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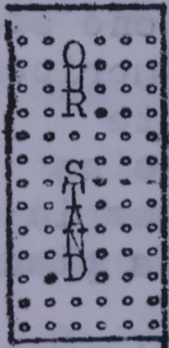
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ON ARAB MEDIATION BETWEEN THE REVOLUTION AND THE ANGLO-QABOOS AUTHORITY

No doubt the Arab countries which offered mediation between the revolution and the puppet regime in Muscat are very anxious about our people, their freedom, and independence and want our people to live in peace and to enjoy stability and freedom as well as to build their homeland which was destroyed by British colonialism and the al-Busaid traitors throughout the past two centuries so that our people can share in the battle of destiny waged by the Arab nation as a result of the Israeli occupation of the Arab territories, the Zionist presence on the Arab territories, occupation of Palestine and dispersion of its militant people.

These Arab countries also undoubtedly want our people to stand against the increasing American aggression and the imperialist and Iranian reactionary challenge which threatens occupation of the Arabian Gulf and the oil resources so that our homeland remains a milky cow for the capitalist monopolies and a colony for the puppet Shah-in-Shah crown.

We appreciate such stands and believe that the main obstacle stand in front of our people is British colonialism and the puppet al-Busaid family topped by Qaboos, who will not hesitate to open Oman for all invaders and traitors to tamper with the wealths and prestige of the Omani people and to make Oman an area threatening the security and safety of our people and other Arab peoples due to the Anglo-Iranian agreements and military bases in addition to the Jordanian mercenaries.

X We affirm to our Arab brothers that we are not amateurs of war nor intriguers but we are advocates of freedom and independence for our homeland and that our people were forced to carry the arms to defend their homeland, prestige and national rights. We wished if the aggressive forces responded to our demand and came out from our territories. But instead they went far with their aggressive methods and threw into the aggressive war Arab reactionary countries such as Saudi Arabia and Jordan and brought hundreds of Jordanian officers who chant in front of every Omani citizen: "We have slaughtered the guerrilla activity in Oman and Irbed and we will crush you in Nizwa and Sallalah."

The colonialist circles and the puppet regime in Muscat were not contented with this but brought the Iranian army, as part of the extensive imperialist plan, to have control over our entire homeland. The Iranian army started to build its bases in inner Oman and to take part in the aggressive war against our people in the Southern Region.

The battle waged by us today is an extension for the patriotic and heroic battles waged by the Arab nation in other Arab countries for extruding British colonialism and establishing an independent State for them.

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OUR STAND - Cont'd.

Moreover our battle is the battle of the Arab nation in one of their countries where our people fight against the extensive American plan which aims at occupying the oil springs and having complete control over the destiny of our people using the Iranian throne as a watch-dog for its interests and keeping the traitorous regimes in Oman and the Arabian Gulf to resist the popular move against its plans.

The People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf stressed openly and repeatedly that the battle waged by it is a national battle against the foreign invaders and traitor puppets in order to liberate the land and establish a popular democratic national regime in Oman.

If the traitors in Muscat have realised the size of the national treason in which they have fallen and now want to confess their guilt in front of the heroic Omani people, then it is necessary for them to prove their truthfulness and sincerity to this people whom they are subjecting every day to different types of torture and national insults.

The basic demands for which the Omani masses are fighting was translated and interpreted by the Ahleesh congress in its national programme and we see that response to the present and just demands of the masses is an essential condition for the masses to ascertain the truthfulness of the puppets in Muscat. Let our Arab brothers ascertain the reality of the rulers in Muscat, through:

- 1) Abolition of all military and political agreements, secret and open, between the puppet rule in Muscat and Britain, Iran, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.
- 2) Expulsion of all British, Jordanian and Iranian advisers and officers.
- 3) Liquidation of the British and Iranian military bases and stand in the face of the Shah-in-Shah extensive plan.
- 4) Liquidation of the mercenary army, expulsion of all mercenary officers and establishment of a national people's army.
- 5) Establishment of a national democratic regime holding the task of confronting the imperialist and Shah-in-Shah greeds through:

the participation of all political forces hostile to colonialism and the Shah-in-Shah expansion;

permission of all Omani national elements, which are exiled, to return back home.

Establishment of an elected legislative council and the drawing up of a progressive constitution for the country.

Abolition of inherited rule.

- 6) Provision of public freedoms for the citizens:

Release of all political detainees,

abolition of the fence system in Dhofar and permission to the citizens to move freely between the urban and rural areas.

abolition of martial laws in Jebel al-Akhdhar area and to allow citizens to move freely without referring to government.

Liquidation of the British intelligence machinery and expulsion of the Jordanian intelligence.

Provision of the freedom of expression, gathering and press for all citizens.

OUR STAND - Cont'd

7) Guarantee of rights for workers and employees

to launch a labour ordinance guaranteeing the rights of workers and employees and having representatives from the workers taking part in drawing it up.

to allow workers and employees to establish unions and workers federations for defending their rights.

to force the contractors and foreign companies to employ Omanis train them and qualify them for higher positions with these companies.

to provide social and medical securities to the workers and employees and their families.

8) TO FOLLOW A PROPER ECONOMIC POLICY SAFEGUARDING NATIONAL RIGHTS AND DEVELOPING THE ECONOMIC POTENTIALITIES OF THE COUNTRY.

To have complete control on oil companies and to abolish all hard concessions concluded by the puppet rulers,

to free the mineral wealth from the monopolistic companies and to establish a national industry.

to liberate the peasants from the feudalistic and backward relations lived by them, and to distribute the lands amongst them and to help them with seeds and manure as well as machines, disposal of their agricultural produces, and to help them develop the animal wealth and extend all necessary assurances to them.

to take care of the fish wealth and the conditions of the poor fishermen who are scattered all over the coast of Oman and to help them develop their meagre potentialities and guarantee their social and living rights.

to take care of the conditions of the bedouins and their rehabilitation and to connect all services to them.

to establish an extensive network of modern roads so that the citizens make use of them in all areas of Oman.

To hit with an iron fist all greedy merchants who play with the prices of essential foodstuffs for the citizens and to limit the killing wave of high prices which harass the citizens.

9) TO FIGHT THE COLONIALIST CULTURE AND SUBMISSIVE WAYS OF EDUCATION AT PRESENT IN PRACTICE

To encourage national culture and to lay down a proper educational plan ensuring promotion of the standard of education and to compensate the long years of illiteracy lived by the Omani citizen.

To allow the students form their student unions in the inside in order to exercise their national and democratic role far away from the repressive machineries of the authority.

10) TO FOLLOW A NON-ALIGNED AND INDEPENDENCE EXTERNAL POLICY

To stand by the side of the struggle of the Palestinian people for liberating their homeland and to firmly stand against the Jordanian executionists and to tighten the grip around them.

OUR STAND - Cont'd.

