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THE WHITE HOUSE
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August 29, 1989

Dear Mr. Aldridge:

The President asked me to extend his appreciation for the good wishes you sent for his first Fourth of July as President. He values your support and that of the Arab-American community in the Southwest as this Administration faces the difficult task of promoting Arab-Israeli peace and assisting efforts to find a solution to the conflict in Lebanon.

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Sincerely,



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

August 18, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM: G. PHILIP HUGHES *Philip*
SUBJECT: Letter From Mr. George W. Aldridge

Attached is a draft State Department response to a letter from George W. Aldridge, Southwest Director of the National Association of Arab Americans, who wrote to the President in support of his Middle East policy.

The NSC recommends that this response be signed by an appropriate White House staff member.

Attachment
Tab A Draft Reply

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Date August 15, 1989

For: Mr. Philip Hughes
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: President Bush From: Mr. George W. Aldridge
Date: June 28, 1989 Subject: Wishing the President
and his family a happy Fourth of July.
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Fort Worth/Dallas National Association of Arab Americans
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28 June 1989

President George Bush
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush:

On behalf of the growing Arab American community in the Southwest and especially in the Fort Worth/Dallas metroplex, I want to wish you, Mrs. Bush, and the entire Bush family and White House staff a most memorable 4th of July 1989--your first as President of the United States.

As a Republican and Arab American, I'm proud to report that the community is energized by your and Secretary of State Baker's efforts vis-a-vis both the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the continuing civil war in Lebanon. We are 100% behind you. We're also delighted that your policies are guided by pragmatism, even-handedness, fair-play, and political prudence. Keep up the good work!

You'll be delighted to learn that several Arab Americans with whom I am in personal contact with have become Republicans since you entered office. All admit they underestimated your knowledge of the Middle East and were unaware of your commitment to a fair and square Palestinian-Israeli peace and a return to democracy and territorial sovereignty in Lebanon.

We join you in the celebration of freedom and self-determination!... Hope you have a great 4th of July!

Respectfully yours,

George W. Aldridge

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Southwest NAAA Director
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Baker's bluntness welcome

U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN THE Mideast quagmire has long been characterized by seeming inconsistencies: periodic advocacy of an Arab or Israeli position while inexplicably overlooking its flaws.

The United States has talked of the negotiated disposition of the "occupied" Palestinian areas of the West Bank and Gaza Strip while ignoring the de facto Israeli annexation of much of that territory. It has accepted the Palestine Liberation Organization's rejection of terrorism while ignoring the PLO charter's call for the elimination of the Jewish state. What has been lacking is a comprehensive State Department look at the roadblocks each party in the Mideast has erected in the path of peace.

That oversight has been firmly, publicly rectified by Secretary of State James Baker in a blunt, welcome enunciation of the Bush administration's position on the Arab-Israeli conflict. While the Secretary did not delineate a proposed solution to the central issue of Palestinian independence, he clearly showed the contradictions in Israeli, Palestinian, and Arab community positions that must be eliminated before viable negotiations can begin. If he can focus the attention of each party on the inconsistencies in their positions, Mr. Baker will have performed an enormous service.

In speaking to the influential Israeli

lobby in Washington, D.C., Mr. Baker declared "now is the time to lay aside, once and for all, the unrealistic vision of a greater Israel . . . Forswear annexation. Stop settlement activity. Allow schools to reopen. Reach out to the Palestinians as neighbors who deserve political rights."

That declaration brought expected criticism from Israeli officials. But there is no way the biblical land of Israel, which includes the Palestinian areas now controlled by the Israeli military, can be reconstituted unless Israel intends to evict or permanently subjugate the 1.5 million Palestinians living there. No negotiation can work as long as Israeli leaders harbor that vision.

The Palestinians were bluntly told that peace is not possible in an atmosphere of revolution and distrust. Mr. Baker correctly noted the anti-Israeli PLO charter must be changed before its leaders can be trusted.

The Arab League was appropriately challenged to end the economic boycott of Israel, cease challenging Israel's standing in international organizations and "repudiate the odious line that Zionism is racism." For the past decade, the league has routinely asserted that the PLO is the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinians.

If that is the case, then it is incumbent on the league to follow the lead of the PLO and recognize Israel's right to exist within secure borders in their midst.

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Mideast policy

Baker's remarks are refreshingly blunt

Yes, America, there is a Bush administration Middle East policy.

Strong evidence to that effect resonated from Secretary of State James Baker's refreshingly blunt remarks to the annual policy conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, a speech that, because of its even-handed admonitions, was not well received by the pro-Israel audience or by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who called the speech "useless."

Shamir is entitled to his opinion, of course, but Baker was right in calling upon both Israel and the Palestinians to take positive steps to produce an environment conducive to bringing a lasting peace to the Middle East.

Baker urged Israel to forgo any designs on annexing the West Bank and Gaza, reopen closed Palestinian schools in the occupied territories, cease all Jewish settlement activity in those territories and pursue negotiations that probably will involve territorial withdrawal in order to be successful.

