Syrian troops, estimated at 7,000, have arrested at least 50 militiamen, shot 12 others since entering the city 2/22 [CSM 2/25]. Syrian forces kill 22 Hizballah
fighters, 3 Druze in separate incidents. Two “ranking” communists are assassinated in Sidon [LAT 2/25].

25 February ___________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli Interior Ministry releases NIS 1.6 million to help Umm al-Fahm pay its debts [F] 2/27]. Ahmad 'Awdah is convicted on 45 counts of fraud related to sale of Palestinian-owned lands in Nablus, Tulkarm, and Qalqiliyyah areas to Israelis [F] 3/6].

Arab World: F. M. Peres, against wishes of P. M. Shamir, arrives in Cairo for talks with Pres. Mubarak and other government officials [LAT 2/26].

26 February ___________________

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: Syrian commander in Beirut announces his forces have closed all 70 Muslim militia offices and would personally guarantee the safety of any foreign visitors to W. Beirut [LAT 2/27].

Other Countries: In U.S., Tower Commission issues Iran-contra affair report highly critical of Pres. Reagan and his advisers, calls Israel’s role “crucial” [CSM, WP 2/27].

27 February ___________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Defense Minister Rabin denies White House allegations cited in Tower Commission report that Israel offered military advisers to Nicaraguan contras [NYT, WP 2/28].

Arab World: Israeli F. M. Peres ends 2-day visit to Egypt, issues joint statement with Egypt emphasizing support for 1987 international conference on Middle East peace. Reports indicate Egypt agreed during talks to exclude PLO from future peace talks [JP 3/7].

Other Countries: Convicted spy Jonathan Pollard states Israel provided highly detailed requests for documents and therefore doubts he was part of “renegade operation” [NYT 2/28].

28 February ___________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Jerusalem Post reports IDF have increased wages and extended basic training for SLA recruits to “boost efficiency and bolster morale”; 35 SLA soldiers have been killed in last 6 months [JP 2/28].

Other Countries: French court finds Lebanese Georges 'Abdallah guilty of complicity in the murders of American and Israeli diplomats, sentences him to life imprisonment [BS 3/1].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Student demonstrators in Gaza throw stones, burn tires before protest is broken up by military water canon; authorities close Islamic University until 3/4. After stone-throwing demonstration, Hebron U. is closed until 3/15 [JP 3/7].

1 March _______________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli military court sentences 2 Palestinians convicted of 1984 kidnapping and killing of Israeli soldier to life imprisonment [F] 3/6].

Military Action
Arab World: Hasan Hashim, allegedly tied to both the PLO and Hizballah, fails in
attempt to usurp Da’ud Da’ud as head of S. Lebanon’s Shi’a [JP 3/5].

2 March

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Nablus schools, businesses, and city government close for day; 2 peaceful marches commemorate late mayor Zafir al-Masri [FJ 3/6].

Arab World: The Times (London) cites reports of torture of Lebanese Shi‘i prisoners held at SLA-controlled al-Khiyam prison inside Israel’s security zone [LT 3/2].

Other Countries: Los Angeles Times reports evidence gathered by U.S. government in case against 7 Palestinians and 1 Kenyan includes photos of defendants picking up cartons of pro-PFLP magazines at L.A. airport [LAT 3/2].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli troops shoot and kill Palestinian, wound another in Nablus [FJ 3/6].

3 March

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: Nabih Birri renews offer to swap captured Israeli for 400 Arabs held in Israeli prisons, urges Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine to free 4 professors [LAT 3/4].

Other Countries: U.S. grand jury indicts Israeli Air Force officer Aviem Sella on charges of espionage. Since espionage is not covered by extradition treaties, Sella cannot be extradited to stand trial [NYT 3/4]. Reports indicate Israeli objections have convinced U.S. officials to abandon plan to take $30 million of U.S. grants to Israel and give funds to Jordanian 5-year W. Bank development plan [LAT 3/3].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Troops use tear gas to break up protest at Balatah camp, impose curfew. Demonstration is believed related to 3/2 killing of Nablus youth. Students at Ramallah’s Teacher Training College burn tires, clash with Israeli soldiers [FJ 3/6].

4 March

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Soldiers demolish Arab house in Gaza Strip’s Nusayrat refugee camp in restricted “green zone” security area [FJ 3/13]. In Jalazun refugee camp north of Ramallah, authorities seal off 4 rooms in houses belonging to Palestinians charged with planting a mine in October [FJ 3/13].

Other Countries: U.S. court hands down life sentence for admitted spy Jonathan Pollard and 2 concurrent 5-year prison terms for his wife Anne Henderson-Pollard [WP 3/5]. U.S. State Dept. statement criticizes Israeli government’s appointment of Col. Aviem Sella, indicted by U.S. for role in Pollard spy ring, as commander of major air base near Tel Aviv [WP 3/5].

5 March

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Prison Authority director reports there are 4,000 Palestinian political prisoners in Israeli jails, 82% of

Other Countries: Canadian government announces it has refused to accept Maj. Gen. Amos Yaron, implicated in the 1982 Sabra and Shatila massacres, as Israel’s defense attaché in Ottawa [NYT 3/6].

6 March

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Defense and Foreign Affairs Comm. Chairman Abba Eban asks Defense Minister Rabin to appear before the committee and explain promotion of Col. Aviem Sella, indicted in U.S. for his role in Pollard spy case [NYT 3/7].

Arab World: UNRWA states continued fighting around Burj al-Barajinah, Shatila, and Rashidiyah refugee camps is preventing food and medicine shipments from getting through [F] 3/13.

8 March

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: P. M. Shamir rejects call for government investigation into Pollard spy case, refers matter to inner cabinet [WP 3/9]. Women in Nazareth and Umm al-Fahm gather to celebrate International Women’s Day [F] 3/13. UNRWA closes Women’s Teachers Insti-

tute in Ramallah for 1 week after student demonstrations [F] 3/13.


Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Soldiers use tear gas, clubs, and live ammunition to disperse Golan Heights demonstration commemorating Ba’th party’s rise to power in Syria and inauguration of new Syrian water project; 1 woman is killed [F] 3/13.

