

A Brief to the U.N. General Assembly

The Palestinian Liberation Organization - Rockefeller's Oil Politics

For the first time in the history of the United Nations, the General Assembly is scheduled to consider the question of the Palestinians apart from the more general examination of the entire complex of Middle East politics.

Not coincidentally, as the United Nations prepares to debate the Palestine issue, the clouds of war — some genuine, some mere fictions created by the crisis-mongering bourgeois press — have begun to gather ominously in the Middle East. Quite suddenly, the so-called Arab oil weapon has been linked again publically with the vague issue of a "Middle East settlement" by such an eminent personage as Aramco Oil spokesman and Saudi Oil Minister Sheikh Yamani. Amid leaked reports — always officially denied — that the U.S. military is planning a police action aimed at one or another Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries member state, and as the hysterical press implies that the Arab-Israeli conflict is "insoluble," President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger have launched vitriolic and threatening attacks against OPEC price policy. Their coordinated speeches obviously were carefully calculated to provoke maximum paranoia and hysteria throughout the Arab world.

This brief is designed to provide irrefutable evidence for three interrelated propositions:

First, that the current escalation of Middle East tensions is without doubt the product of a CIA-orchestrated campaign to heighten the regional political crisis and to use a staged confrontation, similar to last October's war, as a cover for a second "oil crisis."

Second, that the supposedly anti-imperialist actions by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and the Arab sub-group OAPEC have been used by the Rockefeller/Standard Oil/Chase Manhattan empire to bankrupt and reorganize the western world and the underdeveloped sector in preparation for the implementation of fascist economic forms. At a stroke, using their vast oil and financial empire and its political counterinsurgent apparatus to manipulate Persian Gulf governments, the Rockefellers virtually have eliminated all bourgeois opposition to Wall Street hegemony. The net effect of last year's 400 per cent increase in the price of oil has been the centralization of nearly \$80 billion looted from the world economy under the administration of Rockefeller-controlled lending institutions.

Third, that the so-called Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), the hegemonic Palestinian umbrella group composed of numerous groups and political and military factions, does not deserve recognition by the United Nations or by actual liberation forces in the Middle East. In fact, while

incorporating several honest tendencies and numerous individuals committed to the establishment of socialist and proto-socialist economic and political relations, the PLO is without question currently dominated by the CIA and the immense Middle East political machine that operates to ensure regional stability (via manipulated tension) for the Rockefeller-controlled Standard Oil petroleum cartel.

The Oil Weapon

The immediate implications of these ideas are obvious. By consciously escalating the tone of rhetoric over both the oil issue and the Palestinians, Rockefeller and the CIA are laying the ground for a reactivation of the "oil weapon." In a world whose economy is wracked by a spreading capitalist depression, the effect of a second "oil crisis" will be to push nervous bourgeois-democratic governments into dropping any remaining hesitation and submitting to the Rockefeller-Kissinger plan to cut energy consumption by a further 15 per cent. In this fashion, "energy conservation" measures, "oil sharing" plans and IMF "petrodollar recycling" are the cutting edge of Rockefeller's drive to enforce worldwide fascism within the immediate period ahead. Should the discredited government bureaucracies in the West fail in their task of convincing workers to reduce their standard of living "for their own good," the well-trained military in NATO are prepared to become the overt enforcers of Zero Growth fascism.

As Middle East politics thus is stirred up to provide the political cover for Rockefeller's new Oil Hoax, the role of the Palestinians must be identified clearly.

As an organized, politically conscious, raw revolutionary force, the widespread Palestinian presence throughout the Middle East and extending into much of the rest of the world represents a serious, potential threat to Rockefeller control in the region. That is, the actual liberation of the Middle East — in concert with an international workers' movement — must have as its focus the mobilization of the Palestinians as the leadership of the Middle East socialist movement.