"For Israel, now is the time to lay aside, once and for all, the unrealistic vision of a greater Israel. For Palestinians, now is the time to speak with one voice for peace," Baker said.

He called upon the Palestinians to change the Palestine Liberation Organization charter that calls for the elimination of Israel, renounce the concept of a phased takeover of Israel, cease trying to distort international organizations by pressing for recognition of a non-existent Palestinian state and move from the violence of the *intifada* to a "dialogue of politics and diplomacy."

Baker also asked the Arab governments meeting in Casablanca to end the economic boycott of Israel, cease challenging Israel's standing in international organizations and desist from the odious equating of Zionism with racism.

Shamir's rejection of Baker's suggestions was predictable, and the PLO and Casablanca conference are not likely to instantly embrace them. Nevertheless, Baker's speech was a significant event, an essential affirmation of this country's commitment to a balanced Middle East policy.

A perception of balance in U.S. Middle East policy is crucial to this nation's credibility as an honest broker in the peacemaking process. Although the basic thrust of Baker's remarks did not differ materially from the policy of the Reagan administration, their tone and structure suggested that the Bush administration will tread a finer line of consistency in sustaining the perception of balance.

It is noteworthy that Baker did not embellish his speech with effusive references to the special relationship between the United States and Israel in order to please his predominantly Jewish audience. Nevertheless, he did offer the reassuring words that "no one is going to deliver Israel" to the Palestinians.

Baker sent the right message to both Israel and the Palestinians. Israel will never find peace and security by pursuing a course of territorial expansion and repression. The Palestinians will never find a place to call a national home by employing strategies based upon the pipedream of eventually displacing Israel.



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Monday, June 26, 1989

WEST BANK

Continued occupation is not good for Israel

More and more it appears that Israelis may do to themselves what Arab armies have been unable to do: bring about the dissolution of the Jewish state. Surely that must be the inevitable result of an Israeli civil war, and that appears to be where Israel is headed.

This past week, the West Bank was rocked by further assassinations, and the abduction of an American relief worker. Most shocking was an attack on Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir by Israeli West Bank settlers who have been among his staunchest supporters. Cooler heads are fast vanishing.

The fuel for this pending brother-against-brother conflagration is the disposition of the West Bank territories occupied by Israel since 1967. A huge Palestinian majority living on the West Bank has risen to fight what it sees as an unjust Israeli occupation, and it is now inconceivable that these people will soon sink back into silence.

Now the brutal war between Jewish settlers and the indigenous Arab population is escalating, and the Israeli government is drawing fire from its own people for not dealing even more harshly with the Palestinians.

Divisions within Israel are growing

deeper, as more moderate Jews begin to realize that holding the West Bank is a practical impossibility. However, the zealots, who see holding the territory as religious imperative, grow more determined to hold what they believe God has given them.

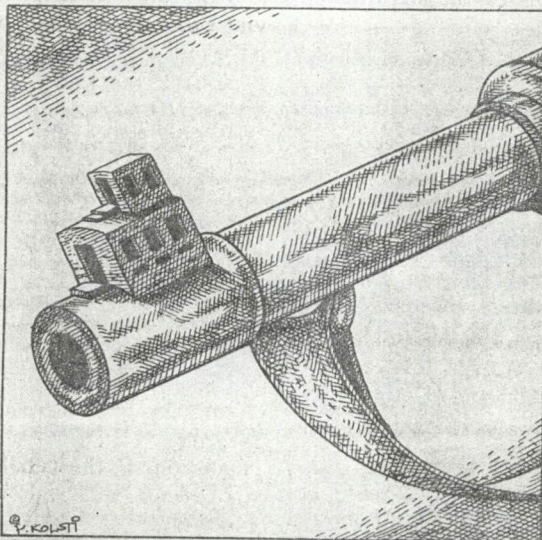
The only historically viable course is for Israel to give up the West Bank, and soon. Israel's occupation of the West Bank is eroding its support from Western nations, including the United States, without whose support it cannot hope to survive.

The question is what will spring up when the Israelis leave. That is the question Israel must negotiate. The probable

best path is a semi-autonomous state within the kingdom of Jordan.

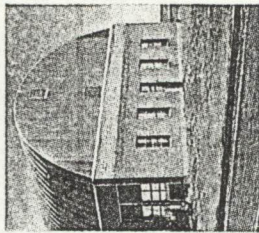
The U.S. must make the message clear that Israel must surrender the West Bank, perhaps by scaling back aid until the Israeli government enters into serious negotiations.

No doubt that will bring a violent reaction from the zealots that will require firm action by the Israeli government. But the longer the existing situation is allowed to fester, the more difficult it will be to reach any solution, and the greater will be Israel's peril.



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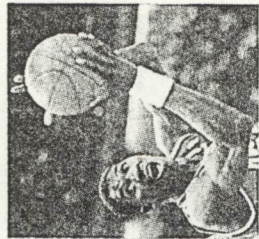
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Israeli military courts provoke bitter debate

By Chris Hedges

Mideast Bureau of The Dallas Morning News

RAMALLAH, Occupied West Bank — Judge Danny Guetta, a pen protruding from his mouth, looks intently through the files in front of him.