9 March

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli court upholds military decision to erect fence on Hebron’s Shalalla St. as protection for Jewish families living above neighborhood stores. Shalalla St. merchants argued the fence is destroying their business since customers must pass checkpoint before entering shops [LAT 3/10; F] 3/13]. Ramlah police file charges against 4 Israeli leftists who met with PLO officials in Rumania [F] 3/13]. Israeli soldiers conduct night search of al-Najah U. offices. The university has been closed for a month [F] 3/13.

10 March

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: P. M. Shamir states Jonathan Pollard’s fate is no concern of Israeli government. “Citizens for Pollard” begins soliciting donations to assist Pollards with their legal fees [NYT 3/11].
Other Countries: U.S. administration officials say they made a mistake in not questioning Israeli P. M. Shamir “more forcefully” on the Pollard spy case during his February visit [JP 3/11]. U.S. State Dept. confirms that it has confiscated passport of M. T. Mehdi, secretary general of National Council on Islamic Affairs, for violating ban on travel to Lebanon [BS 3/12].

11 March  

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Inner cabinet appoints 2-member commission to investigate Pollard espionage affair [LAT, WP 3/12]. Cleaning workers and clerks end 10-day strike against 26 government hospitals [UPI 3/14]. Minister of energy announces plan to take over concession of Jerusalem Electric Company (JEC) at the end of the year. JEC workers condemn decision while company disputes government’s claim it backed out of earlier agreement [F] 3/13]. Classes resume at al-Najah U.; students have lost 2 months from the current semester [F] 3/13].

Other Countries: U.S. sources charge independent counsel Walsh’s investigation of Iran-contra scandal is being seriously hampered by Israel’s refusal to allow direct questioning of Israelis involved in affair. Some U.S. senators have expressed satisfaction with Israel’s cooperation in their investigation [LAT 3/11].

12 March  

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Defense Minister Rabin appears before Knesset committee investigating Pollard spy case [JP 3/12]. Moshe Landau, former president of the Israeli High Court, declines to accept his appointment to special panel charged with investigating Pollard spy case because government has not given panel sufficient power [BG 3/13].

13 March  

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: Reports indicate PLO has filed an official complaint with the Arab League charging Syria with failure to improve conditions in Beirut refugee camps [F] 3/13].

14 March  

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: Amal leader Nabih Birri says hundreds of his militia have moved to S. Lebanon to concentrate efforts on forcing Israeli troops out of Lebanon [NYT 3/16].

15 March  

Social/Economic/Political
Other Countries: Former U.S. President Carter leaves for 2-week visit to Middle East [PI 3/17]. British government announces Israel has admitted using forged British passports intended to enable Mossad agents to carry out attacks abroad [LAT 3/16].

16 March  

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: PLO Chairman Arafat says he would accept Palestinians participating in Middle East peace conference as part of joint delegation from Arab states [WT 3/18].
17 March

Social/Economic/Political


Arab World: PLO Chairman Arafat arrives in Algiers to inform Pres. Ben Jadid formally of agreement between Fateh, DFLP, the Palestinian Communist party, the Arab Liberation Front, and the Palestine Liberation Front to hold the 18th session of the Palestinian National Council in an effort to reunite the PLO [NYT 3/18].

18 March

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Alignment MK David Liba'i, lawyer representing 3 Israelis implicated in the Pollard spy ring, states his clients will not appear if summoned before the Rotenstrech-Tsur committee investigating the affair [JP 3/19]. In response to U.S. pressure, cabinet moves not to enter into any new military contracts with S. Africa [NYT 3/19].

Other Countries: Reports indicate portion of the Iran arms sales' profits were paid to the Global Islamic Movement, which funds Hizballah [NYT 3/18].

19 March

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel formally acknowledges significant military ties to S. Africa, vows to reduce them gradually [WSJ, WP 3/20]. Israeli reports indicate Rafael Eitan in testimony before commission investigating Pollard spy affair stated he acted with "permission and authority" [NYT 3/20]. Haifa Central Court rules demolition order and heavy fine imposed by Fraidees village be canceled on grounds that village bypassed proper channels in declaring Arab-owned land "agricultural."

Attorneys hope to use decision as precedent in similar cases within the green line [FJ 3/27]. Protests erupt in Rafah for third straight day [FJ 3/27]. Bomb explodes on road to Alfe Menashe settlement near Nablus [FJ 3/27].

Arab World: Former U.S. Pres. Carter on visit to Cairo criticizes Reagan administration and Israeli policies, praises PLO Chairman Arafat's willingness to accept international peace conference without direct PLO participation [WP 3/20].

20 March

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Settlers close road near Rafah in retaliation for damage caused by Palestinian demonstrators [F] 3/27].

Arab World: PLO spokesman denies American reports quoting Chairman Arafat as stating PLO would not have to participate in international conference [F] 3/27].

Military Action

Arab World: Amal fighters shoot at group of women leaving Burj al-Barajinah refugee camp for supplies; 1 woman is killed, 1 injured [FJ 3/27]. Israeli fighter jets strike Palestinian base south of Sidon [FJ 3/27].

21 March

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Teachers from 9 Jerusalem waqf schools begin strike to demand increased salaries and prompt payment of wages; the teachers are usually paid by Jordan [FJ 3/27].

Arab World: Former U.S. Pres. Carter leaves Cairo, flies to Damascus for meetings with Pres. al-Asad [BG 3/22].
Other Countries: Reports allege CIA recruited Israeli officer as spy in 1982 [WP 3/21].

22 March

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: Former U.S. Pres. Carter meets twice with Syrian Pres. al-Asad during 3-day visit to Damascus [BS 3/23].

Other Countries: U.S. Defense Sec. Weinberger denies charges that U.S. recruited Israeli officer to spy on Israel [WP 3/23].

Military Action
Arab World: Israeli bombers destroy Fateh office, cause heavy damage, during second raid near Sidon in 4 days [F] 3/27].

24 March

Social/Economic/Political


Military Action
Arab World: Israeli jets strike PLO base southeast of Sidon, killing at least 1 [PI 3/24].