To place all potentialities of Oman for the service of the battle of destiny waged by the Arab nation against the Zionist and imperialist occupation.

to recognise all countries who respect the independence and sovereignty of Oman and not interfering in its internal affairs and abiding by all international charters.

11) To work for uniting Oman in a popular democratic State and to work for uniting the struggles of our people in Oman and the Gulf for confronting the expansionist Iranian greed and the American plan.

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SHOOTING DOWN OF BRITISH PLANE OVER LIBERATED TERRITORIES

In the course of the development of the struggle of our people in the liberated areas and their steadfastness in the face of the increase of foreign presence, our ground defences shot down a British plane of the Sky Master type.

After British Royal Air Force planes raided the houses of peaceful citizens in the Western Region and launched extensive campaigns to sabotage agricultural life and spread destruction in all areas, our ground defences confronted them and one plane was directly shot down on the battle ground. Two military planes and a helicopter tried to rescue the pilot but the enemy was unable to realise this due to the heavy fire from our forces. The battle continued fierce for three hours.

The destroyed plane was captured along with the body of its British pilot who was in the rank of first lieutenant. The plane is a British made plane and was of the Sky Master type and carried the No. (L532257/74520) and another No. (24018/19022). The plane started to be used on 12.1.71 under the No. 13. A wireless set in the aircraft along with a machine-gun and other instruments were also captured along with important documents which were with the pilot.

The operation proved the following:-

1) The falsehood of all military communiques issued by the Sultanate forces. After (Sallalah) Radio announced the crash of the aircraft against a hill and its fall it came again to admit that that was as a result of the fire of our revolutionaries.

2) The British Defence Ministry admitted for the first time this incident but as usual wrapped this admission with cunning diplomacy by saying that the pilot was seconded to the sultanate forces and was not an officer in the British army - mercenaries in Oman.

3) This was not the first time in which our ground defences shoot down British planes. But it was the first time in which it was admitted that the plane was shot down on liberated territories.

After the shooting down of this aggressive plane, admissions by the authority followed. After the People's Liberation army launched an attack on the Sallalah air base with rockets and caused severe damages to the British forces, the official spokesman of the sultanate admitted this attack but as usual said that the rockets fired on the base missed their targets.

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BRITISH PLANE -Cont'd.

But Reuters news agency admitted indirectly that several explosions occurred during the night and "believed" to have resulted from rockets launched by units from the People's Front.

The rocket attack continued for three hours and resulted in fire being set to the tents in the base and airport. Fire brigades were seen racing to the scene to extinguish the fire and were seen to remove several casualties.

The People's Liberation Army and People's Militia continued their attacks during the course of last month. They launched successful operations against the enemy centres in all areas and inflicted upon the enemy heavy losses in life and equipment.

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ON THE EXECUTIONS IN MUSCAT

THE  
IMPERIALIST POLITICAL AND PHYSICAL LIQUIDATION OF NATIONAL MOVEMENT  
PLAN

The area of Oman and the Gulf is passing during the seventies in a decisive transitional historical stage as since the ignition of the revolution of 9th June, and the stages of its historical development and its effective interpretation during its processions of the real feelings of the masses which reject all types of subjugation and domination, the circles of imperialism and its Arab and Iranian reactionary stanches are working continuously recruiting all their military, political, economic and other potentialities for aborting this revolution and knocking it down by all savage and inhuman methods.

At the level of the political changes of its stanches for realising its continued aggressive aims, it worked repeatedly for replacing a puppet regime by another after all its previous plans have failed. In the light of such policy the Qaboos (the eldest son of Anglo-American imperialism after his growth) was brought into the cartoon stage play which is complimentary to the mockery of the masses.

Today the area witnesses an imperialist reactionary unity never witnessed by the area before. With the appearance of the signs of such unity, reaction started to implement what was drawn up by this unity and the first step was to chase the nationalists and threaten them and launch terroristic arrest campaigns all over the arena.

The conference of the representatives of American imperialism came to add another dreadful ring in the course of this unity and to impress (the obedient son of Anglo-American imperialism, who grew up) to reveal his teeth, which are anyhow not stronger than those of his masters and which were destroyed by the steadfastness of the militant poor peoples in more than one place in the world and to order the machineries of repression which are supervised by Jordanian officers who had a hand in the liquidation and repression of the Palestinian resistance physically, and Iranian officers who were trained at the hands of the Israeli and American intelligence, to carry out the execution of the ten who were covered by the arrest campaigns. The ten are members of our brave comrades who were part of a dear group to our Omani people. He resorted to such executions after the failure of all methods to confront the strong revolutionary tide which is ransacking the area under the leadership of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf believing that by such methods he and his masters can check off the will and determination of the masses to continue their struggle and triumphant procession. But they forget in a stupid manner the natural and human fact which says: Every ear of grain which goes dry fills the valley with many other ears." They also forgotten the glorious and long history of the struggles and sacrifices of the Omani people made for the sake of their freedom and prestige, confronting Portuguese colonialism and Parsee and British imperialist interference since the day in which they laid their feet on the Omani soil.

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IMPERIALIST PLAN - Cont'd.

Upto this day our revolutionary poor masses are rendering successive blows through their revolutionary army on the army of the mercenaries and puppets. This made the masses in other occupied areas rise up for destroying the prevailing feudal regime and to stage demonstrations and strikes. This made massive contradiction with the authority develop and might lead to an explosion between an interval and another.

Before the spark comes out to burn the plain, the sultanate government launched an extensive arrest campaign which covered the women, aged people, tribal sheikhs, soldiers, peasants, employees and workers and subjected them to severe torture including starvation and beating and even the pulling of hair from the head and other ways.

The fear that reigns over the reactionary forces from the militants even while they are in prison, made them in this way and secretly hold trials in order to get rid of them. After these fictitious trials an announcement was made so that the progressive public opinion is not moved.

- 1) The court was formed of British and Jordanian officers only
- 2) These trials were not attended but by senior officials in the sultanate on the grounds that the place is narrow and cannot accommodate more people.
- 3) The chance was not given to any of the militants to appoint a lawyer for him or defend himself.
- 4) They were even not given the chance to defend themselves.
- 5) The sentences were executed against the comrades who were executed before the passing of the verdicts.
- 6) The ten executed comrades have had only six of them tried while the other four were martyred under torture.
- 7) The six comrades who were executed were brought to the court with their faces covered by bags of wool so that the signs of torture do not appear clear on their faces as the hair was pulled from their heads along with their eye-lashes and even their teeth were pulled.
- 8) They also passed life imprisonment terms and other prison terms ranging in time against other comrades.

Beside this the masses did not bow and the people will remain to produce and turn up heroes and will remain the ruler which will determine his future.

Finally there is one thing that we do not expect in you. This is justice. One thing only separates between you and us. This is the weapon.



PATRIOT MARTYR - MOHAMMAD TALEB AL-BUSAIDI (TAREQ)

The Comrade was born in Muscat in 1950. He joined the primary school in Muscat and lived his first years in the middle of the ruling family as his uncle Ahmed bin Ibrahim was Interior Minister during the rein of Saeed binTaimour.