The counterinsurgent forces at Rockefeller's disposal long have recognized the potential threat represented by the Palestinians. In fact, at times they have resorted to outright massacre and brutal repression of the Palestinian movement, such as the murderous attacks launched by King Hussein in the September 1970 to July 1971 period; or the merciless extermination of the Palestinians by Israeli security in the newly occupied areas after June 1967.

CIA Castration

For the most part, however, the ability of the CIA to

castrate the Palestinian movement has relied on shifting the rage of oppressed Palestinians from the real oppressor — Rockefeller, the oil interests, Arab servants of imperialism like Faisal and Sadat, and the Zionist ruling class in Israel — to an object of impotent hatred: Israel. For 25 years, Israel has served imperialism not so much by launching imperialist wars against the Arabs (which it has), but by providing Arab reactionaries with a means of controlling their populations, by focussing discontent onto the Zionist lightning rod.

For the Palestinians, in particular, such "nationalist" militancy was an especially effective means of control. Squalid UNRWA refugee camps by the mid-1950s had become the breeding ground for a potentially revolutionary Palestinian movement against both Israel and the fascist Arab regimes. Thus while the Arab countries tolerated or quietly suppressed Palestinian movements that used merely anti-Zionist rhetoric, all Arab rulers, led by Nasser, sternly repressed any attempt by Palestinians to transform the movement into one of actual socialist aims.

The primary vehicle used by Arab regimes to pacify the Palestinian movement was the creation and maintenance of an organization which appeared to be independent but in reality which was linked closely to the national regime in power. While this tactic worked well for the various Arab regimes, as these same regimes began to become "troublesome" to the U.S. policy regionally it became necessary for the CIA to intervene directly into the Palestinian movement.

It was at this point — the late 1950s — that the CIA moved to take full control of the leadership of the Palestinians. Their technique was simple: a "countergang," a police-organized "progressive" movement, was set up by the CIA and Arab reactionaries like Saudi Arabia's Royal Family. This movement, from its inception, has remained under CIA control and functioned as police force of the Palestinian resistance and the collaborator of Arab reaction: its name is Fatah, led by Yasser Arafat.

The current moves by Fatah to reveal its counterinsurgent role by openly declaring its intention to create and govern a mini-Palestinian state on occupied Jordan's West Bank have now served as the political focus for the Middle East crisis. The "Arab liberation movement" led by Fatah is only the militant political magnet around which Rockefeller's new OPEC Oil Hoax is to be revived.

Cheap Labor

Within the Middle East itself, the Arafat-controlled PLO has another function as well. Specifically, the PLO must serve as the governmental enforcer of discipline on the mass of Palestinians refugees, the majority of whom are now either unemployed or working at inefficient, part-time jobs, including the 60,000 Palestinians who are shipped daily into Israel to pick fruit or serve as low-paid construction workers. The role of these Palestinians as a mass of cheap, available labor has been remarked upon explicitly by David Rockefeller himself. In early February of 1974, in an interview with the **New York Times**, Rockefeller specifically cited the West Bank of the Jordan River as a viable site for a major development project, involving the investment of several billions of dollars in labor-intensive employment.

The significance of such projects can be understood only when they are contrasted with the fate of the so-

called Fourth World. (The term was coined by a researcher for Rockefeller's Trilateral Commission, a supranational planning agency which is overseeing the unfolding of the "new world order.") According to the Fourth World schema, vast areas of the world have been designated as "uncreditworthy"; that is, the bulk of what is commonly referred to as the Third World has been slated for Sahel-type extinction. The area designated as the Fourth World is to include nearly all of Africa, most of south Asia (including the entire Indian subcontinent), and much of Latin America.

Slave-Labor Development

The few areas in the third world which have been singled out as recipients of credit from the Rockefeller-controlled international financial apparatus — which of course, includes the vast amounts of Middle East oil money — have been selected on the basis of whether they can provide a satisfactory return on investment. The criteria used to separate the two "worlds", needless to say, do not take into account in the least the actual requirements of an expanding human economy.