25 March

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: MK Abba Eban and other representatives of Labor party
meet with 4 Palestinians; joint statement released after the meeting calls for inter-
national peace conference including repres-
entatives of Israel, Jordan, and the Palest-
inians [FJ 3/27]. Israeli authorities serve
Khalil Ibrahim ‘Ashur expulsion order [FJ
3/27]. Trial of Roger Heacock, American
professor teaching at Birzeit University,
opens [FJ 3/27]. Police and border guards
use live ammunition and tear gas to break
up demonstration at Jerusalem’s al-
Ibrahimiyah College [FJ 3/27]. Members
of Peace Now, Citizens Rights Movement,
and Mapam protest at inauguration cere-
mony for Betar, W. Bank settlement near
Bethlehem [FJ 3/27]. Prisoners in at least 3
Israeli prisons begin hunger strike, de-
manding impartial inspection, improved
conditions in all Israeli prisons within
green line and occupied territories [FJ
3/27]. Israeli government promises 3 key
witnesses in Pollard spy case that their
testimony before Rotenstreich-Tsur board
of inquiry will not be made available to
U.S. [BS 3/26].

26 March

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: F. M. Peres meets
with “moderate” PLO supporters to discuss
Palestinian representation at international
peace conference [CSM 3/27]. Former
U.S. Pres. Carter arrives in Jerusalem,
encourages Israeli leaders to join Syria and
Lebanon in international peace confer-
ence, calls on Reagan administration to
increase pace of Middle East peace efforts
[BS 3/27]. Israeli border patrol denies 29
black evangelical Christians, mostly
Americans, permission to enter W. Bank
via Jordan [WP 3/27]. Military authorities
order al-Najah U. closed until 4/12 and
Bethlehem U. closed until 4/1 [FJ 4/3].

Arab World: Islamic Jihad for the Libera-
tion of Palestine reiterates demand for
release of 100 Arabs held in Israeli jails
[BG 3/27].

Military Action
Arab World: Amal militia attack estimated
500 Palestinian women returning to Burj
al-Barajinah refugee camp from protest
demanding end to Amal siege of the camp;
at least 6 are killed [BG 3/27; FJ 4/3].

27 March

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Pres. Herzog re-
duces from life to 24 years the prison
sentences of 3 Jewish settlers convicted in
connection with the July 1983 attack on
Arab students at Hebron’s Islamic College
[WP 3/27].

Arab World: Statement drafted by repre-
sentatives of 5 factions within the Pales-
tine National Salvation Front at end of
5-day meeting in Tripoli calls for new PLO
chairman to replace Arafat, restructuring
of National Council. Al-Sa’iqah and Abu
Musa’s faction of Fateh did not participate
in the talks [NYT 3/28].

Other Countries: Reagan administration
announces shift to a more “activist” policy
in the Middle East in an effort to restore
credibility [WP 3/29]. Israeli Foreign Min-
istry official and China’s UN ambassador
hold talks on prospects for international
conference on Middle East peace [WP
3/29].

28 March

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Striking waqf
teachers hold sit-in at al-Fatah al-Laj’i’ah
Girls School in Jerusalem. Union of Work-
ers in Private Schools in Jerusalem has
stated support for the strike [FJ 4/3].
Former U.S. Pres. Carter and his wife
travel to Hebron area village of Bayt Um-
mar to observe projects sponsored by Cath-
olic Relief Services and U.S. government [FJ 4/3].

**Military Action**

*Arab World*: Explosion near Syrian command post in Beirut kills 8, injures at least 10. In Kafir Hazir, village in N. Lebanon, unidentified gunmen ambush an army jeep, killing 1 Syrian officer, wounding 5 soldiers [WP 3/29]. Amal snipers shoot at Shatila refugees protesting Amal siege, kill 5 [WP 3/30]. Hizballah and SLA forces clash inside Israeli security zone; Israeli military claims 5 SLA soldiers are wounded, 3 Hizballah fighters killed [FJ 4/3].

29 March

**Social/Economic/Political**

*Occupied Palestine/Israel*: In Herut party meeting, P. M. Shamir is elected chairman, vows W. Bank and Gaza will remain under Israeli control “forever” [PI, NYT 3/30]. Col. Sella, indicted by U.S. for his role in Pollard case, resigns as commander of Tel Nof Air Base [WP 3/30]. Delegation of British Labor party members meets with Shihadah al-Minawi, leader of Palestinian Labor Federation, in Nablus [FJ 4/3].

30 March

**Social/Economic/Political**

*Occupied Palestine/Israel*: Herut party ends convention after electing P. M. Shamir party chairman, Ariel Sharon chairman of the party central committee, Moshe Arens party secretary, and David Levy deputy party chairman [NYT 3/31]. Inside the green line, marches and rallies in ‘Arrabah, Umm al-Fahm, and Rahat mark Land Day [FJ 4/3]. Israeli forces are unsuccessful in attempt to break almost total commercial strikes in cities throughout the W. Bank and Gaza Strip [FJ 4/3]. Lydda military court sentences to life imprisonment 2 Palestinians convicted of being members of Fateh and carrying out a series of bombings [FJ 4/3]. Israeli Ministry of Defense coordinator of activities for W. Bank and Gaza, Shmuel Goren, threatens imposition of strict restrictions on exports to Jordan if weapon smuggling continues [FJ 4/3].

**Military Action**

*Occupied Palestine/Israel*: At least 1 Palestinian is wounded by army gunfire during Land Day demonstration at Jabaliyyah; in Janin another is shot in the leg by Israeli civilian who shot at crowd that was stoning his car [BG 3/31; FJ 4/3].

31 March

**Social/Economic/Political**

*Occupied Palestine/Israel*: Gaza military court upholds administrative detention of 9 students, aged 16 to 18, accused of participating in demonstrations [FJ 4/3]. More than 50 Palestinian women hold peaceful sit-in at Bethlehem office of International Committee of the Red Cross in support of striking prisoners [FJ 4/3].

**Military Action**

*Occupied Palestine/Israel*: Two Palestinians are wounded when Israeli soldiers fire into Balatah refugee camp crowd demonstrating in support of political prisoners participating in hunger strike [FJ 4/3].

1 April

**Social/Economic/Political**

*Occupied Palestine/Israel*: Authorities extend Bethlehem U. closure order to 4/4. Boys’ school in al-Khadr village, near Bethlehem, and secondary school in Bayt Sahur are also ordered closed for a week [FJ 4/3]. In letter to Jerusalem Electricity Co. (JEC) board of directors, Minister of Energy Moshe Shahal demands board prepare to cede company to ministry at the end of December [FJ 4/3].
Other Countries: U.S. State Dept. report cites Israel as 1 of 7 states which has sold arms to S. Africa in violation of a decade-old embargo [PI 4/2; NYT 4/3].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Balatah refugee camp youths clash with Israeli troops for third straight day [F] 4/3.