He was known since the beginning of his youth for his excessive love for his homeland and indignation against the colonialist conditions in Muscat.

He went to Baghdad to complete his studies in 1968 and was in the vanguard of the youth who defend the freedom of Oman and who disguise the colonialist presence and the humble subordination of the ruling family to Britain. He was also known for his loyalty and zealousness to serve his comrades and his great modesty.

Although he belongs to the ruling family he stood strongly against its influence over the masses and the betrayal of the ruling members of Muscat and their link with the British. Through his practical experience he proved his remoteness from the traitorous status lived by the ruling al-Busaid family and his complete preparedness to join the ranks of the popular masses, the real beneficiaries from the basic interest in liberation and independence.

In 1969 he joined the front organisation and went to Abu Dhabi where he worked in the Abu Dhabi defence force. He was shocked by the nature of the British rule in this part of his homeland, and so adopted brave and bold stands against the British officers and Jordanian puppets. Throughout his presence in Abu Dhabi, he was having closer links with the crushed masses of workers and soldiers. This made the British authorities watch all his movements.

After the extensive arrest campaign launched in Abu Dhabi in 1969-70 he was compelled to leave his country once again.

The comrade joined the People's Liberation army in the middle of 1970 where he worked as political guide in the Western Unit. He was an example of the cultured militant who slipped from his feudal status and prepared to extend everything he possesses for the crushed masses.

After his training the Comrade joined the medical line and worked as health assistant to share in combating the many diseases suffered by the citizens. He was an example of the militant who is employing his experience and culture for tackling and guiding the masses.

The comrade was transferred to the Eastern Region in the beginning of 1971 as political guide for confronting the Qaboos retaliatory campaign and clearing its signs from amidst the masses. He was the most active comrade in the area and managed to secure the confidence and respect of the masses.

He waged several military battles in the Southern Region bravely and heroically and was an example of the militant believing in the role of the armed massive violence for liberating the homeland.

PATRIOT MARTYR - Cont'd.

At the beginning of 1972 he went to Muscat to share in the organisation, mobilisation and leadership of the masses. He rejected all material enticements extended by the puppet Qaboos regime in order to divert him from the national and democratic principles. In the working places in which he worked, he was sincere to the principles and to the masses, working with all energy and honest to explain the classical injustice against the masses and the colonialist presence.

The British authorities called him several times to interrogate with him. He was bold in confronting the British and Jordan intelligence. This made tighten the grip around him and place under continued watch since the month of September, 1972.

The British authorities arrested him on 14th December, 1972, and exercised against him all types of savage torture and poured on him their anger for slipping from the puppet family and for his link with the front and masses.

He was known for his patriotic steadfastness under torture until his last days.

The British-Jordanian intelligence refused to hand over his body to his relatives. They also refused to hand over the bodies of other militants who were sentenced to death so that the signs of torture faced by him are not revealed.

The comrade will remain a leading example for the rejection of the national and democratic militants in different popular groups the colonialist presence and the puppet inherited rule, and their increasing joining into the battle going on between our people with all their groups and classes and the colonialists and their traitorous puppets.

Reality of Qaboosite Allegations on Contribution of Sultanate in  
Liberation of the Occupied Arab territories and Consolidation of  
the Palestinian Issue

WHO RULES OMAN TODAY?

The puppet government in Muscat asked some of the Arabia countries to mediate between it and the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf. The puppet government in Muscat laid down several important matters which must be revealed to the masses in order to know the reality about the manoeuvres going on in our homeland with the aim of aborting the revolution and tightening the blockade on it at Arab level in order to withdraw support from it which was gained during the recent years.

The puppet government says that it wants to share in the battle of destiny against Israel and to consolidate the Arab steadfastness. But half of its budget is spent against the revolution in view of the danger it poses to the country. It adds that the government was forced to call the Iranian army and to sign the Shah-in-Shah-Qaboos military agreement for protecting conditions in the Muscat, and that if it was not the revolutionaries, Iran would have not occupied the Omani islands and would not be obliged to create Iranian bases inside Oman.

These puppet circles add that the revolution opened wide doors for foreign influence in Oman which influence is threatening the characters and heritage and civilisation of the Arab nation.

Therefore, the Arab countries are required to mediate with the revolutionaries and to convince them to end the revolution for the sake of Palestine, and to stop the revolution for the sake of the freedom and independence of Oman.

We wish here to point out several matters which are in the list of trivialities as considered by our people but are needed to be revised in order that our Arab brothers and friends know them.

1) The military efforts made by the hireling government in Muscat are shared by the entire reactionary regimes in the area. Abu Dhabi undertook colossal expenses to cover all aircraft take-offs and continuous shelling of the Dhofar rurals. Moreover Saudi aid amounted to hundreds of millions. As to the aid of Qatar and others these are continuing. All figures published exceed the needs of defence in Oman.

2) The expenses extended by the puppet authorities in Muscat for bribing the tribal sheikhs and mercenaries and for building the palace for Qaboos and his retinue and the members of the ruling family and the bringing in of singers and the holding of musical nights in which millions are spent. As to robberies in the government machineries these became the talk of the ordinary citizen in Oman since many have become rich at the expense of the people, their food and medicine in addition to suspicious assistance extended to the puppet regime in Oman. Such expenses exceed the figures published by the authority on its defensive needs.

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3) The figures published by the authority do not form at all the reality of the financial situation in Muscat as this puppet régime receives millions from the puppet regimes under the pretext of fighting the revolution. However oil royalties are poured into the pockets of the puppets without any checking.

The oil royalties in the Amirates and Sultanate of Oman and the Arabian Gulf are regarded the ownership of the Amir or Sultan and there are no limits between the budget of the Sultan and the budget of the State. It is at a time in which the Qaboos repeats that the revolution exhausts half of the budget, we find him building tens of palaces and distributes millions of bribes, without account, and without introducing the Omani people any programme or project for developing their status and without hesitating to open Oman for all greedy persons in order to obtain more funds for his safe.

4) Qaboos repeats that the revolution forced him to resort to Iran and to conclude a military agreement with it. In this way the traitors announce their treason and justify it in order to gain sympathy. The question here is why Qaboos resorts to Iran if, according to all allegations by all puppets' trumpets, he enjoys the support of the Omani masses, and if the revolution is merely composed of several elements not exceeding the number of fingers hiding in caves and bushes in Dhofar. Why Qaboos seeks the help of an enemy who repeatedly announced his expansionist greeds in Oman and why he does not take the help of the people to confront these "rebels"?

This reveals the amount of massive isolation lived by the puppet regime in Muscat. This regime is prepared to go further in its national treason in front of the national massive upheaval.