A group of Palestinian men and women, all bundled up in heavy jackets, their heads covered with long kerchiefs and flowing white kaffiyehs, watch him motionlessly from low wooden benches. Off to the side of the tiny, unheated courtroom stands a young man in a black windbreaker.

"Where is your lawyer?" the

Jewish judge asks the young Arab through an Israeli army interpreter.

"He is not here because of the strike," the Palestinian answers.

"Then the trial is postponed until March," Guetta says, abruptly closing the file.

The prisoner is escorted out, past friends and relatives who crane their necks until he disappears through the back door for the return trip to jail.

In a few minutes, Guetta, wearing a heavy olive-green parka and Israeli army uniform, repeats the

Please see STRIKE on Page 31A.



The Dallas Morning News: David Woo

Palestinians arrested in the uprising in the occupied territories claim Israeli military courts are unfair.

CRIME WATCH

'88 statistics for suburbs show slight decline

By Bobbi Miller

Staff Writer of The Dallas Morning News

It may be only that there was less to steal and fewer people to steal it, but serious crime was down slightly last year in Dallas-area suburbs.

The drop was the first since *The Dallas Morning News* began charting annual crime statistics for the suburbs in 1984.

After climbing steadily for four years, the index for major offenses declined by 0.35 percent in 1988 — an improvement experts say could be attributed to a more stable economy, a slowdown in migration to the area and a shrinking of the younger generation, which traditionally commits more crimes.

David McKenna, a professor of criminal justice at the University of Texas at Arlington, cautioned against interpreting the decline as a signal that the area has "turned the corner on

■ Suburban storefront.

■ Area crime statistics.

crime."

"It doesn't mean it is going to be up or down next year," he said.

But McKenna and several suburban police chiefs said the stronger economy and more controlled growth in suburban neighborhoods probably affected the crime totals favorably — a sign that the downturn could continue, or at least that the double-digit increases of the mid-1980s could be under control.

"The good news is we've stabilized," said Paul Geisel, a professor of urban affairs at UTA. "When you have a lot of turnover of people, you have a lot of vulnerability."

Police reported that another force helping to Please see AFTER on Page 20A.

Strike clogs Israeli courts

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process, reading the file, asking the same question and sending the Palestinian back to jail.

For two months, Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip have been going to trial — before military courts and army-appointed Jewish judges — without legal representation. The courts' 60 defense lawyers, the vast majority of whom also are Palestinian, have gone on strike. They say the proceedings are "humiliating and illegal."

The strike has clogged the military courts, which have seen their caseload triple since the Palestinian uprising — or the *intifada*, as it is called in Arabic — began in December 1987. In the last 14 months, the courts have charged 21,000 Palestinians, but only about 4,500 of the cases have come to trial, resulting in 4,300 convictions and 200 acquittals.

The rest remain under detention awaiting trial. Many will be detained for periods longer than their actual sentences because of the logjam in the courts.

The defense lawyers' strike is aimed at Israel's two judicial systems — one for the 1.5 million Palestinians under occupation and the other for the 4.2 million Israeli citizens.

"I have a great deal of respect for the Israeli judicial system," said Palestinian lawyer Mazim Kupty, a member of the Israeli bar who has refused to work in the military courts for several years. "The Israeli courts are fair, and justice can be done, but this is not the case in the military courts."

"The military court," Kupty said, "is a tool, part of a system to enforce the rule of the occupying power."

An Israeli Defense Ministry spokesman said that the military courts function "properly and reasonably under current conditions." Other Israeli officials also argue that the elaborate safeguards provided to Israeli defendants cannot be provided to Palestinians in the territories.

"When Palestinians throw stones at a soldier or an Israeli, they see it as a patriotic act," said army prosecutor Yohanan Altbauer. "The Palestinians don't see these acts as crimes. . . . But under international law, these acts, regardless of the motives or the reasons, are considered crimes. There is no lawful justification for them, and the perpetrators must be punished."

The striking lawyers have a list of 22 grievances, which even many army prosecutors contend are valid.

The defense lawyers complain that it takes days or weeks to locate their imprisoned clients after arrest, that bail is rarely granted, that relatives of suspects are often detained and held hostage until the suspects are found.

The lawyers contend that trials are delayed for months by transportation foul-ups, the heavy backlog

and the failure of witnesses — frequently army soldiers — to show up. They complain that they frequently are not informed of trial dates and are forbidden from seeing their clients before trial. The lawyers also dislike the army's policy of transferring those awaiting trial to the remote Ketziot Detention Center in the Negev desert.

Finally, the lawyers rail against the army's policy of trying suspects on the basis of confessions written in Hebrew, statements that Palestinian lawyers say are sometimes made under duress or not fully understood by their clients.

"The defense lawyers, who before felt uncomfortable taking part in this charade, are now pressed against the wall in terms of their individual self-respect and professional dignity," said striking lawyer Jonathan Kuttub, who received his law degree from the University of Virginia and practiced in the United States before returning to Israel.