Arab World: Palestine National Salvation Front reports Amal snipers fired on women trying to leave Burj al-Barajinah camp to shop for food; 1 is killed, 3 wounded [LAT 4/2].

2 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: JEC workers, vowing to protect the company from government take-over, strike for 2 hours [F] 4/3. Spokesman for Jerusalem municipality denies Arab bakeries have been ordered not to bake or sell bread during Passover; says bakeries have been asked not to display bread outside their shops [F] 4/3.

Arab World: Statement signed by “rank-and-file” members of PFLP denounces reconciliation with PLO Chairman Arafat, demands PFLP boycott PNC session scheduled for 4/20; George Habash, leader of PFLP, is in Algiers for consultations with Arafat aides in preparation for the upcoming session [NYT 4/4].

Other Countries: Reports indicate U.S. investigators believe Harold Katz, an attorney who holds U.S. and Israeli citizenship, was involved in the Pollard spy affair, but the investigation of his role is being seriously hampered by Israeli government’s decision to bar Katz from leaving Israel [WP 4/2]. Katz denies he participated in the espionage ring, says his Washington, D.C. apartment may have been used without his knowledge [WP, NYT 4/3]. Soviet spokesman denies reports U.S.S.R. and Israel have agreed to exchange official delegations, confirms Soviet “consular workers” will go to Tel Aviv [WP 4/3].

3 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Al-Fajr reports 4,000 Palestinian prisoners have joined hunger strike in Israeli jails; the newspaper also reports OPEC Fund has pledged $250,000 to UNRWA [F] 4/3. Police in Nablus use tear gas to disperse over 500 women marching in protest of prison conditions [F] 4/12.


Military Action
Arab World: Truck attempting to bring food donated by Saudi Arabia to refugees in Shatila camp is destroyed by rocket; 2 children are killed, 7 injured [GU 4/6].

4 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Gaza Strip’s Union of Workers in Commerce and Public Service defy Israeli ban and hold union elections in Red Cross offices [F] 4/12.

Other Countries: American Civil Liberties Union files lawsuit charging that McCarran-Walter Act, under which 7 Palestinians and 1 Kenyan were arrested 1/26, is unconstitutional and that Immigration and Naturalization Service plans “sweeping arrests and deportation” of Arabs living in U.S. [BS 4/4].

5 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Police arrest 7 women during Jerusalem rally supporting prison hunger strike [F] 4/12. More than

_Arab World_: In presence of Syrian military observers, six trucks of food and other supplies donated by Kuwait enter Burj al-Barajinah camp. Equal amounts were given to Amal for distribution to Sh'í residents of the area [GU 4/6].

6 April

_Social/Economic/Political_

_Occupied Palestine/Israel_: Military court finds Al-Najah U. Prof. Sa'eb Erakat guilty of incitement in connection with an editorial calling for Palestinians to "learn how to endure and reject and resist" all forms of occupation; 'Iraqat's lawyer is appealing the decision to the High Court, asking court to decide the limits of free speech in the occupied territories [NYT 4/7]. Estimated 200 women, many relatives of prisoners, join in peaceful march from Jerusalem's Red Cross offices to Damascus Gate where it is broken up by police; 11 women are arrested [F] 4/12. Military authority imposes curfew on Ramallah town center after student demonstration. The Friends Boys School is ordered closed for 1 week [F] 4/12. Israeli, after thrown stone breaks his windshield, opens fire on East Jerusalem's Salah al-Din Street, wounds 2 Palestinians [F] 4/12. Military court orders 'Abd al-Fattah Ziyarah expelled from Gaza to Egypt [F] 4/12.

_Other Countries_: Israeli Pres. Herzog arrives in W. Germany for official state visit [WT 4/6; FT 4/7]. Herzog and W. German Pres. von Weizsäcker visit Bergen-Belsen concentration camp [LT 4/7].

_Military Action_

_Arab World_: Cease-fire allows 5 truck-loads of food donated by Kuwait to enter Beirut's Shatila refugee camp, the second supply operation since November [GU 4/7].

7 April

_Social/Economic/Political_

_Occupied Palestine/Israel_: Israeli troops use force, tear gas to disperse women's demonstration in Ramallah, impose curfew on town and al-Birah. There are reports of protests in Jalazun, Am'ari, Balatah, and Dahayshah refugee camps [F] 4/12. Students hold hunger strike at Bethlehem U. in solidarity with Palestinian prisoners [F] 4/12. Hebron's Polytechnic Institute is closed for 8 days after army finds "inciting material" at the school [F] 4/12. Student demonstration forces U.S. Consul General Morris Draper to suspend his visit to Birzeit University [F] 4/12.

_Other Countries_: In Washington, Jordan's P. M. Zayd Rifa'i urges U.S. Sec. of State Shultz to support King Hussein's plan for international Middle East peace conference. King Hussein also promotes proposal with EEC members during meetings in Brussels [NYT 4/8]. Israeli F. M. Peres joins Palestinian and Soviet representatives at Rome meeting of Socialist International's Middle East Study Group discussion of possibilities for an international Middle East peace conference [WT 4/8]. W. German Chancellor Kohl meets with Israeli Pres. Herzog, expresses W. Germany's commitment to insuring Israel's security [LAT 4/8].

_Military Action_

_Arab World_: Syrian forces enter Shatila refugee camp in S. Beirut, ending 3-month Amal militia siege of camp; Ahmad Yamani (Abu Mahir), sec. of Palestine National
Salvation Front, meets with other PLO leaders in Sidon to discuss PLO pullout from positions in the area [WP, NYT 4/8].

8 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: General strikes in support of striking prisoners shut down most of E. Jerusalem, Jenin, and Ramallah. Stone-throwing protesters clash with police and soldiers in several W. Bank towns [PI 4/9; F] 4/12]. Military Objections Com. denies Khalil Ibrahim 'Ashur's appeal against his expulsion order [F] 4/12]. Military court sentences more than 20 Islamic University students to 45 days in prison for participating in Gaza demonstration [F] 4/12].