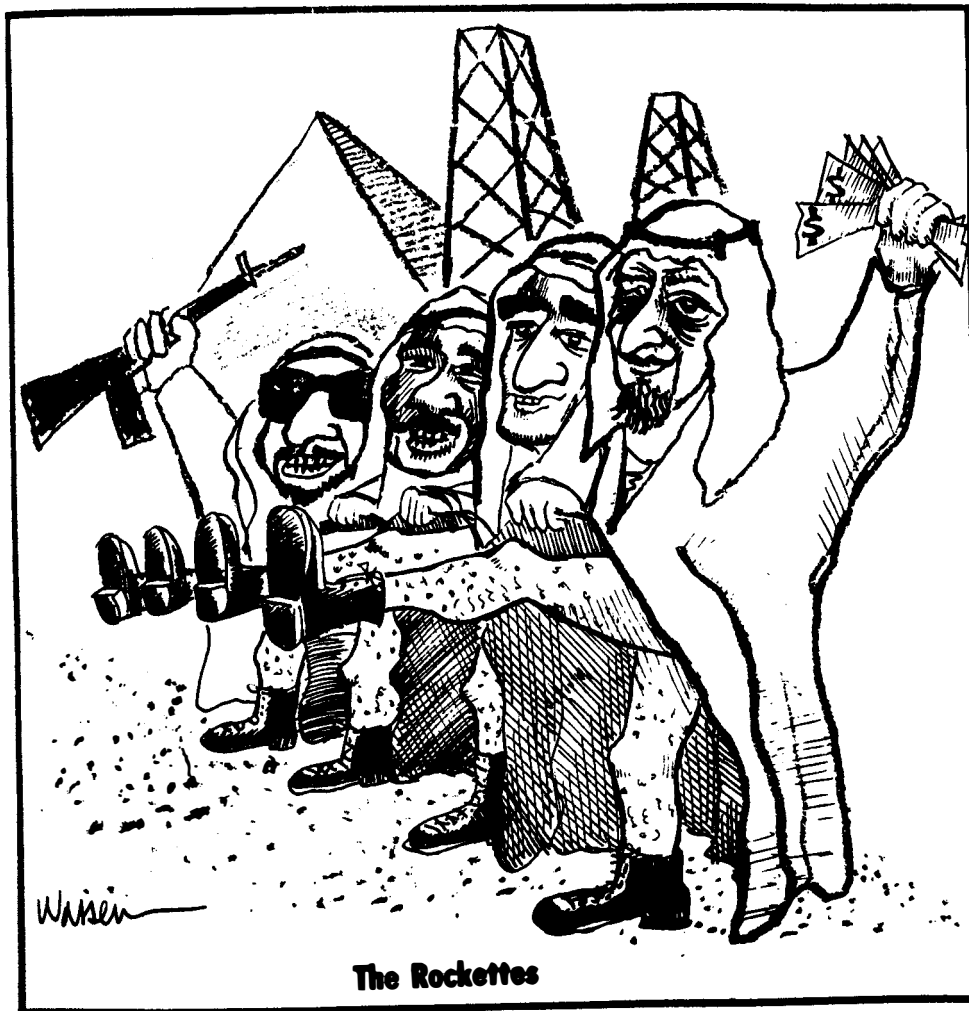
In the Middle East, such "development zones" can be found along the Suez Canal in Egypt, in numerous points in Iran, and in the desert regions of the Persian Gulf. In Egypt, Sadat is reorganizing the entire Egyptian bureaucracy, de-socializing the economy, and openly stating his intention to "open Egypt" to the West. Already, billions of dollars have been committed by large American banks and their allied oil sheikhs to fund slave labor factories, mines, and agricultural projects. This production will support the vast, scheduled construction of oil refineries, petrochemical plants, and even steel and auto assembly plants which will be the real money makers for Chase Manhattan, First National City and Bank of America — all of which have recently opened new Cairo offices.