Capt. Moshe Behar, the chief army prosecutor in the Ramallah court, said that even if some of the complaints have validity, the "strike is not correct. It harms the defendants."

Adding to the problem — and the backlog — is that almost all defendants now plead not guilty, even those who have signed confessions. "Some of these confessions are the result of torture, prolonged isolation, threats and deception by Israeli security agents," Kuttub said.

Israeli officials say that such abuses are isolated and that they are punished when uncovered.

But in 1987, an Israeli investigation headed by former Supreme Court President Moshe Landau found that members of Israel's General Security Service, known as the Shin Bet, regularly used torture and beatings to get information and confessions. The agents then lied to the courts about how the information and confessions were extracted, the report said.

The military courts are located in heavily guarded army headquarters in the occupied cities of Ramallah, Bethlehem, Hebron, Nablus, Jenin, Tulkarem, Gaza City and Khan Yunis. Local Arab courts, which deal with issues unconnected with the Israeli state — such as family matters — continue to function under this system. But any matters relating to the Israeli authorities — security issues, custom duties or traffic violations — are handled by the military.

The dichotomy between one legal system for Israelis and another for occupied Palestinians has created rancor among those imprisoned for participating in the *intifada*.

A Jewish settler in the territories who is charged with a crime is never brought before a local Arab court. Under the resulting system, an Arab can be tried by a Jewish judge, but a Jew can never be tried by an Arab judge.

"What angers us is the injustice

of the whole system," said one 27-year-old Palestinian who attended the Ramallah court session in the hopes of seeing a friend who has been imprisoned for a year and was to have been tried that day. "If a Palestinian throws a rock at a soldier who he believes is occupying his land, he gets one year in jail. If a Jewish settler shoots and kills a Palestinian, he gets one year in jail, maybe less."

The differences between the Israeli judicial system and the military court system, however, are not confined to legislation or sentencing. They extend to every aspect of a person's legal rights.

In Israel, a suspect can be detained for only 48 hours without a court order. In the occupied territories, he or she can be detained for 18 days.

In Israel, a suspect can be held for only 30 days for the purpose of an investigation. In the occupied territories, a suspect can be held for six months and 18 days.

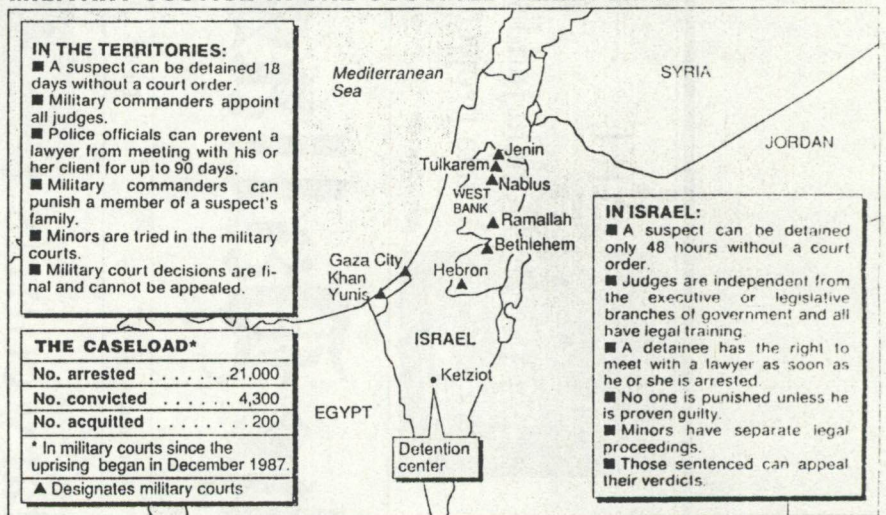
In Israel, judges are independent from the executive or legislative branches of government, and all have legal training. In the territories, military commanders appoint all judges. In serious offenses, which require three military judges, only one of three needs to have had legal training. All of these judges can be removed by military commanders, who can simply refuse to renew their terms.

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MILITARY JUSTICE IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES



In Israel, a detainee has the right to meet with a lawyer as soon as he or she is arrested. A high police official can delay this meeting for up to 48 hours, and in cases of severe security matters, a judge can postpone the meeting for an additional 15 days. In the territories, any police official can prevent a lawyer from meeting with his or her client for up to 90 days.

In Israel, no one is punished unless he is proven guilty. In the territories, the military commander can punish a member of a suspect's family, even if there is no evidence that the relative took part in a crime.

In Israel, minors under the age of 12 have separate legal proceedings, while in the territories, minors are tried in the military courts.

Finally, in Israel, those sentenced can appeal their verdicts to the district and then the Supreme Court. In the territories, the decision of the military court is final and cannot be appealed.

During a break in the court proceedings in Ramallah, a group of Arab men spoke quietly amongst themselves. They had sat silently during the proceedings, stood when the judge left the courtroom, but

were now bitter and defiant.