Other Countries: During Washington press conference, Jordanian P. M. Zayd Rifa'i says talks with U.S. officials helped close gap on issues surrounding international peace conference, states King Hussein has decided not to purchase arms from U.S. [LAT 4/9]. Israeli Pres. Herzog visits Worms, W. Germany; W. Germany states intention to cooperate more closely with Israel [JP 4/9].

Military Action
Arab World: Syrian troops allow women to leave Shatila refugee camp and buy food; Amal forces confiscate medicines; International Red Cross removes 23 of most seriously wounded Palestinians [PI 4/9]. More than 300 Syrian soldiers take control of Burj al-Barajinah camp [BS 4/9].

9 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Curfew is imposed on Ramallah after student protesters throw stones, molotov cocktail at troops. Curfew also ordered for Balatah and Tulkarm camps [F] 4/12].

Arab World: Reports charge Jordanian Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Marwan Dudin was involved in disappearance of funds [F] 4/12].

Other Countries: Christian Science Monitor reports American Civil Liberties Union has filed lawsuit challenging use of McCarran-Walter Act in case of 7 Palestinians arrested by INS 1/26 [CSM 4/9]. Israeli F. M. Peres concludes 3 days of talks with Soviet representatives in Rome [NYT 4/10]. King Hussein and members of Jordanian government meet with British P. M. Thatcher to discuss possibility of Middle East peace conference [IN 4/10]. Israeli Pres. Herzog on state visit to W. Germany asks Bonn not to sell submarines to Saudi Arabia [LAT 4/10].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Military authorities impose curfews on 2 towns and 2 refugee camps on W. Bank after demonstrations in support of prison hunger strike [CSM 4/10].

Arab World: Four Israeli helicopters attack PLO positions in 'Ayn al-Hilwah in S. Lebanon, killing 2 and wounding 6 [NYT 4/10]. Syrian troops reinforce their posts around Beirut's Shatila and Burj al-Barajinah refugee camps; 47 wounded Palestinians are evacuated from Burj al-Barajinah [NYT, IN 4/10].

10 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Worshippers at al-Aqsa Mosque join demonstration after noon prayers; in Nablus, troops disperse demonstration, order al-Rawda College closed until 4/24 [F] 4/12]. Explosion causes extensive damage to new Sultan al-Atrash monument on the Golan Heights. Residents blame Israeli authorities [F] 4/12].
Other Countries: Turkish police report they have foiled plan to kidnap Americans and Israelis living in Turkey and exchange them for 200 members of Islamic Jihad held in Israel [NYT 4/11].

Military Action
Arab World: Syrian military observers escort delegation of Amal officials and pro-Syrian Palestinians to Sidon in S. Lebanon for peace talks. UNRWA delivers 4 truck-loads of supplies donated by Australia to Shatila refugee camp [GU 4/11]. Hizballah fighters kill 9 Israelis, wound at least 2, during attack near Qantara, inside S. Lebanon "security zone" [FJ 4/19].

11 April

Social/Economic/Political

Military Action
Arab World: Israeli helicopters rocket roads leading to villages of Qabrikha, Tulin, and Majdal Slim in S. Lebanon in retaliation for overnight attack that killed 9 SLA soldiers [NYT 4/12].

12 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Defense Minister Rabin orders at least 80 Palestinians, including Arab Research Society head Faysal Husayni and former al-Fajr editor Ma'mun Sayyid, held under administrative detention [NYT 4/14; FT 4/16]. Israeli troops raid Ramallah's UNRWA Teacher Training Institute; 17 students are wounded, almost 150 arrested [FJ 4/19]. Unidentified arsonists, believed to be Jewish extremists, set fire to Episcopal church in Acre (Akka), paint racist slogans on walls [FJ 4/19]. Al-Najah University reopens after 2-week closure [FJ 4/19].

13 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: More than 400 students protesting arrest of Palestinians and supporting prison hunger strike clash with Israeli soldiers outside Birzeit University; 1 student shot dead, at least 3 others wounded, 40 arrested. BZU is ordered closed for 4 months [NYT, CSM 4/14]. Bethlehem U. ordered closed for a week [LAT 4/14]. Body of student killed in clash at BZU is smuggled to his family's home in Rafah refugee camp for burial [FJ 4/19]. Al-Najah U. closes until 4/18 in solidarity with BZU [FJ 4/19]. Arab bakers in Jewish quarter of Jerusalem remove bread from windows in response to threats from Orthodox Jews who object to displaying bread during Passover [BS 4/14]. Palestinian political prisoners in Israeli jails end hunger strike after Prison Authority Director David Mainmon promises humane treatment [FJ 4/19].

Arab World: Leaders of various PLO factions meet in Algiers [NYT, LAT 4/14]. Syrian troops smuggle British physician Pauline Cutting and her nursing staff out of Burj al-Barajinah because of threats from Amal [FJ 4/19].

14 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Demonstrators in Ramallah burn tires and throw stones at IDF patrols. Gaza confrontation results in wounding of 1 soldier and 1 protester [FJ 4/19]. Lydda military court hands down 20-year sentence in case of Shakir Mustafa

Arab World: Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad) announces PLO decision to abandon pact with Jordan and instead form wider accord with Arab governments [NYT 4/15]. Egypt’s Pres. Mubarak says PLO decision to cancel Amman accords reduces chance for international Middle East peace conference in 1987 [SG 4/16].

Military Action
Arab World: Syrian troops reach Awwali River in S. Lebanon [BG 4/16].

15 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Defense Minister Rabin visits Qalqiliyyah area, defends government security measures in area. Chief of Staff Moshe Levy says 4/11 attack was carried out by terrorist group to disrupt good relations between Arabs and Jews in region. [JP 4/16]. Reports indicate that unidentified Israeli who charges Shin Bet fabricated evidence against him was an army officer convicted of espionage in 1980 [NYT 4/16]. Red Cross closes offices in Gaza and Khan Yunis to protest army raid of offices, attack on women conducting sit-in [F 4/19]. Israel denies Egyptian request to allow 52 PNC members living in the occupied territories to attend the PNC session in Algiers [F 4/19]. Palestinian student is wounded when guard at Jewish settlement of Kiryat Arba near Hebron opens fire [F 4/19].

