

Palestinian speaks on Middle East

Adnan Achman, a member of the General Union of Palestinian Students, told the *Observer* that his organization is attempting to reveal to the American people the U.S. role in Israel's invasion of Lebanon.

"U.S. money is being spent in a state that is killing civilians and leaving people homeless—what they call a 'mopping up' of the Palestinians. They are really trying to demolish the Palestinian entity and kill anything called Palestinian."

"This invasion comes as projected by the PLO [Palestinian Liberation Organization], which is the only legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. The invasion was expected because it fits into the so-called peace settlement that the United States is imposing on the area. The PLO has warned that such an invasion would come this summer."

Achman described two peace proposals. The first—the proposal of the U.S. and the "reactionary Arab regimes" [such as Jordan's and Saudi Arabia's] has three parts:

1) For Israel to occupy Southern Lebanon to the Itelia River, to ensure Israel's northern border;

2) To destroy the PLO and the Lebanese Patriotic Movement so they will have no influence in the area;

3) To complete the Camp David agreements as altered by the proposal of the late King Fahd of Saudi Arabia. These proposals are basically the same as the Camp David accords, according to Achman, but are more acceptable to the Arab governments because they were proposed by Fahd. The Arab governments opposed the Camp David process so would find it difficult to accept these accords.

Fahd's plan includes of the State of Israel and of a Palestinian state. The two opinions are of a type of state this would be. Palestinians want a sovereign state while Israel desires a state with no military, a policy controlled by Israel.

The second option is a plan—called the Sharm el Sheikh—where the Israeli defense minister proposed it:

1) To destroy the military structure of the Lebanese Patriotic Movement;

2) To create a government in Lebanon that would be friendly to Israel;

3) To get Syrian troops out of Lebanon;

4) To elect some type of national council in Lebanon that would be called representatives of the Palestinian people to cooperate with Israel.

"Palestinians see the implementation of these proposals as an invasion," Achman said. He has two points in mind:

Retirement

by C. Eddie Edmondson

Shortly after vice president George Bush was in Portland chirping the Reagan Revolution's news that the crisis was over, the Mann Home in Northeast Portland announced it would close its doors by September. The building had offset losses of over \$3 million annually.

"It's a lovely old building," Mrs. Ada Fischer, one of the residents of the three-story building located at 1025 N.E. 10th, has been there since 1973.

"You can't find prettier grounds than these around these old buildings."

The Mann Home soon became a distinctive part of the elderly's September years. Its antique furniture and large sunrooms on the first and second floor offered its residents a taste of elegance and leisure that would have been difficult to afford or maintain in a family home.

Jim Edwards, executive director of the Willamette View Manor, Inc., said that hard times began to befall the Mann Home and in January of 1980 the Mann Home executive Board agreed to merge with Willamette.

"They were running out of funds," said Edwards, who assumed responsibility for operation of Mann. Mann's assets were turned over to Willamette and are used to maintain operations. But it was not enough.

weaken or destroy the PLO and to liquidate the Palestinian issue.

Yet the invasion is only one issue, he explained. "Since 1948 and before Palestinian people—and there are four million—have been killed, kicked out, living in refugee camps . . . It is their legitimate right under international law to ask for their own homeland and to live in peace."

"They keep kicking the Palestinians out of the places they live; they keep killing the people and the civilians—even killing the children so in the future they cannot grow up and be fighters. All of the Palestinians who live in the camps have nothing to lose and they want their own homes back. It's their legitimate right to resist such an occupation by such a fascist government in their own homeland."

"So what is happening is that the Israelis went into Lebanon—are surrounding Beirut—are putting a very strong and firm siege on West Beirut. Actually no water and food and no medical aid are being allowed through to help the wounded people in Beirut."

"This fascist and this aggressive invasion comes to show the nature of the Israeli government—the Zionist movement—point of view. This shows their expansionist policy—their racist policy. Nobody in the world can justify killing women and children and civilians, just bombing indiscriminately the civilian areas, just under the excuse that some fighters are there among the civilians."

"If the Israelis manage to destroy the PLO and the Lebanese Liberation Movement, there will be another PLO. And if that one is demolished, there will be another PLO."

themselves and this was wrong because you are not creating a new nation in a place empty of people—you are creating a new nation in such a small country where three million people were living. In 1948 they took three quarters of Palestine and in 1967 they took the rest of Palestine, the Sinai and Golan Heights. They have been expanding—they have annexed the Golan Heights, they will annex part of Lebanon, and there is no guarantee this expansion will not continue.

"And the United States is helping them. Without U.S. aid they would not last a week. They have no economy there, they have only the aid that comes from Western Europe and the United States. And the U.S. will bank 100% on Israel to keep the Arab countries divided so the U.S. can take what it wants from them."

A march and rally will be held July 15 to protest the Israeli invasion. The march begins at the South Park Blocks, 11:30 am; rally at Shrunken Park, 12:30. Speakers include: Ron Herndon, BUF; Karen Talbot, World Peace Council; Palestinians and Lebanese.

The American plan is to destroy the PLO so it will not be an influence in the Middle East, Achman said. "The PLO and the Lebanese National Movement, are leaders of the Arab national movement because they are the only armed revolutionaries, along with the Oman revolution. The others are secret, underground, struggling against the reactionary Arab regimes. Being a vanguard—the strongest revolution in the Middle East—it has been so."

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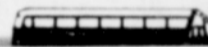
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"We didn't run out of money," said Edwards, explaining the decision to close down the Home, "we are trying to cut our losses (of \$300,000 per year)."

When Mann merged with Willamette View Manor, the parties agreed to sell the Mann Home property due to the higher operating expenses for the old building. A new structure was to be built in Southeast Portland on property already owned by Willamette, and the Mann residents would be transferred there.

But interest rates refused to fall low enough to make following through on that plan economically feasible, Edwards said. Thus the de-

heavy laundry is cleaned by the staff.

Not everything at Mann was as bright as it could be, she added. While most of the staff is excellent, Mrs. Fischer admitted that it's been difficult with several cooks over the year.

"Sometimes they think they are cooks when they are not," she said, noting that she was a cook herself and did not want to say anything negative about cooks. And then too, she noted, the teenagers who serve the food in the formal dining room in the evening for the 30-odd residents who are not confined to their beds, sometimes have more gray on the outside of the gravy bowl than in it. But that depends on how carefully they were taught at home, she added.

Edwards said several options have been made available on transferring the Mann residents, primarily to (Please turn to page 8 column 1)