"My son is in jail," said one 62-year-old Palestinian, who slowly worked his thick fingers around some prayer beads made from the wood of an olive tree. "I keep coming to court, and his trial keeps being postponed. I am frustrated. Not long ago, the Jewish settlers near our village cut down all 400 of our olive trees, 60 of which were mine. Nothing will be done to them for this, and all the while, my son cannot even get to court for his trial. Why do these Jews think they have the right to do this? Can't they see that this is not just?"

Times Herald
May 22, 1989

Burden is Israel's

YOUR ADVICE to the PLO to scrap its charter (editorial of May 14) should not be given without noting the following:

Israel has never defined its borders. Israel has never recognized U.N. Resolutions 242 and 237, which are crucial to any settlement with the Palestinians. Israel has never recognized the PLO, which enjoys more diplomatic recognition than Israel. Israel has never officially committed itself to the land-for-peace option. Israel continues to violate Palestinian human and other rights on a daily basis.

Palestinian President Yasser Arafat has by words not only abrogated the intent of the charter in his recognition of Israel and its right to live in peace on its land, but has accepted a much smaller area for a Palestinian state than was granted Nov. 29, 1947, by United Nations Resolution 181(11) — aka the Partition Plan.

How much more is expected of the PLO prior to direct negotiations with Israel?

CECIL ASFOUR
Member, National Association
of Arab Americans,
Dallas

The Dallas Morning News

Tuesday, May 23, 1989

Real issue

Re: Elizabeth Meyer's letter, "Only Israel," May 15. I don't think she will get any arguments about how the 1967 Arab-Israeli war started. I do take offense, though, to her saying "the Arabs started . . ." Some Arab nations started the war, not the Arabs. I don't recall Saudi Arabia or Kuwait participating, and I believe they would consider themselves Arabs. But, aside from that, I think Ms. Meyer has missed the entire point.

It's not that Israel legitimately captured these territories during this war — it did. The real issue is the Israeli treatment of the people who live in these occupied territories. They are human beings, and it appears to me that Israel is not affording these people the rights they deserve. The actions of a few Palestinian terrorists do not justify Israel treating all Palestinians as subhuman. The Israeli treatment of the Arabs in the occupied territories is, to me, the same as the white South African treatment of South African

blacks. And the similarity between Israel's treatment of Palestinians and the Nazi treatment of Jews is not lost on me. Right now, the only differences would appear to be those of magnitude and severity. But the mentality seems the same.

PATRICK J. PHILP,
Dallas

No right

When anyone makes an offer as Israel has of local elections for Palestinians on a "take it or leave it" basis, they have no right to express surprise if the answer is "we leave it!"

Americans may have forgotten Patrick Henry's "Give me liberty or give me death," but that sentiment lives in scattered places as in Afghanistan and Palestine. It may even lie hidden here in America.

GORDON S. CLARK,
Eastland

● Omar Sharif, the bridge-playing movie star, is heading to Dallas next month for activities surrounding the Omar Sharif Invitational Bridge Tournament at the Mansion on Turtle Creek.

A black-tie gourmet dinner will kick things off June 19, prepared by the Mansion's chef **Dean Fearing** and guest chef **George Masraff** of the Tavern on the Green in New York. A duplicate bridge tournament will be June 20, followed by a luncheon and bridge party June 21 and a cocktail-buffet reception also on June 21, all at the Mansion. On June 22 there's a showing of *Funny Girl* at Southern Methodist University.

Those events (but not Sharif's VIP tour of the Ramses II exhibition at Fair Park) are open to the public. Tickets are \$175 for the gourmet dinner, \$15 for a limited number of kibitzer seats at the tournament, \$60 for the luncheon and bridge party, \$50 for the reception (\$25 if you also attended the luncheon), and \$35 and \$50 for the film screening for members and non-members, respectively of the Southwest Film and Video Archives. Only the film screening is a benefit (for the film archives), so when you pay \$175 for dinner, you get a \$175 dinner.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Column fiction?

IN A COLUMN you ran on May 31, headlined "Shamir's run-in with senators set the stage for Baker rebuff," Roland Evans and Robert Novak built a whole story on an incident involving Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

According to them, in a recent meeting with Shamir, Sen. John Chafee "produced a list of children killed by Israeli soldiers..." Sen. Robert Dole then asked the prime minister "to examine the list and discuss it" then, the story continues, "the prime minister waved the document away."

The incident never took place! The whole episode exists only in the imagination of Evans and Novak.

Chafee's office has confirmed that the article misrepresents what took place at the meeting and that Chafee did not present any list to the prime minister. Dole's office has confirmed that he did not urge the prime minister to discuss the list because there was no such list.

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Their is a most lamentable and objectionable response to an American policy that might very well succeed in reconciling Israeli demands for security with Palestinian aspirations for self-determination.

You gave particular attention to the altogether reasonable demands Baker made on all parties to the conflict. Baker's call for territorial and political compromise was admirable.