This Middle East network of linked, labor-intensive investment zones already has been drawn up and is ready to receive input of materials, equipment, and labor. Obviously, the supply of such vast quantities of productive capacity as planned by the various national sectors in these development zones around the third world can be supplied, initially, only by the advanced sector — Europe, Japan, and North America. When looked at in toto, such a massive transfer of capital to the selected areas of the underdeveloped world can be understood only as the **deindustrialization** of the industrialized world.

As stated before, the West Bank region has been identified by David Rockefeller as an optimum area for slave labor redevelopment. The Palestinian mini-state that Arafat has been organizing over the last 12 months will serve as the vehicle for centralizing the investment into Palestinian labor resources. This has been explicitly stated by Claude Chausson of the European Economic Community Committee for Arab-European relations, in a meeting with Palestinian leaders; Chausson declared the willingness of the EEC to extend aid to the Palestinians, especially "after a Palestinian state is set up."

Support For PLO Aids CIA

In essence, then, the following concept is submitted for your consideration: any U.N. delegation which votes to support or speaks in favor of the Palestine Liberation Organization as now constituted is consciously and deliberately aiding the oil and dollar strangulation of their constituent nation, by helping



The Rockettes

Left to Right: Arafat, Sadat, the Shah, Faisal

the CIA and the Rockefeller oil cartel to consolidate "Arab unity" behind the fascist leadership of ex-Nazi Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt and hated King Faisal of Saudi Arabia, and by increasing CIA maneuverability in the region.

Thus, the issue of the Palestinians at the United Nations is not the real issue at all. Again, as in the past, the refugee Palestinians are mere pawns in the orchestration of Middle East political affairs.

Mere silence in the face of such a travesty as the proposed farcical "discussion" of the Palestinian question is thus tantamount to criminal inaction. Instead, the upcoming debate on Palestine must be transformed into a forum for exposing the criminal links between the Oil Hoax, OPEC, and the dominant Arafat PLO faction. Only a thorough discussion of Rockefeller's manipulation of oil politics, coupled with the Labor Committees' proposal for the emergency development of fusion power as the core of a new technology essential for human survival can prevent the hideous Rockefeller plan from becoming reality.

The following material is ammunition for a coordinated attack on the Rockefeller-CIA Middle East strategy and the Oil Hoax.

! What is OPEC ?

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries was formed in September 1960 at the urging of Venezuela and Saudi Arabia — both notorious for the massive presence of Rockefeller interests. The organization came into being at a time of falling oil

prices, ostensibly a response by producer governments to declining oil revenues.

In reality, OPEC was developed by the oil companies themselves as a formalization of the growing cartel arrangements that already existed among the so-called Seven Sisters: Exxon, Mobil, Socal, Texaco, Gulf, Shell, and BP. The creation of OPEC was ordered by Rockefeller in order to centralize the regulation of oil supplies and prices in the face of the then-prevailing tendency of oil prices to fall.

This tendency was caused largely by a factor outside the control of the capitalist-based Rockefeller machine. In the mid-1950s, the Soviet Union emerged as a potential major exporter of petroleum. The Soviets were not unaware of the tremendous economic and political power tied to control of energy sources and they initiated a conscious policy of undercutting the artificially high price of Rockefeller oil. By offering cut rates, making barter deals, and accepting "soft" currencies from African, Asian, and Latin American nations, the Soviets quickly began to represent a serious threat to the absolute core of Rockefeller's world empire — the Standard Oil Trust and its affiliates.

In addition, a secondary threat to the Standard Oil cartel came from the Italian newcomer ENI, under the direction of maverick director Enrico Mattei. ENI fought its way into the Middle East oil fields and sought to lower prices as well as to make Italy independent of its reliance on the Seven Sisters. By the late 1950s, coinciding with the Soviet petroleum