The regime which does not depend upon the masses but depends upon foreign forces to hit these masses, is a regime of traitors who sell their homeland the prestige of their people in order to stay against the will of their peoples. Instead of submitting to the demands of the masses we find Qaboos seek the help of the enemies to hit the masses and he does not feel ashamed to say that the revolution forced him to hand over the al-Ghahaam island to the Iranian throne.

This means that the regime does not represent the masses and that it lives in killing massive isolation and does not live except with the protection of the foreign spears.

5) Who is responsible for the deterioration of the situations in Oman?

Is the Omani masses, which lived for long generations under injustice and oppression and stood up several times to fight for their freedom independence and unity of their soil and to get rid of British colonialism and found many of the Arab countries and friendly countries standing by the side of their just struggle;

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Or is it British colonialism, which deteriorated the conditions in Oman and chained them with harsh agreements and established military bases which threaten peace and security in the area, partitioned the homeland, and protected the traitorous puppets who do not enjoy any popular balance.

The imperialists and reactionaries cannot live except by subjugating and enslaving the peoples and crushing their national prestige. They stir intrigues and feuds, and loot the national wealths as well as control the policy, internally and externally of the country and make it a humble follower to their extensive empire. When the aggrieved peoples stand up to demand their legitimate their legitimate national rights, the voices of the imperialists and reactionaries rise up from every corner to accuse them of subverting peace and stability.

Our people did not attack anyone and did not send its armies to occupy the lands of others and did not threaten any people.

But it found itself forced to carry the arms in order to face the British aggressors and invaders. The resistance of our people developed to the limit that it became clear that all the people's forces are standing by the side of the revolution. The imperialists did not find an alternative but to sacrifice their old puppets and bring new ones.

In this way Britain brought Qaboos but he was nothing rather than a dummy moved by the British. One year after the Saudi and Jordanian puppets and then the Iranian puppets poured in to crush our people and help British colonialism to stay.

In spite of this we find some voices saying that the revolution is the cause for the deterioration of conditions and that the continuation of the revolution leaves the door widely open for foreign interference. These puppet voices want our people to keep quiet over the suppression and subjugation. But will colonialism leave our homeland when the masses drop the arms? Or whether the foreign interference will increase in view of the oil and important strategic interests in the area?

The revolution of any people will not stop merely because the fighting of colonialism will be useful to other international parties but the people's revolution is capable of exploiting all contradictions in favour of its people without mishandling the national rights and without the slightest bargain over the rights of the people and the prestige of the homeland.

Qaboos and the al-Busaid family, did not mishandle the prestige of the homeland only, and did not seek the help of the British and Iranian forces, but also handed over parts of the homeland to the expansionist Iranian throne to help it establish on them its bases and armies. They also handed over before the island of Masirah to British colonialism to establish on it huge military base threatening peace and security in the Indian Ocean.

6) Was Iran in need to any justifications to enter Oman or is it doing so within the precincts of an extensive imperialist plan which distributed the areas of influence and protection amongst the Saudi and Iranian reactionaries after giving Jordan a special repressive role?

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Iran occupied the three Omani islands of Abou Moussa, and Minor and Major Tonb, as part of the settlement plan for the question of Bahrain and within a plan in which Iran plays the role of watch dog for the oil interests in Hormez Strait. In every plan the puppets and imperialists will show a number of fictitious reasons to distort the public opinion.

Their criminal plans stir the hatred and indignation of all our people because they harm the national interests of every citizen in Oman and the Arabian Gulf. But the imperialists and reactionaries will always repeat that the danger is from the destructive movements.

The intruding imperialists who invaded our homeland and who are looting our oil wealths, regard the area people as the source of danger to them and want to convince the local, arab and international public opinions that the only means for safeguarding peace (subjugation of the area people) is to hand them over to the Iranian throne and to create American and British military bases.

In other words, the Americans and British want to convince us that we are the enemies of ourselves and in order to safeguard our stability we must make them stamp on our necks.

7) Who Rules Oman Today?

This is an important question reply to which must spring from the touchable reality in Oman in order to see to where conditions arrived only three years after the British coup brought Qaboos to the rule.

- 1) The number of British officers and advisers increased to an extent that it became clear that real administration whether in the government departments or military institutions is in the hands of the British officers and advisers;
- 2) Matters reached the limit that British officer took the post of Director of Passports in Muscat and the Omani Director was transferred to another position.
- 3) Many of the delegations which go to even Arab conferences were headed by British officials. This matter is known to all Arab countries.
- 4) After the arrival of Qaboos, the British circles sent several advisory missions to survey the area and to assess studies on better means for repressing the revolution or its extension.
- 5) The influence of imperialism over Oman increased since the Qaboos sold the oil wealth to the British and American monopolies either in the land or the sea. The extent of his treason to the rights of the people reached the extent of announcing his rejection of partnership and continuation of the old harsh agreements.

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7) The colonialist authorities imposed martial law on Jebel al-Akhdhar area once again following the executions and harsh sentences passed against the Omani militants. Entry and departure from Nizwa became subject to the orders of the British officers in the Interior Ministry.

8) European mercenary officers pour on Oman through special mercenary offices in Europe and secure high salaries and privileges.

Britain is building the strangest army in the world as it brought mercenaries from all casts to fight the Omani people. This army is headed by British officers and Jordanian traitors.

9) Iranian forces are stationed in Dhofar and take part in the aggressive war against our people. Reports recently coming to us indicate the presence of Iranian bases in inner Oman and Iranian aircraft control the Omani air space under the eyes of all traitors in Muscat.

10) No doubt Oman is living unnatural conditions as a result of all imperialist and reactionary unity against it and the massive uplift in reply to this unity. In spite of this the Qaboos finds ample time after the recognitions and the putting up of mediation with the revolution, to spend three months in Britain.

It becomes clear from that that the real ruler in Oman are the British and that the call to negotiate with Qaboos is a British manoeuvre more or less. The advocate of negotiations must be in possession of the ability to realise what was reached between both sides. But a ruler who does not possess any jurisdictions to negotiate with the revolution, is only a mere manoeuvre which cannot overcome anyone.

8) Who constitutes danger to Oman, its soil, Arab traditions and glorious civilisation. Is it the masses that carried the arms to expel the foreign invaders who destroyed the whole naval force industry, civilisation and reputation possessed by Oman and hit all its traditions against the wall and left it in a state of deterioration and backwardness. Or are they the invaders who were called by the al-Busaid family during its deep traitorous history in which Qaboos came to complete the path followed by his predecessor Sultans.

The danger to the heritage of our people and their national traditions comes from the traitors who turned out of Sallalah and Muscat a fertile place for prostitution and made of their palaces a theatre for immoral acts.

But the revolution, since its first days and from the liberated areas, worked for combating illiteracy and linking the citizen with his national culture and civilisation and spread of the national and revolutionary morale within the ranks of the masses that the liberated area became a place of which every militant and Omani citizen feels proud.

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As to the traitors they are defacing the history of our people and their glorious civilisation in order to make the al-Busaid family and the family of treason in northern Oman as historical heroes and are working to spread the spirit of submission and immorality amidst the masses and circulate the colonialist culture continuously.