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—Margot S. Dakss
Fort Worth

Worth are wise enough to see Mr. Greenberg's article for what it is: a racist and religious smear. I don't suppose it ever occurred to Mr. Greenberg that the U.S.'s vast, uncritical support for Israel might give our country a reputation in the Middle East for something other than, to use his words, "tolerance, reason, freedom and the rule of law." I wonder if it was tolerance, reason, freedom and the rule of law that caused Israel to kidnap 1,200 Shia Moslems when it withdrew from Lebanon in 1985, some undoubtedly friends and relatives of the murderous Mohammed Ali Hamadi. Mr. Greenberg's slanderous attempt to paint Moslems as congenitally inclined toward violence begins to break down when one sees the seizure of TWA Flight 847 as a reaction to Israeli terrorism and hostage-taking in south Lebanon. Although Hamadi is behind bars where he belongs, Israel continues to kidnap in Lebanon. Last week, it was reported that 40 Christians were kidnapped from the town of Jezzlin by the Israeli army. Will we hear from Mr. Greenberg about this crime?

Before Paul Greenberg pours out any more bile (May 28 Op-Ed column, "Honoring a martyr to justice") about Islamic civilization having been in decline for the last 800 years, I suggest he visit Spain and see some of the glories of Islamic architecture in Granada and Seville. Or consider the relatively low crime rate and absence of drug addiction in many Moslem countries along with the social benefits that strong family units provide the very young and very old. No, I don't want to move to Jordan, Pakistan or Indonesia, but surely we in Fort

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We, as executive committee, did not invite you here to "cry over the ruins," not to expect to dine and wine while fellow countrymen cry and die. We are here together to strengthen our second, and with our geographic roots third. I do not list these in any order of preference, for they feed from the other. We the graduates friends of AUB are facing a historical responsibility from the past, remedy the present and plan for the future. Your choices must be clear and determined. We can no longer afford to be apathetic and act as passive bystanders on us otherwise. Predictably and as has history taught us, passiveness allows ignorance to dictate to govern. Ironically, all three stand diagonally opposite to the principles on which you entitles him or her to assume a leadership position, individually and/or collectively. I, like many of you, have lost confidence in many if not all political regimes. The present is to invest into the educational institutions of that region. Helping the young generations and through their numerous faculties and training programs is an asset to their communities. I commend a better stock than that in AUB. Many of us, like myself may have had political careers, but during his historic era in our region where maps are being withdrawn, the vision of the late President Kennedy "Don't ask what AUB has done to you, but what I can do for you."

I have circulated copies of letters I mailed recently to the two Texas representatives on Appropriations — Mr. Ronald Coleman (of El Paso) and Mr. Charles Wilson (of El Paso) — asking for badly needed financial aid to the university. If any of you know these two gentlemen, please let them know. Moreover, I would urge you to take a few minutes and drop a few lines to these two gentlemen.

letters, place it on your stationary and Mickey Edwards sits on the same committee. Please let them know him or know one of his staff.

It is disheartening to hear about the ravages of war continue to have the destruction of personal property is a direct result of the war. Dr. Herter reports on campus and most importantly to our fathers. Witnessing all of this, I feel compelled to ask you to help the university to the best of your ability. The university is a mirror that reflects what goes on in its host country. I

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1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush:

On behalf of the growing Arab American community in the Southwest and especially in the Fort Worth/Dallas metroplex, I want to wish you, Mrs. Bush, and the entire Bush family and White House staff a most memorable 4th of July 1989--your first as President of the United States.

As a Republican and Arab American, I'm proud to report that the community is energized by your and Secretary of State Baker's efforts vis-a-vis both the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the continuing civil war in Lebanon. We are 100% behind you. We're also delighted that your policies are guided by pragmatism, even-handedness, fair-play, and political prudence. Keep up the good work!

You'll be delighted to learn that several Arab Americans with whom I am in personal contact with have become Republicans since you entered office. All admit they underestimated your knowledge of the Middle East and were unaware of your commitment to a fair and square Palestinian-Israeli peace and a return to democracy and territorial sovereignty in Lebanon.

We join you in the celebration of freedom and self-determination!... Hope you have a great 4th of July!

Respectfully yours,

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Mideast policy

Baker's remarks are refreshingly blunt

Yes, America, there is a Bush administration Middle East policy.

Strong evidence to that effect resonated from Secretary of State James Baker's refreshingly blunt remarks to the annual policy conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, a speech that, because of its even-handed admonitions, was not well received by the pro-Israel audience or by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who called the speech "useless."

Shamir is entitled to his opinion, of course, but Baker was right in calling upon both Israel and the Palestinians to take positive steps to produce an environment conducive to bringing a lasting peace to the Middle East.

Baker urged Israel to forgo any designs on annexing the West Bank and Gaza, reopen closed Palestinian schools in the occupied territories, cease all Jewish settlement activity in those territories and pursue negotiations that probably will involve territorial withdrawal in order to be successful.

"For Israel, now is the time to lay aside, once and for all, the unrealistic vision of a greater Israel. For Palestinians, now is the time to speak with one voice for peace," Baker said.

He called upon the Palestinians to change the Palestine Liberation Organization charter that calls for the elimination of Israel, renounce the concept of a phased takeover of Israel, cease trying to distort international organizations by pressing for recognition of a non-existent Palestinian state and move from the violence of the *intifada* to a "dialogue of politics and diplomacy."

