

The vagueness in Carter's statements is part of the continuing plot against the Palestine revolution and people under the slogan of the "alternate homeland" adopted by the individuals and regimes which are hostile to the rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination and the establishment of their national, independent state. The administration of President Carter knows exactly what it is doing. It is currently working for the establishment of a local front to oppose the Palestinian people and to prevent them from exercising their right to self-determination. Carter's statements are instigating these forces to unleash a criminal war against the Palestinian revolution. Emerging from the circle of illusions created by the United States and entering the circle of patriotic and nationalistic action are the only thing which can save the Arab position from falling victim to another aggression of the 5 June type. The American solution has dismembered the Arab front through illusions, promises and aid. Consequently, it has created unpatriotic alliances which take national decisions without an independent will, but totally linked with the American decisions.

Arab-Soviet relations should be restored to normal, consolidated and strengthened. The experience of the last 6 years has proven that ignoring Arab-Soviet friendship has always led to subjugation to U.S. imperialism, whether under the pretext that the solution is in the hands of the United States or that Washington is giving economic and financial aid to this or that Arab regime and protecting it against inevitable collapse. Arab-Soviet friendship certainly creates the objective conditions for the liberation of the land, while Arab-American friendship creates the objective conditions for Arab capitulation and for further Zionist military adventures against the Arab nation.

The role of the Palestinian revolution in Lebanon must be consolidated. The plot against the Palestinian revolution in the last 2 years has been a basic link in the comprehensive design to subjugate the Arab nation. It is now evident that the American solution will be imposed by the Zionist tanks which are getting ready to unleash aggression.

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Soviets: Israel Breakaway A Hoax

The following commentary by Viktor Viktorov was broadcast by Radio Moscow June 29 in English to North America. It concerns President Jimmy Carter's decision to sell \$115 million in arms to Israel.

This pact cannot be looked upon as anything but more encouragement to the expansionist designs of the Israeli leaders. It is especially dangerous because the head of state is the leader of the right-wing extremist Likud bloc, Menachem Begin. His government does not hide its intention to block all efforts for a peaceful settlement in the Middle East. Washington has not spared efforts to indulge the Tel Aviv war government... (In his recent speech, Vice President) Mondale stressed the consistent and unchanging nature of the so-called special relations between Tel Aviv and Washington. A similar statement has been made by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance. These statements, as has been noted in the American press, should create an appropriate climate for Menachem Begin's trip to the United States in July.

But the United States, as everyone can see, is not only giving verbal support to the Israeli leaders. The latest weapons are leaving the Pentagon arsenals in a steady stream for Tel Aviv. Some of these weapons are not even used by the American armed forces...

And after all this, Washington still insists that the United States is putting some kind of pressure on Tel Aviv, supposedly in an attempt to have Israeli troops withdrawn from the occupied Arab lands. Washington's

pro-Israel position is actually encouraging the Tel Aviv hawks... It is not hard to prove that such policy threatens a military clash in view of the tense atmosphere in the Middle East.

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The following are releases from the Soviet press agency TASS:

CAIRO — At a ceremony of graduation of a group of officers from the naval college in Alexandria, Egyptian war minister A. Al-Gamassi spoke. Concerning the situation in Israel, he stated: "We are very carefully following the activation there of extremist attitudes, and our armed forces are again prepared to show their strength in confrontation with the enemy. Israel's goals and its military strategy are not new for us, and Egypt, while calling to establish a just and firm peace, continues to strengthen its army."

DAMASCUS — The decision of the American Administration to make new arms deliveries to Israel does not do anything for the cause of peace. It is a new affirmation of the unchanged nature of U.S. policy in the Middle East, which helps prolong the illegal occupation and is a challenge to world public opinion, writes the Syrian newspaper *Al-Baath*.

The latest White House statements, continues the newspaper, demonstrate that Washington will continue to refuse to play an effective role in this region as far as reaching a settlement of the Middle East crisis goes.

In light of the present situation, stresses *Al-Baath*, the Arab masses are right to demand that their leaders take a more serious position and mobilize all forces, before it is too late, in order to be prepared for any turn of events.