Everywhere we find the imperialists and reactionaries constitute real danger to the national heritage and national civilisation and that the imperialists cannot continue except if they disbanded the people from its history and civilisation in order to live without roots.

WHAT IS THE REALITY OF QABOOS MEDIATION?

The imperialist tactic behind replacement of Saeed bin Taimour by his son Qaboos, was aimed at establishing the British control under new facades. Britain raised the slogan: May God forgive the past to withdraw the masses from around the revolution. This comic policy is summarised to mean that the colonialist had forgiven the revolting people and that it is possible to return to enslavement without fearing the masters.

But this policy was clear to the citizen who found, after one year, that the conditions in Oman are deteriorating in a frightening manner and that thousands of Omanis pile in tents at Rawa, al-Adhiba - and Nasig al-Maleh, while the promises made by Qaboos have gone in the air.

In this way Oman witnessed an escalating massive tide after the glorious workers uprising in September, 1971, and national and revolutionary propaganda is spread amidst the circles of the masses.

The armed revolution directed great blows to the imperialist military plan and foiled the campaigns of annihilation and encirclement launched by the British commandos. It also foiled the military campaigns which aimed at liquidating the revolutionary existence from Dhofar.

It became clear to all Arab brothers and friends that the Omani masses are rallying in an increasing manner around their national revolutionary leadership and that Qaboos and his clique live under the protection of the British and Iranian spears.

The British authorities found that the front managed to create strong panels for it in Oman (interior) and that it secures the extensive support of the masses.

For saving its puppet Qaboos, the British authorities launched extensive arrests in inner Oman at the end of last year and passed their harsh sentences against the honest and honourable militants after six months.



WHO RULES OMAN TODAY? - Cont'd.

Through the extensive arrests which covered all sections of the people and their social groups, it became clear to all observers the amount of massive isolation lived by the Qaboos regime.

The British authorities did not find an alternative other than to start re-arranging their conditions at political and military levels.

At political level, they laid down the question of mediation between Qaboos and the revolution in order to show the revolution as if it is a group of persons carrying arms who have no aim other than the war to justify all its crimes and savage campaigns and to secure sympathy and help from the Arab countries.

At the military level, reports from Dhofar said that the British circles prepare for a heavy military campaign on the southern Region after the rainy season and that the Iranian forces will take part with great numbers in this campaign.

Reports from Oman (interior) also said that the Iranian forces have secret military bases on Jebel al-Akhdhar.

The British want to push the Arab countries into the war now going on in Oman in the interest of the traitors and imperialists. They also want to use the local facade to impress that Arab brothers that the danger posed to Oman is not coming from the British and Iranian Presence but from the Omani people themselves.

We are confident that our Arab brothers realise the reality of conditions in Muscat and the extent of British control over our homeland and the danger posed by the British and Iranian presence to the security and safety of the area and its peoples.

It is impossible that our Arab brothers - who stood against British colonialism and Iranian expansion - will help the aggressors continue their control and slay our militant masses.

Our brothers are required to back up the national revolution which is being waged by our people and to tighten the blockade around the puppets in Muscat in order to bring near the end of the puppets and to protect this part of our Arabhomeland from all invaders and foreign greeds.

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ISSUES OF OMAN AND THE ARABIAN GULF

One Year After the Fictitious Democratic Experiment:

ALL REPRESSION FOR THE PEOPLE ... AND ALL FREEDOM FOR  
SAUDI REACTION

Development of conditions in Bahrain increase quickly after conflicts reached an advanced stage and after it became clear that two camps exist: the camp of Al-Khalifa, the ruling tribal clique, and the camp of the poor including workers, toilers and many popular groups whose living conditions deteriorate day after day.

Within one year events developed quickly either at the internal or external levels and that the prompt observer of events that take place can see the correct status of the present regime and the democratic status it can give.

During this period of last year, the massive movement escalated to reply to the whole new and old political tactics laid down by the government of Bahrain on the internal political situation within the general plan for the whole area.

After the workers and massive movement increased demanding democracy and basic rights for the citizen, topped by workers demands in March, 1972, the government there, after the escalation of the popular struggles, announced the Constituent Assembly project which aims at drawing up a constitution for the country in order to pull the carpet from beneath the national movement on one hand and to give the lawful form to its ruling conditions.

The national forces in Bahrain declared rejection of such lame experiment and raised the demands of the masses represented in lifting the state of emergency under which Bahrain lies since 1958, rejection of the principle of appointment, reduction of the age of candidacy and nomination for elections, to allow the woman the right of free franchise and to permit the freedom of press, expression and gathering as well as to release the detainees etc. But the authority did not respond to these massive demands as its policy was concentrated on two points: to lay down lame projects as a maximum for its forfeitures and to exercise the policy of terrorism on the other.

All this led to the withdrawal of some of the national candidates and the unity of the masses for boycott giving elections a lower rate in spite of the means of terrorism and enticement followed by the authority at the time.

The experiment of the Constituent Assembly came to show to the masses the reality of what was put up by their national organisations and to place in front of them the experiment on the reality of the democracy of the rulers who are trying to inoculate their tribal regimes with strange bodies in order to continue looting the people.

In spite of the extensive information propaganda and bribing of the local and Arab press in order to beat the drums for such experiment, but as proved by facts it is a fictitious experiment.

ISSUES OF OMAN - Cont'd.

Under the sky and umbrella of democracy and during discussion of the right of the citizen, sanctity of his house and rejection of repressive arrest, extensive arrest campaigns are taking place which cover intellectuals, writers, workers and other groups of the people without any specific charge and without forwarding them to trial. The terroristic campaign is even continued to the extent of turning the country into a wide prison in which every person in it is guilty unless proved innocent.

In return the puppet government there, in collaboration with the foreign companies, continue to absorb the wealths of our people and the working power of the working class. It opens the country for foreign projects without the presence of any laws ruling them. These companies exploit wildly the working class. It also leaves the country open for foreign hands. Not this only, but the government opposes any demand for increasing wages and even tries to freeze wages while high prices increase fiercely that the poor began to live on canned foods.

On the other hand and at the level of external relations, we find Bahrain turned into "a land offered for sale" to all foreigners including Americans, Iranians and of course British.

The American base at al-Juffeir is now affiliated completely to the American navy and American seamen and soldiers began to spread corruption in the country. American schools were opened and the Bahraini people began to hear about the Marijuana, opium, L.S.D. and other indecent signs from the West.

As to the policy, detectives and army these are supervised by the British and Jordanian forces in a direct manner.

Iran is at present using Bahrain civil airport during its air exercises for the Iranian air force while Bahrain harbour is used by the Iranian naval fleet which is at present searching all vessels in the area.

