

UN REPORT: PLO GIVEN OBSERVER STATUS;
WAR PROVOCATIONS STEPPED UP

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 22 (IPS)--By an overwhelming margin, the United Nations General Assembly voted tonight to grant the CIA-controlled Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Permanent Observer status, thus formally ratifying an expected major diplomatic defeat for Israel. Today's UN vote follows two earlier votes effectively expelling Israel from UNESCO, the UN's scientific and cultural arm. The cornered Israeli "wounded wolves"--to use PLO boss Yasser Arafat's term--thus have been handed a major excuse to launch a blitzkrieg attack against the Arabs, in accordance with the Rockefeller script for a Middle East war.

In Beirut, press reports indicate that Palestinian refugee camps run by Arafat's PLO have been put on a state of maximum alert in anticipation of an imminent Israeli attack, and yesterday the tiny Lebanese military was mobilized to meet the expected Israeli strike. The Israeli retaliation for the Nov. 18 terrorist raid by agents of the PLO has not yet been delivered, and the Baltimore Sun reports that "an atmosphere of considerable tension" prevails throughout Lebanon awaiting the attack. It was widely speculated that the enraged Zionist military was holding off until after today's UN vote.

Over the past two weeks, the CIA has whipped up both Arab nationalism and Israeli intransigence in order to force an Israeli pre-emptive strike and thus another Oil Hoax War. The continuing propaganda around the rigged Palestine debate at the UN and the rash of suicidal strikes and demonstrations by Palestinians in the heavily-policed, occupied West Bank have drawn the Israelis into a three-front war in Lebanon, the West Bank, and the alert on the Syrian Golan Heights. Because the Israelis cannot tolerate a long, grinding war, they are expected to lash out in a show of force against Lebanon and Syria.

The major West Bank demonstrations scheduled for tomorrow--billed as a test of strength by the PLO--promise to provoke a vicious Israeli crackdown and, in combination with the expected Israeli counterpunch against Lebanon, may detonate the Rockefeller-orchestrated Arab-Israeli war.

RED SCARE PROPAGANDA HEIGHTENS
MIDEAST WAR ATMOSPHERE

Nov. 22 (IPS)--The CIA has escalated its propaganda efforts to link the Soviet Union with the belligerent Arab powers, especially Syria, in order to blame the rigged fifth Mideast war and the ensuing drastic economic measures on the USSR.

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In a widely publicized war-mongering speech, Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin charged that 20 Soviet ships were unloading arms at the Syrian port of Latakia--a charge that even the Pentagon was forced to admit was greatly exaggerated.

Nevertheless, Rabin's charges gave rise to speculation in the CIA-controlled press that in its psychotic frenzy Israel might consider a strike against Soviet cargo ships, thus forcing a U.S.-Soviet confrontation in the Middle East.

The foreign ministers of Egypt and Israel fueled Rabin's scare talk of a looming U.S.-Soviet clash. Egypt's Ismail Fahmi yesterday stated ominously that "Israel may be the country that finally puts an end to detente." Echoing Fahmi's hypocritical "detente is at stake" line, Israel's Yigal Allon whined, "Detente, if it is to exist at all, must be applied in the Middle East as elsewhere."

Having linked the stupid Soviets to the CIA-controlled Arab regimes, press speculation focused on the Siberia meeting today between Rockefeller lackey Gerald Ford and Soviet party chief L. I. Brezhnev. According to these CIA-planted fantasies, the chief topic of discussion at the Ford-Brezhnev meeting was whether the Soviets would persuade their Syrian "allies" to renew the agreement stationing the UN peacekeeping force on the Israeli-occupied Syrian Golan Heights. The accord expires Nov. 30, and Israel has stated that it would consider the expulsion of the UN forces by Syria as a "causus belli"--cause for war.

According to "leaked" reports in the press, the Syrians are unwilling to renew the agreement unless Israel submits to a series of conditions which are patently impossible for Israel to accept. Reportedly, Syria is seeking a resumption of the Geneva peace talks, a guarantee of Israeli withdrawals from Golan linked to a timetable, and "recognition of the Palestinian people's rights." While it is not known whether these conditions actually represent Syria's bargaining position, even the official silence by Syrian leaders on the Golan Heights renewal has served to heighten the pressure-cooker atmosphere surrounding Israel as the Nov. 30 deadline approaches.

Combined with the "terrorist" attacks on Israel, the West Bank rebellion, and the international diplomatic setbacks received by the battered Israelis, the tension over the Golan Heights deadline means that with a single spark the CIA can provoke the fanatic Zionists into launching the feared blitzkrieg against the Arabs.