Military Action
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli soldiers shoot 2 Palestinians in legs during protest in Rafah. Arab student is shot in chest when he attacks a guard at entrance to Kiryat Arba [JP 4/16].

Arab World: Israeli planes fly over Sidon on reconnaissance missions monitoring movement of Syrian troops [BG 4/16].

16 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli official admits his government has yet to return questionnaires to U.S. congressional panels investigating Iran-contra affair [BS 4/17]. Borderguards at Damascus Gate arrest 20 Palestinians on charges of inciting shopkeepers to close shops [F 4/19]. Rabbi Me’ir Kahane leads march through Jerusalem’s Old City calling on Arab residents to leave country [F 4/19]. Protesting youths force director of Middle East Department of U.S. National Security Council to leave Jalazun refugee camp [F 4/19].

Other Countries: Dr. Pauline Cutting, surgeon who worked at Burj al-Barajinah during most of camps war, returns to Britain [IN 4/17].

17 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Palestinian delegation meets with left-wing members of Knesset to discuss administrative detention, W. Bank universities [LT 4/18]. Israeli military authorities extend al-Najah University closure order for 1 week [F 4/26].

Arab World: PLO sources report Chairman Arafat has invited Syrian Pres. al-Asad to attend PNC meeting in Algiers [GU 4/18].

18 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Islamic University in Gaza reopens [F 4/26]. Estimated 1,000 Naqab residents participate in rally...
and march in Laqiya village to protest house demolition and land confiscation policies [F 4/26]. Thousands join in Nazareth demonstration supporting Palestinian political prisoners and protesting arrests of Palestinian activists and Israeli measures at Birzeit University [F 4/26].

Military Action

Arab World: Israeli and SLA troops kill at least 18 Hezbollah fighters inside Israel's security zone in S. Lebanon; 4 Israelis are wounded [NYT 4/20; JPI 5/2].

19 April ______________________

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli troops surround Gaza's Islamic University, provoking student protest; soldiers raid campus to halt demonstrations, injuring 56 students, and order university closed for a week [F 4/26].

Arab World: PLO officials announce agreement on compromise that avoids breaking relations with Egypt but formally cancels pact for joint Jordanian-Palestinian negotiations while vowing to find "a new basis to work with Jordan" [WP 4/20].

Other Countries: In Kuwait, Soviet Deputy F. M. Vladimir Petrovsky announces cancellation of consular mission visit to Israel [BG 4/21].

Military Action

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Three Palestinian fighters who cut a Lebanon border fence to enter northern Israel kill 2 Israeli soldiers before being killed by second Israeli patrol. Documents carried by the Palestinians indicate they were members of Fateh [NYT, LAT 4/20].

Arab World: Israeli troops impose curfew on Lebanese village of Mays al-Jabal, search houses for Palestinian fighters. Israeli helicopters strike Rashidiyyah refugee camp in S. Lebanon [NYT 4/20].

20 April ______________________

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: In response to molotov cocktail attack, Israeli army patrol opens fire in Khan Yunis, wounding 4 Palestinians [F 4/26].

Arab World: Palestine National Council (PNC) convenes in Algiers in effort to overcome factional differences. Abu Nidal's Revolutionary Council of Fateh leaves Algiers shortly before the parliament opens. Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command and al-Sa'iqah also boycott the meetings. Abu al-'Abbas, wanted in Italy and the U.S. in connection with the Achille Lauro hijacking, attends. Fateh, PFLP, Palestinian Communist party, and DFLP representatives are among the 300 delegates [FT 4/21, LAT 4/22].

Other Countries: Unknown group, the Suicide Team of the Eagles to Liberate Palestine, issues statement threatening retaliation if Italy deploys "Colonel Ghandora," aide to PLO Chairman Arafat, to a hostile country [F 4/26].

21 April ______________________

Social/Economic/Political

Occupied Palestine/Israel: Bayrunya Mayor Ahmad Lufti 'Uthman is sentenced to 2 years imprisonment and fined over U.S. $800,000 on charges of misusing his office. He was originally charged with embezzlement. Two other officials are convicted in the case [F 4/26]. Al-Azhar Institute in Gaza City is ordered closed for 1 week [F 4/26]. Body of Salim Salamah Abu Rabi'ah from Hebron-area village of Sa'ir is discovered in Tel Aviv basement; family, who reported him missing in November 1986,
are demanding investigation citing evidence of torture [F 5/3].

Arab World: Abu al-'Abbas announces his resignation from the PLO Executive Committee [F 4/26].

Other Countries: U.S. lodges formal protest with Algeria for allowing Abu al-'Abbas to attend PNC session [LAT 4/22]. Soviet Foreign Ministry states delegation of Soviet officials still intends to visit Israel [WT 4/22].

22 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: 'Isam Rushdi al-Shawwa refuses appointment as Gaza City mayor, insists elections must be held for municipal council [F 4/26].

Arab World: Morocco's King Hassan bans all contact between Moroccans and PLO officials after PLO invites Polisario Front to attend PNC [F 4/26]. PLO officials state Abu al-'Abbas has become “too much of an embarrassment and a political liability” and is being dropped from Executive Com. [LAT 4/23].

Military Action
Arab World: In S. Lebanon, Israeli jets drop pamphlets warning against supporting anti-Israel fighters; Israeli helicopters raid alleged PLO bases near Sidon, wounding 13 [WP 4/24].

23 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli military seizes nearly 1,000 dunums of land owned by Arab residents of Dayr Istya, village in Tulkarm district [F 4/26].

24 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Attorney for 'Izat Nafsu, former IDF officer convicted of espionage in 1981, petitions High Court to order military to lift secrecy order on Nafsu’s appeal [JPI 5/2]. Israel Radio reports Israeli authorities have recently discovered several military cells on the W. Bank [F 5/3]. Residents of Bayt 'Ula village in Hebron area hold Friday prayers on land scheduled for confiscation to protest government’s plan [F 5/17].

Arab World: Egyptian delegation walks out of PNC session in Algiers [NYT 4/28]. Abu al-'Abbas says his future attacks will be aimed at Israel, not “innocents” [LAT 4/25].

Other Countries: Israeli Minister Moshe Arens meets with U.S. Sec. of State Shultz in Washington, reiterates Likud opposition to international peace conference [JPI 5/2]. Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, speaking at dinner for visiting Syrian Pres. al-Asad, calls for international peace conference, blames U.S. and Israel for continuing conflict in Middle East [LAT 4/25].