At political level in external relations, the island of Bahrain was exactly attached to the reactionary tower (Saudi Arabia). This was officially crowned by the visit of the whole ruling clique to Saudi Arabia from the ruler to the crown prince and Defence Minister, Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, and announcement of their joint statement which said that "talks took place which dealt with the bilateral relations between the two countries and the future of conditions in the Gulf."

At economic level, the economy of Bahrain is now linked with the Saudi economy. In addition to the secret aid extended by the Saudi government to the government of Bahrain, the refining of Saudi oil in Bahrain, and the sharing of the oil royalties from Abu Sa'afah field, the dry basin was established in Bahrain with special backing from Saudi Arabia and agreement was reached to establish a joint bridge connecting Bahrain island with Saudi Arabia.

ISSUES OF OMAN - Cont'd.

At Gulf level, both rulers studied deeply the situation in the Arabian Gulf and showed their completely preparedness to cooperate and coordinate with their brothers in the Gulf area to check off the "infiltration" of any elements aiming at knocking down "their Islamic concepts" and erasing the immortal Arab heritage. They concluded the will to work with the brothers for realising the security and peace of the area and to ensure its stability.

This visit did not end with a composition statement full of bombastic words which are free from any practical deeds, but led to complete affiliation of the Bahraini regime with the Saudi plan but even led to the drawing up of practical plans for the establishment of a joint security machinery in a large number of forces from the Saudi army is attached to the Bahraini defence force after its purge from all popular groups which may think even of rejecting repression of the people.

In this way Saudi Arabia becomes the final word in the internal affairs of Bahrain even in delicate issues of destiny and even in giving the woman her humanitarian rights.

Under such conditions we find that only after one year of the "democratic experiment" there exists an internal terroristic regime repressing the people with an iron fist through the British intelligence machinery, opening the doors of the country for foreign companies to loot the wealths and working power of the Bahraini working class, and to work constantly for seeking protection under the umbrella of foreign presence on the other hand while at information level talk increases about democracy and the "cleverness" of the experiment of the Bahraini regime.

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The Kuwaiti al-Hadaf magazine published in its issue No. 606 of Thursday 16th August, 1975, a special message from Bahrain on the "democratic" trials that took place there. These trials commission the second stage of the Bahraini "democracy". As it is to be recalled, the Government of Bahrain, launched the first "democratic" experiment with an extensive arrest campaign within the ranks of the people there. Here we publish the text of this press message received by al-Hadaf without comment.

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Every country in this Arab homeland which is extending from Morocco to Yemen, has its own way in treating the question of "saboteurs". Not one Arab State is free from people who are given the phrase of "saboteurs" through the look given by this regime or that to the elements which do not agree with the point of view of the existing regime. Northern Yemen for example passed sentences against a number of "saboteurs" which included death sentences with hanging of the body for three days after execution, or execution with hanging of the body for two days or execution only. Although death is death, yet the artistic ways used for killing men remain the form of dealing with the "saboteurs". In Muscat for example they killed ten "saboteurs" and after one week after their death they announced the sentences. Trials and executions in the Arab area became an ordinary news in the corners of the local press.

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TRIAL OF A "SABOTEUR" IN THE BAHRAINI STYLE

Place: State of Bahrain, court: the college, Time: 18.7.73

The Accused: Citizen Idd Yassin.

The Charge: Formation of "subversive and illegal" organisation under the title of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf.

The Judge: Sheikh Issa bin Mohammad al-Khalifa; Prosecution Witness: Jordanian officer Abul Karim Afooni, Special Branch.

Lawyer: Sayed Mohammad Salman; Prosecutor: Idd Yassin is accused of being affiliated to "subversive" organisation named as the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf. He made plans for the assassination of members of the special branch (intelligence) at al-Muharraqa and distributed pamphlets and clandestine publications under title "5th March" calling for boycott of the Constituent Assembly. As our country enjoys a democratic atmosphere to be envied, and as Bahrain is an oasis for democracy in the area, this "saboteur" and his group endeavour to obstruct the democratic atmosphere in the country and to insult the Bahraini Government and the Constituent Assembly which emanated from the will of the people. I affirm to you that the confessions given by the accused, came in accordance with his personal will and without any force or psychological or physical torture. He supervised underground organisations and went to Dubai and Muscat where he underwent organisational courses and military exercises and was trained on weapons and explosives. I demand severe punishment for the accused.

TRIAL OF A "SABOTEUR" - Cont'd.

Judge: Will the witness approach.

Witness: I am Mulazim Abdul Karim Afooni. In accordance with the request of the Special Branch at Muharraq I ransacked the house of the accused and found in his possession a message from the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf in his organisational name - Attiah - and the message is with you.

The Accused: Your Lordship:

Judge: Keep Quiet I say.

Lawyer: Your Lordship. I wish to explain here some points hoping that you will keep them under consideration.

1) The arrest of Idd Yassin and the methods in which his house was searched took place in an illegal and unlawful manner e.g. without taking the permission of the house occupant himself and without the consent of the police station responsible for the Muharraq area. The officer who undertook the search violated the modesty of the house and other nearby houses.

2) On the statement of the Prosecution that the accused confessed without torture and in accordance with his person will, I wish to confirm what came in the report of the German doctor (Debarto) that such statement is incorrect as there is a considerable number of injuries on his body which can be seen by all on the body of the accused beside his bad health condition and the reduction of his weight in an unnatural manner.

3) On the statement of the Prosecution that Idd went to Dubai and Oman to receive an ideological and military course, I wish to say that in fact the accused went for the purpose of working after he was dismissed from his job in Bahrain. The authority was knowing about his travel and was able to arrest him before his departure. I believe...

The Judge: The meeting is adjourned until 25.7.1973.

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The Place: The Court, Bahraini College.

Time: 25.7.1973

Accused: Your Lordship.

The Judge: Keep Quiet I say.

The Judge continues: As this person and other persons undertake subversive acts, and as such tampering hands do not respect democracy, the court sentenced the accused to two years imprisonment with hard labour.

The session is adjourned.

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I R A N I A N S

WE ARE FROM SPAIN

The successive developments in the area of Oman and the Arabian Gulf were, since the beginning of the seventies, stirring great attention with all Arab and international circles, and in particular those directly concerned, since inasmuch as they were, and still and will remain of great importance and spreading turmoil in the arena and widening the tension of conflicts between the masses represented in their national and progressive forces topped by the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf, they were completing one after another the signs of the new face of the new map for this area which imperialism and its reactionary panels are trying to draw exerting everything within their power to finish their plans on this map in the way that ensures for them continuation to secure their interests for a longer period to ensure the flow of that wealth - oil - which constitute sixty per cent of the world oil reserves.

Since the beginning of the seventies these events are magnifying day after day without stop the insistence of imperialism and reaction to establish their aggression policy in connection with the area of Oman and the Arabian Gulf. The British stage play of Baboos on 23rd July, 1970, and declaration of the fictitious withdrawal of Britain from the northern region of the coast of Oman and then the declaration on the establishment of the reactionary federation of sheikhs which on its declaration day in particular - which was studied and defined - the puppet forces of the Shah occupied the Omani islands in the Arabian Gulf - Abou Moussa, and Minor and Major Tonb - crystallising by that the aggressive ambitions of the puppet government on one hand and implementing the policy of the American imperialists which they drew up on this area on the other.

