The Barb publication was quickly followed by coverage in the New York Times, the San Francisco Chronicle and the San Francisco Examiner. These virtually identical articles quoted IBM officials as saying that they had no intention of implementing the "counterintelligence" measures called for in the report, thus slyly conceding that the document was a hoax intended to be "leaked" solely to slander the Labor Committees and to whip up hysteria about terrorism.

In the report, NCLC cadre are described as "truly skilled provocateurs of violence," who "attempt to organize and manipulate IBM workers." The report then mentions "work slowdowns, active disruption and sabotage and non-negotiable demands on non-wage issues such as...drugs." This species of apolitical provocation is advocated only by such brainwashed creatures as those in the CIA's own "Revolutionary Union" countergang.

PALESTINIAN PROPOSES RETURN TO 1947 BORDERS

Nov. 30 (IPS)--Palestinian guerrilla leader Zuheir Mohsin granted a special interview to the staid British financiers' daily the Financial Times Nov. 26, in which he laid down "conditions for a new relationship resulting in a stable and just peace" in the Middle East. Mohsin's "moderate" demands, issued immediately before he joined Palestinian Liberation Organization boss Yasser Arafat on a Thanksgiving voyage to Moscow, centered on forcing Israel to return to the original borders laid down in the 1947 United Nations mandate on Palestine.

Mohsin currently heads the right-wing Syrian-backed "Al Saiqa" guerrilla organization. Saiqa was created by the Syrian military and is little more than a Palestinian-staffed division of the Syrian army.

It is absolutely clear that Israel would not even consider such a proposal, which would "liberate" not only the territory occupied in the 1967 war, but the entire area under Israeli control since the first Arab-Israeli war of 1948. Despite the Financial Times' straight-faced presentation, the proposal is equivalent in seriousness to demands by CIA-backed Indian-liberation grouplets in the United States for Wyoming or South Dakota.

The significance of Mohsin's suggestion is that it preceded the Arafat pilgrimage to Moscow. The recent series of diplomatic reverses suffered by the increasingly enraged Zionist butchers has already provided the context for a "groundswell" at the UN in favor of the Mohsin 1947-border idea. Such a UN movement, led, of course, by the much touted "Arab-Communist-Third World" coalition, would provoke the Israelis into escalating the simmering Middle East war.

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In fact, the Soviet bloc, as well as certain "Arab-leaning" European governments, might be induced to support this absurd proposal--which is exactly what the Israelis fear.

Discussions at Rockefeller's recent "Atlantic Bridge" meeting in Bonn tend to corroborate the anti-Israeli shift, including the possibility of using a NATO police force to patrol the final Arab-Israeli border after a fifth Middle East war. Under the pretext of restraining the mad-dog Israelis, this NATO Middle East force might even win the approval of the slumbering Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

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