

YASSER BRUSHES UP LEFT COVER; AIMS ATTACKS ON IRAQ

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 14 (IPS)--The gathering storm of Palestinian civil war in refugee camps and urban centers throughout the Middle East advanced this week, partly camouflaged by a series of escalating CIA-directed instances of terror and counterterror across the Israeli-Lebanese border. According to informed Arab sources, a majority of the second-level leadership even within traitor Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) is on the verge of bolting the PLO in favor of the loose coalition of pro-socialist Palestinian forces centered around the Iraqi-allied Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) and ex-Fatah member Abu Nidal in Baghdad.

To quiet the growing dissension within the PLO and build agent Arafat's image as a credible revolutionary, the CIA and Israeli Intelligence have staged bloody attacks on Palestinian refugee camps near Beirut, and widely publicized battles have erupted along the tightly policed Israeli-Lebanese frontier. The Dec. 10 rocket attack on three PLO offices in Beirut by covert Israeli/CIA operatives, in particular, served to deflect anti-Arafat sentiment toward meeting the Israeli threat.

Intensive propaganda and widely circulating briefings about Arafat's past history as an agent of Saudi Arabia and the CIA, in particular concentrating on United Nations diplomats before and during Arafat's appearance at the United Nations, were undertaken by the International Caucus of Labor Committees during the past six weeks. In conjunction with the ICLC's exposure of Rockefeller's temporarily derailed Oil Hoax War, diplomats and workers alike were informed of Arafat's role as the CIA's top Palestinian organizer and potential catalyst of the second Great Oil Hoax.

The growing dissatisfaction with Arafat's "moderate" leadership of the PLO has led to occasional armed clashes; and in recent weeks, Arafat's thugs, in cooperation with Syrian political police, have begun to arrest scores of "extremists"--i.e., those Palestinians who represent potential centers of resistance to the PLO's "detente with imperialism."

Especially brutal attacks have been launched by official PLO spokesmen on Iraq and Iraqi-backed Palestinian formations, with hysterical blasts at "agent of imperialist intelligence Saddam Husayn," a reference to the pro-socialist leader of Iraq.

Ominously, the stupid Soviets are implicated in any move by Arafat to eliminate so-called extremists by the widespread belief that the Soviets support Arafat's "moderation." In effect, the CIA and its conduit press have been left a free hand to paint the USSR as encouraging Arafat's attacks on the Soviet's ally Iraq.

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