25 April

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: On the last day of its 18th session, the PNC holds elections for a new 15-member executive committee [F 4/26].

26 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israel sends report on handling of funds in arms sales to Iran to embassy in Washington [PI 4/28]. Marwan Barghuthi, head of Birzeit U. student council, is arrested and served expulsion order [F 5/3]. Reports indicate Jordanian government gave 'Atallah 'Atal-
lah (Abu al-Za'im) funds previously allocated to W. Bank professionals [F] 5/3]. Israeli army patrol prevents Rabbi Me'ir Kahane from entering Ramallah [F] 5/3].

27 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: P. M. Shamir leaves for Paris where he hopes to "undermine European support for an international conference" [NYT 4/28]. More than 100 Palestinians and Israelis join in demonstration at al-Hakawati Theater in show of support for Faysal al-Husayni, held under administrative detention, and Birzeit U., closed for 4 months [F] 5/3]. At press conference, Higher Council of Education members protest Israeli harassment of universities in the occupied territories [F] 5/3]. Estimated 1,000 residents of Palestinian Druze village of Bayt Jann gather in Jerusalem to protest government's land-use and budget policies; village holds commercial and school strike [F] 5/3].

Arab World: Egypt orders PLO offices in Cairo and Alexandria closed in reaction to PNC criticism of Camp David accords [NYT 4/28; CSM 4/29].

Other Countries: Members of U.S. congressional panels investigating Iran-contra affair review material submitted by Israel; negotiations between U.S. investigators and Israel over confidentiality of report continue [WP 4/28].

28 April

Social/Economic/Political

Other Countries: U.S. Sen. Inouye, chairman of panel investigating Iran-contra affair, says agreement has been reached with Israel over report on its role in the arms sales [BG 4/29].

29 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Reports indicate that F. M. Peres and Defense Minister Rabin met secretly with Jordan's King Hussein and reached agreement on framework for Middle East peace conference [PI, BS 4/29]. Two Israeli police officers are charged with falsifying evidence and extracting false confessions under torture in case of 4 Palestinians convicted of May 1983 murder of policeman [F] 5/3].

Other Countries: Before National Jewish Coalition meeting in U.S., potential Republican presidential candidates Dole, Kemp, Haig, Bush, and Robertson emphasize ties with Israel, support even closer relations despite Pollard spy affair [NYT 4/30].

30 April

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Birzeit University Student Council head Marwan Barghuthi appeals his expulsion order to Israeli Military Objections Com. [F] 5/3]. P. M. Shamir returns from state visit to France [LAT 5/2]. Knesset committee examining Israeli government's role in Jonathan Pollard spy case announces it has completed its investigation [NYT 5/1]. F. M. Peres threatens to bring down coalition government if P. M. Shamir tries to block plans for international peace conference [BG 5/1].
1 May

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: P. M. Shamir meets with U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering [LAT 5/2]. Ethiopian (Falasha) settler is stabbed in Hebron market [F 5/10]. Al-Fajr reports European Community has allocated 30% of funds originally scheduled for the occupied territories to the Jordanian Industrial Development Fund [F] 5/10.

Military Action
Arab World: Israeli warplanes strike Mieh Mieh refugee camp near Sidon; 19 are killed, 37 wounded in bloodiest attack since 1982 war [PI 5/7].

3 May

Social/Economic/Political
Arab World: Jordan's P. M. Zayd Rif'i announces Jordan has agreed to attend international peace conference [WP 5/4].

Military Action
Arab World: Bomb attack on SLA patrol outside Jazin in Israel's "security zone" kills 1 SLA soldier; PFLP claims responsibility for the attack [PI 5/7].

4 May

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Gush Emunim march in Qalqiliyyah marks Israeli independence day [F] 5/10]. Jericho's mayor charges provocation after similar march by settlers in that city [F ]5/10]. Israeli soldier is slightly injured in stone-throwing incident near Balatah refugee camp; camp is placed under curfew [F] 5/10]. Military releases 12 secondary school students held in detention for 18 days [F] 5/10].

Arab World: King Hussein of Jordan says he will only negotiate with Israel in an international conference that includes the PLO [BG 5/5]. Lebanon's P. M. Rashid Karami resigns [LAT 5/5; CSM 5/6]. Libya permits reopening of PLO office in Tripoli after 4-year closure [NYT 5/6]. George Habash arrives in Damascus, meets with Pres. al-Asad for 3 hours [F] 5/10].

Other Countries: Three survivors of the Sabra and Shatila massacre file suit in U.S. court against Major-General Amos Yaron, now serving as military attaché to U.S. [F] 5/10].

5 May

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Qalqiliyyah is placed under curfew after firebombs are thrown at 2 Israeli vehicles. Armed settlers from nearby Alfei Menashe raid Qalqiliyyah, breaking windows and emptying garbage cans in streets; settlers also strike village of Hablah [F] 5/10]. Arab local councils from 46 towns inside the green line hold one-day strike to protest government inaction on councils' financial difficulties [F] 5/10].

Arab World: Khalil al-Wazir (Abu Jihad) holds talks with Libyan leader Mu'ammar Qadhafi [F] 5/10].

Military Action
Arab World: PLO Chairman Yasir Arafat vows to launch more attacks against Israel from Lebanon [PI 5/7].

6 May

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: The Jerusalem Post reports Israel helped ship Polish rifles to the Nicaraguan contras; Israeli government denies the allegation [BG 5/7]. Curfew on town of Qalqiliyyah is lifted [F] 5/10]. Birzeit U. Student Council Pres. Marwan Barghuthi withdraws appeal against his expulsion order [F] 5/10]. Israeli High Court denies appeal of Ramallah...
family trying to prevent sealing of more than half their house; military sealed the
rooms because son living there was con-
victed of role in 1983 bomb attack on
Israeli bus [F] 5/10]. Estimated 2,000 ele-
mentary and secondary school students
from Bayt Jann village in the Galilee
demonstrate to protest conditions in the
schools [F] 5/10]. Palestinians held at
Ansar II detention center charge brutal
treatment by new Israeli commander [F]
5/10]. Authorities extend closure orders for
4 secondary schools in Gaza Strip's
Jabaliyyah refugee camp until 5/10 [F]
5/10].