All these events combined, only represent a group of those linked parts of that face which the forces of imperialism try to give to the area of Oman and the Arabian Gulf.

The assignment of police military control which was given to the terroristic Shah government and in the light of which the Iranian army was armed and equipped with different types of modern weapons, of which we quote, for reference only, the following list:-

List on the Number and types of Weapons with which the Iranian Army Was Supplied Recently.

The Shah of Iran concluded three deals collectively considered as the biggest deal to be concluded after the second world war by an individual State. Its value amounts to more than two billion dollars. These deals covered the following:-

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FIRST A DEAL WITH AMERICA WHICH COVERED:

- 1) A number of Phantom F.4 aircraft in addition to a number (72) of aircraft at present owned by the Iranian forces. The value of the aircraft amounted to 720 million dollars.
- 2) One hundred fighter aircraft of the F.5.I. type amounting in value to 300 million dollars.
- 3) Ten Fuel transport aircraft of the S.5-K.C. type to supply Phantom aircraft with fuel while in flight increasing by that the distance of the Phantom to 1,400 miles. They amount in value to seventy million.
4. Seven hundred helicopters valued at 500 million dollars.
- 5) Contract with American companies to establish two new naval air bases in Shah Bahar, in Baluchstan province and another at Bandar Abbas. The construction costs of these bases amount to one billion dollar. We regard the base of Shah Bahar as the biggest base in the Indian Ocean when it is completed, as the Shah is racing time to press on America to complete it as soon as possible.

SECONDLY A DEAL WITH BRITAIN COVERING:

- 1) Eight hundred Chieftain tanks valued at 480 million dollars.
- 2) Fourteen hovercrafts.
- 3) Eight destroyers, four frigates, fast patrol boats and repair vessel amounting in value to 300 million dollars.

THIRDLY A DEAL WITH FRANCE AND ITALY: This covered rockets, aircraft and other things.

This dreadful arming has great proofs of the aggressive intentions. In order to ascertain these intentions further, we wish to refer to some statements made by more than one of the representatives of the forces of imperialism including:

Seiscu who says about Iran: that Iran in view of the number of its population and its economic and military ability, is to play the main role in ensuring the continuation of the flow of oil to the United States and its allies in such an awkward manner.

The second statement came from Israel Radio saying to the effect that Israelis depending completely on the role of Iran in the Gulf and that it feels confident over the ability of Iran to play such role in the required manner and to ensure oil for the State of Israel.

A statement was also made by the Shah of Iran himself when he witnessed the manoeuvres staged by the Iranian naval fleet and the air force at the beginning of this year in the waters of the Arabian Gulf and the skies of the Islands of Abou Moussa in particular (one of the three Omami islands).



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He said: "Since long Iran was looking for this day in which it realised its capability to control the waters of the Gulf and the Gulf. Today and after realising this step, we must look for the time in which we will be able to control the waters and passages leading to the Gulf."

There is another important statement which was made by Abbas Hoveida on the practical participation of the Iranian forces in a desperate attempt to besiege the heroic revolution in South Oman (Dhofar) under the leadership of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf. He said in reply to a question put up to him by the pressmen at London airport during his recent visit:-

"Yes the Sultan of Oman asked us to extend to him the hand of help and to his forces which are facing the blows of the "rebels", as he said, and that this help covers the financial aspects and manpower.

These shameless statements were made after the repeated attempts made by the authority to hide the involvement of the Iranian forces in the fighting which is going on.

2,600 IRANIAN SOLDIERS - WE ARE FROM SPAIN

These statements also magnify practically the aggressive intentions in an actual manner, and plainly appearing in more than one event including the occupation of the Omani islands in the Arabian Gulf and the practical participation in the war now going on in South Oman - the Region of Dhofar - under the leadership of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf. This is in addition to their role in the intelligence machineries and the chasing of the honest and honourable militants all over the arena.

It is worth recalling that they followed several methods to hide the armed Iranian presence. These include majorly their replies to the questions of the simple citizens who become strange from their -Iranian - language and so ask them from where you came?

Their reply be: We are from Spain.

The convention of the conference of the U.S. Ambassadors and some Ministers in Teheran in the middle of this year was having great proof on the role played by "Iran of the Shah" in this area and the reliance of American imperialism on this role.

This conference which devoted all those aggressive policies and - of course - other policies, came out with other aggressive resolutions. What is possible to be referred to as the outcome of the resolutions of this damned conference at the general level, was a political, physical liquidatory campaign in the arena of Oman and the Arabian Gulf which was resembled in heavy arrest campaigns never witnessed by the area in its previous history, and under which secret criminal trials and execution of ten honest militants took place along with the imprisonment of other comrades to terms ranging between six months and life imprisonment.

26 IRANIANS - Cont'd.

The adoption by the Teheran conference of such repressive resolutions and measures only proves that the masters of Qaboos discovered that their dummy and the policies drawn for him to implement were only a failure. As we affirmed in the past such repressive measures will be only rendered to utter failure. They also clearly indicate the entry of the national liberation struggle in Oman and the Gulf into a ripe but hot stage, if it is correct to say, as the southern area of Oman was and still hot since eight years under the leadership of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf.

The look to all these issues and events combined only proves that the enemies - although not forming one front - only march in one direction and exercise semi-complimentary criminal policies. Therefore, it is a must for the national and progressive forces as a whole all over the arena of Oman and the Arabian Gulf to find a full confrontation policy.

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ACTIVITIES OF THE SUPPORT COMMITTEES

- \* SOUTH ITALY: The Citta Futura Organisation issued a documentary book on the people's war in Oman and the Arabian Gulf endorsed by documents and studies on the colonialist infiltration and the conditions prevailing in Oman and the Arabian Gulf and data on the history of the revolution and the accomplishments in the liberated areas.
- \* The organisation also issued a poster containing the story of the revolution in picture from the beginning to the end.
- \* The Committee in Support of the Revolution in the Western coast of the United States issued two numbers of its monthly magazine "Solidarity", Issue Nos. 4-5 and 6. Both issues came as usual containing articles, researches and studies which are not only confined to the Gulf but also cover conditions in Iran, Saudi Arabia and the oil issue.
- \* The Committees in Support of the Revolution in the United States financed the duplication of the film (Dhofar - Revolution and People). It is now exhibited in most American major towns and the Newsreel Company is exhibiting the film over the television stations and in cinemas.
- \* PARIS: The Committee in support of the revolution in Paris held its annual conference in June which coincided with the anniversary of 9th June revolution. This conference came at a time in which the activity of the committee is expanding and takes new dimensions in order to make its activity of effect on the sections of the progressive public opinion.