Baker also asked the Arab governments meeting in Casablanca to end the economic boycott of Israel, cease challenging Israel's standing in international organizations and desist from the odious equating of Zionism with racism.

Shamir's rejection of Baker's suggestions was predictable, and the PLO and Casablanca conference are not likely to instantly embrace them. Nevertheless, Baker's speech was a significant event, an essential affirmation of this country's commitment to a balanced Middle East policy.

A perception of balance in U.S. Middle East policy is crucial to this nation's credibility as an honest broker in the peacemaking process. Although the thrust of Baker's remarks did not differ materially from the policy of the Reagan administration, their tone and structure suggested that the Bush administration will tread a finer line of consistency in sustaining the perception of balance.

It is noteworthy that Baker did not embellish his speech with effusive references to the special relationship between the United States and Israel in order to please his predominantly Jewish audience. Nevertheless, he did offer the reassuring words that "no one is going to deliver Israel" to the Palestinians.

Baker sent the right message to both Israel and the Palestinians. Israel will never find peace and security by pursuing a course of territorial expansion and repression. The Palestinians will never find a place to call a national home by employing strategies based upon the pipedream of eventually displacing Israel.



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WEST BANK

Continued occupation is not good for Israel

More and more it appears that Israelis may do to themselves what Arab armies have been unable to do: bring about the dissolution of the Jewish state. Surely that must be the inevitable result of an Israeli civil war, and that appears to be where Israel is headed.

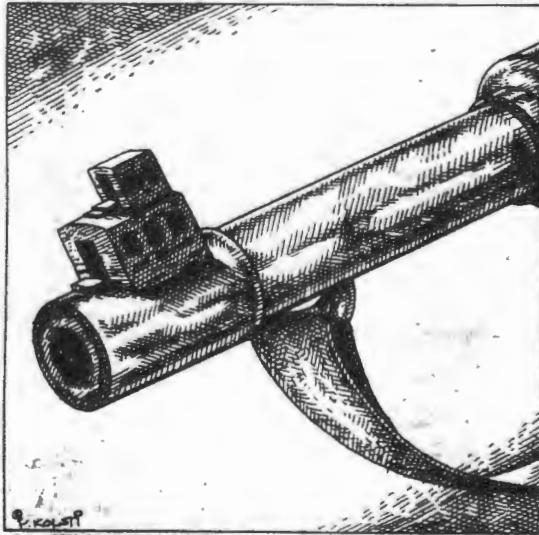
This past week, the West Bank was rocked by further assassinations, and the abduction of an American relief worker. Most shocking was an attack on Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir by Israeli West Bank settlers who have been among his staunchest supporters. Cooler heads are fast vanishing.

The fuel for this pending brother-against-brother conflagration is the disposition of the West Bank territories occupied by Israel since 1967. A huge Palestinian majority living on the West Bank has risen to fight what it sees as an unjust Israeli occupation, and it is now inconceivable that these people will soon sink back into silence.

Now the brutal war between Jewish settlers and the indigenous Arab population is escalating, and the Israeli government is drawing fire from its own people for not dealing even more harshly with the Palestinians.

Divisions within Israel are growing

deeper, as more moderate Jews begin to realize that holding the West Bank is a practical impossibility. However, the zealots, who see holding the territory as religious imperative, grow more determined to hold what they believe God has given them.



The only historically viable course is for Israel to give up the West Bank, and soon. Israel's occupation of the West Bank is eroding its support from Western nations, including the United States, without whose support it cannot hope to survive.

The question is what will spring up when the Israelis leave. That is the question Israel must negotiate. The probable

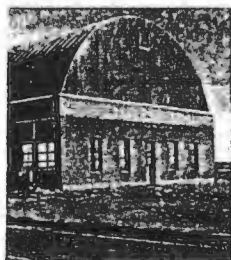
best path is a semi-autonomous state within the kingdom of Jordan.

The U.S. must make the message clear that Israel must surrender the West Bank, perhaps by scaling back aid until the Israeli government enters into serious negotiations.

No doubt that will bring a violent reaction from the zealots that will require firm action by the Israeli government. But the longer the existing situation is allowed to fester, the more difficult it will be to reach any solution, and the greater will be Israel's peril.

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Israeli military courts provoke bitter debate

By Chris Hedges

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RAMALLAH, Occupied West Bank — Judge Danny Guetta, a pen protruding from his mouth, looks intently through the files in front of him.

A group of Palestinian men and women, all bundled up in heavy jackets, their heads covered with long kerchiefs and flowing white kaffiyehs, watch him motionlessly from low wooden benches. Off to the side of the tiny, unheated courtroom stands a young man in a black windbreaker.

"Where is your lawyer?" the

Jewish judge asks the young Arab through an Israeli army interpreter.

"He is not here because of the strike," the Palestinian answers.

"Then the trial is postponed until March," Guetta says, abruptly closing the file.

The prisoner is escorted out, past friends and relatives who crane their necks until he disappears through the back door for the return trip to jail.