Other Countries: Mahmud Mahmud 'Ata, a
U.S. citizen accused of firebombing an
Israeli bus on the W. Bank in 1986, is
arrested in New York by FBI agents after
deporation from Venezuela [WP 5/7].

Military Action
Arab World: Israeli fighter jets bomb 'Ayn
al-Hilwah refugee camp and 3 training
bases near Sidon, killing 10, wounding 28
[WP 5/7].

7 May _______________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: F. M. Peres says
he has no secret agreements with Jordan and
has not discussed "any territorial questions"
during recent talks; P. M. Shamir calls for
direct negotiations with King Hussein with-
out the involvement of "distant lands" [JP
5/8]. Qalqiliyyah is again placed under cur-
few after 3 firebombs were thrown at Israeli
car. Settlers rampage through town, vandal-
zizing cars and shooting at houses [F] 5/10].
Explosion in Kiryat Gat settlement injuries 4
Israelis, 1 seriously [F] 5/10]. Military author-
ities impose curfew on al-Qassabah quarter of
Nablus after firebomb is thrown at army
patrol [F] 5/10].

Arab World: Reports indicate Jordan has
informed U.S. that Syria will participate
in peace talks with Israel under auspices of
UN-sponsored international conference
[WP 5/8].

Military Action
Arab World: Israeli army patrol in S. Leb-
onan kills 2 Palestinian fighters, captures 3
others [WP 5/9; F] 5/17].

8 May _______________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Administrative
detention order for Faysal al-Husayni, head of Arab Studies Society and spokes-
man for Com. Confronting the Iron Fist, is
reduced from 6 months to 3 months [F]
5/10]. Israeli car is burned in Gaza City's
Palestine Square [F] 5/10]. Army blockade
prevents students from attending classes at
Bethlehem U. [F] 5/10]. Nablus border
colice arrest 6 armed settlers blockading
the main road; soldiers shoot and wound a
Balatah refugee camp youth refusing to
take down a Palestinian flag [JPI 5/16].

Military Action
Arab World: PLO statement describing 5/7
clash in S. Lebanon says PLO fighters were
attempting to attack military targets in
Israel; within hour of announcement, Is-
rael launches air raid, the 15th this year,
against 'Ayn al-Hilwah refugee camp and
alleged PLO training sites; at least 11
Palestinians are killed, 40 wounded; most
of the injured and killed were residents of
the camp [WP 5/9].

9 May _______________________

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: In interview with
The Jerusalem Post Robert Rhodes-James,
aide to former UN Secretary General Kurt
Waldheim from 1972–76, charges Waldheim acted on behalf of Arabs and
Soviet Union during October 1973 war
[JPI 5/9]. Group of about 200 Arabs and
Jews protesting 4-month closure of Birzeit
U. and expulsion of student council head
is stopped on road to university by military roadblock [JP 5/16; F] 5/17]. Body of missing Palestinian youth is discovered on reef near Tel Aviv [F] 5/17].

Arab World: Abu Nidal’s Fateh Revolutionary Council threatens to attack Americans targets if U.S. extradites Mahmud ‘Ata, accused of W. Bank bombing of bus in 1986, to Israel [WP 5/12].

Military Action
Arab World: Bomb explosion in North Lebanon town of Zgharta during a visit by Lebanese Pres. Jumayyil kills 1, wounds 34 [BG 5/10].

10 May

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: U.S. and Egyptian diplomats meeting in Cairo report significant progress in talks on international Middle East peace conference [NYT 5/11].

11 May

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli cabinet ministers follow party lines during 4 1/2-hour debate on international peace conference proposal presented by F. M. Peres; cabinet adjourns without voting on plan [LAT 5/12]. Belgian F. M. Leo Tindemans, visiting Israel and the occupied territories as representative of European Community, reiterates EC support for international peace conference [F] 5/17]. In Kafr Qasim village, inside green line, 3,100 elementary and secondary school students protest arrest of 16-year-old student on charges of throwing stones at settlers [F] 5/17].

Other Countries: U.S. immigration judge dismisses case against 8 immigrants charged with PFLP membership [LAT 5/12].

12 May

Social/Economic/Political

Arab World: Egypt’s Pres. Mubarak and Jordan’s King Hussein meet in Cairo, discuss PNC reconciliation and international peace conference proposal [BG 5/14].

Other Countries: Reports indicate secret agreement between Jordan and Israel includes provision to restrict role of U.S.S.R. in Middle East peace conference [NYT 5/12]. U.S. government refiles charges against 7 Palestinians and 1 Kenyan; 2 are accused of subversion, 6 of visa violations [LAT 5/13].

13 May

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Israeli inner cabinet discusses F. M. Peres’ plan for international peace conference; no vote is taken [JP 5/14]. Authorities renew for another 6 months town-arrest order of
journalist Nabhan Khurayshah; this, his 10th consecutive town-arrest order, is the longest town arrest on the W. Bank [F] 5/17. Israeli military court sentences 3 Palestinians from Gaza to 40 years imprisonment for attempting to plant bomb near Asqalan Prison [F] 5/17.

Arab World: Pres. Mubarak of Egypt urges PLO officials to participate in international peace conference [BG 5/14].

Other Countries: Five U.S. senators introduce bill that would close PLO offices in U.S. [WP, NYT 5/14].

15 May

Social/Economic/Political
Occupied Palestine/Israel: Yediot Ahuronot poll shows 52% of Israelis favor international peace conference but 59% do not want government to fall [NYT 5/16].

Other Countries: F. M. Peres leaves for conference with U.S. Sec. of State Shultz in New York [WT 5/15].

Journal Source Abbreviations

BG (Boston Globe)  
BS (Baltimore Sun)  
CSM (Christian Science Monitor)  
FJ (al-Fajr, Jerusalem)  
FT (Financial Times)  
GU (Guardian [U.S.])  
IN (Independent)  
JP (Jerusalem Post)  
JPI (Jerusalem Post, International Edition)  
LAT (Los Angeles Times)  

LM (Le Monde)  
LT (The Times [London])  
NYT (New York Times)  
OB (Observer)  
PI (Philadelphia Inquirer)  
SG (Saudi Gazette)  
WSJ (Wall Street Journal)  
WP (Washington Post)  
WT (Washington Times)

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