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OIL AND  
THE  
REVOLUTION

SAUDI ARABIA AND THE OIL SMOKE BOMBS

In the month of November last year, King Feisal announced in front of a group of pressmen during the pilgrimage season that "we do not intend to use oil as a tool of political pressure but as a tool of cooperation."

King Feisal explained the stand of Saudi Arabia towards this issue at a time in which the call of the confrontation countries and in particular Egypt came out to use oil as a weapon for bearing pressure on America after.

Of course this statement was followed by other statements on several occasions by the Saudi officials including Ahmed Zaki al-Yamani, Saudi Oil Minister, and Abdullah al-Feisal, Under-Secretary of Oil, affirming that the attitude of Saudi Arabia towards this issue is very clear and means separation of oil from politics.

On 11th July the wireless sets moved to relay to the world the statement made by King Feisal to the Assiyad team and the correspondent of the Washington Post, in which he said: "America must understand this and stand by the side of the Arabs against Zionism as it is not in its interest to stand by the side of Israel which forms personal burden to it while its real interests are with the Arab countries. We wish that our relations and friendship with America will continue and improve but the stand of the United States might affect our relations with her."

What was changed in the stand of America so that King Feisal gives it an assurance after another on the continued flow of oil after citing the resolutions of the Khartoum conference. Now the king appears to use the indirect way of threats. Is it a change in the attitude of Saudi Arabia? And are there any proofs of the truth of such threats or they are only threats meant to hide great events taking place in the darkness of the smoke bombs launched by the Saudi leaders?

In fact to reply to these questions we must recourse to the reality of the relations between American imperialist and the idolist regime in Saudi Arabia and to the role played by Saudi Arabia in implementing the American submissive plan. The link between the reactionary regime in Saudi Arabia and American imperialism is a fateful link which cannot be separated and is becoming more stronger and established.

OIL AND THE REVOLUTION - Cont'd.

The Saudi and American interests are similar to an extent that any clash between them is excluded. The evidence for this is the approval of the American Government on the Phantom deal which was asked by Saudi binAbdulAziz during his visit to the United States. Why this agreement took place now in particular? Is it not a proof on the confidence of the United States in the Saudi regime. This was expressed by Abba Eban in his reply to the fears of the Israeli Deputies in the Knesseth when he said: Although Saudi Arabia will obtain Phantom aircraft we believe that this does not constitute danger to Israel because the United States is eager towards the safety and security of Israel and it does not make sense that it will give weapons which will be used against Israel.

"Is there more effective talk than this?"

So where is the ability of Saudi Arabia to exercise any pressure on America so long that America gives the Saudi regime a good conduct certificate and innocence from being hostile to Israel.

Then are any proofs on such attitude?

Figures on Saudi oil production indicate that the rate of monthly increase comes to 22 per cent e.g. that it is expected to increase by 26 per cent. This is taking place at a time in which America is suffering from the signs of an energy crisis. The other proofs is the declaration on the contents of the huge arms deals concluded by Saudi Arabia with the United States.

Moreover, the American companies are active in equipped a number of bases in Saudi Arabia including the base in the north of Ras Tanourah and the other on the outskirts of Yemen.

In fact the Saudi statements cannot be isolated from what is now being prepared in the Arab horizons for reaching a final settlement with the Zionist enemy.

Voices came high with the call for the establishment of the Palestinian State after this call was taking place in a shy manner. The acceptance to negotiate with the Israelis and their urge to do so by Bourguiba amidst astonishing Arab silence proves that these parties see that the circumstances are ripe to effect the passage of a submissive solution. The Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban reply to the tribute by a better one when he said that it is in the interest of the Palestinians to recognise the present borders of the area countries. He also announced his countries welcome for direct negotiations with the Arab officials.

It ought to have the presence of an Arab party which is having warm relations with America in order to show some of the fictitious reluctance towards America so that it appears that the submissive negotiations and the settlement that will follow are the result of the forfeitures incurred by Israel under pressure from America and so that it does not appear as if the Arab regimes fell on the doorstep of the Israeli-American solution. There is no better one than Saudi Arabia to perform such malicious role.

OIL AND THE REVOLUTION - Cont'd.

Therefore King Feisal drank the milk of beasts to come up with indirect threats. But King Feisal is also sympathising with America and as such shows that his stand only emanates from his status as a friend. Of course it is not missed by him to throw the blame on the mean Zionists who control the Congress and the American government and attributes all problems that took place in America to the Zionist plans and acquits the poor Nixon and the Americans who have good hearts and clean beds.

In fact the Arab citizen must vomit when he reads such statements as will notice the upset-down logic in them and see the hired puppet turned into thundering guns.

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APPEAL TO THE SUPPORTERS OF THE REVOLUTION ON THE  
POLITICAL DETAINEES IN OMAN AND THE GULF

In the light of the policy of news embargo imposed by the rightist news agencies and newspapers on what is taking place in the area of Oman and the Arabian Gulf and on what is being faced by the free nationalists in their just and legitimate struggle against the foreign presence, and in favour of their ambitions to establish a national regime, mass organisations and liberation of national wealths from looting, we urge all supporters of the revolution and liberals in all countries to launch an extensive information campaign in order to expose what is taking place in the area. We wish to place in front of them the following facts:-

- 1) The regimes in the Sultanate of Oman and the State of the Emirates, Qatar and Bahrain do not have the simplest democratic rights guaranteed by the Human rights charter on suspension, appointment of lawyers, or specification of a period for suspension etc., but there exists mishandling of the rights of citizens and their basic freedoms.
- 2) The British intelligence machineries are administering directly the affairs in all these areas and are operating the security affairs and chase up of elements suspected to be nationalist. This machinery extends its influence all over the area.
- 3) The arrests that took place without any legal justification took place under the pretext of suspicions on an honest man raising his voice in demand for his preliminary rights.
- 4) This great number of workers, intellectuals, soldiers and employees and women was arrested without any specified charge and was thrown in prison without being forwarded to trial.

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5) All detainees were subject to means of inhuman torture ranging from beating to deprivation of food and pulling of hair from the head and eyelashes as well as the pulling of teeth. Some of them were martyred under such torture.

6) These are still lying in the prisons without any trial and face inhuman methods of torture and are not allowed to appoint a defence body for them.

What is required from all honest and nationalist forces is that:

1) An extensive information campaign is to be launched demanding the release of these nationalists or their trial in public courts in which all honest defence facilities are extended under neutral supervision and to contact jurist organisations and democratic organisations for sending teams to investigate into the conditions of the detainees and to expose these regimes which boast of democracy while this democracy is for the intelligence machineries.

2) To undertake a popular donations campaign for the families of the political detainees as most of them are toilers whose families depend upon them entirely.

Comradely Solidarity during this stage is required at all levels in order to back up the steadfastness of the detainees in the prisons and to back up the national movement all over the area of Oman and the Arabian Gulf. All freedom is for the nationalist detainees and all backing is for the militants.