In a few minutes, Guetta, wearing a heavy olive-green parka and Israeli army uniform, repeats the

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The Dallas Morning News: David Woo

Palestinians arrested in the uprising in the occupied territories claim Israeli military courts are unfair.

CRIME WATCH

'88 statistics for suburbs show slight decline

By Bobbi Miller

Staff Writer of The Dallas Morning News

It may be only that there was less to steal and fewer people to steal it, but serious crime was down slightly last year in Dallas-area suburbs.

The drop was the first since *The Dallas Morning News* began charting annual crime statistics for the suburbs in 1984.

After climbing steadily for four years, the index for major offenses declined by 0.35 percent in 1988 — an improvement experts say could be attributed to a more stable economy, a slowdown in migration to the area and a shrinking of the younger generation, which traditionally commits more crimes.

David McKenna, a professor of criminal justice at the University of Texas at Arlington, cautioned against interpreting the decline as a signal that the area has "turned the corner on

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crime."

"It doesn't mean it is going to be up or down next year," he said.

But McKenna and several suburban police chiefs said the stronger economy and more controlled growth in suburban neighborhoods probably affected the crime totals favorably — a sign that the downturn could continue, or at least that the double-digit increases of the mid-1980s could be under control.

"The good news is we've stabilized," said Paul Geisel, a professor of urban affairs at UTA. "When you have a lot of turnover of people, you have a lot of vulnerability."

Police reported that another force helping to Please see AFTER on Page 20A.

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Burden is Israel's

YOUR ADVICE to the PLO to scrap its charter (editorial of May 14) should not be given without noting the following:

Israel has never defined its borders. Israel has never recognized U.N. Resolutions 242 and 237, which are crucial to any settlement with the Palestinians. Israel has never recognized the PLO, which enjoys more diplomatic recognition than Israel. Israel has never officially committed itself to the land-for-peace option. Israel continues to violate Palestinian human and other rights on a daily basis.

Palestinian President Yasser Arafat has by words not only abrogated the intent of the charter in his recognition of Israel and its right to live in peace on its land, but has accepted a much smaller area for a Palestinian state than was granted Nov. 29, 1947, by United Nations Resolution 181(11) — aka the Partition Plan.

How much more is expected of the PLO prior to direct negotiations with Israel?

CECIL ASFOUR
Member, National Association
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Real issue

Re: Elizabeth Meyer's letter, "Only Israel," May 15. I don't think she will get any arguments about how the 1967 Arab-Israeli war started. I do take offense, though, to her saying "the Arabs started . . ." Some Arab nations started the war, not the Arabs. I don't recall Saudi Arabia or Kuwait participating, and I believe they would consider themselves Arabs. But, aside from that, I think Ms. Meyer has missed the entire point.

It's not that Israel legitimately captured these territories during this war — it did. The real issue is the Israeli treatment of the people who live in these occupied territories. They are human beings, and it appears to me that Israel is not affording these people the rights they deserve. The actions of a few Palestinian terrorists do not justify Israel treating all Palestinians as subhuman. The Israeli treatment of the Arabs in the occupied territories is, to me, the same as the white-South African treatment of South African

blacks. And the similarity between Israel's treatment of Palestinians and the Nazi treatment of Jews is not lost on me. Right now, the only differences would appear to be those of magnitude and severity. But the mentality seems the same.

PATRICK J. PHILP,
Dallas

No right

When anyone makes an offer as Israel has of local elections for Palestinians on a "take it or leave it" basis, they have no right to express surprise if the answer is "we leave it."

Americans may have forgotten Patrick Henry's "Give me liberty or give me death," but that sentiment lives in scattered places as in Afghanistan and Palestine. It may even lie hidden here in America.

GORDON S. CLARK,
Eastland

• Omar Sharif, movie star, is heading to Dallas next month for activities surrounding the Omar Sharif Invitational Bridge Tournament at the Mansion on Turtle Creek.

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We, as executive committee, did not invite you here to "cry over the ruins," not to eat and drink while fellow countrymen cry and die. We are here together to strengthen the second, and with our geographic roots third. I do not list these in any order of preference, for they feed from the other. We the graduates friends of AUB are facing a historical responsibility from the past, remedy the present and plan for the future. Your choices must be clear and determined. We can no longer afford to be apathetic and act as passive bystanders. We must act otherwise. Predictably and as has history taught us, passiveness allows ignorance to rule. Ironically, all three stand diagonally opposite to the principles on which you entitles him or her to assume a leadership position, individually and/or collectively. I, like many of you, have lost confidence in many if not all political regimes present is to invest into the educational institutions of that region. Helping the young through their numerous faculties and training programs is an asset to their country and a better stock than that in AUB. Many of us, like myself may have had political careers, but during his historic era in our region where maps are being withdrawn, the late President Kennedy said, "Don't ask what AUB has done to you, but what I can do for you."

I have circulated copies of letters I mailed recently to the two Texas representatives on Appropriations — Mr. Ronald Coleman (of El Paso) and Mr. Charles Wilson (of El Paso) — asking them to request financial aid to the university. If any of you know these two gentlemen, please let them know. Moreover, I would urge you to take a few minutes and drop a few lines to them.

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