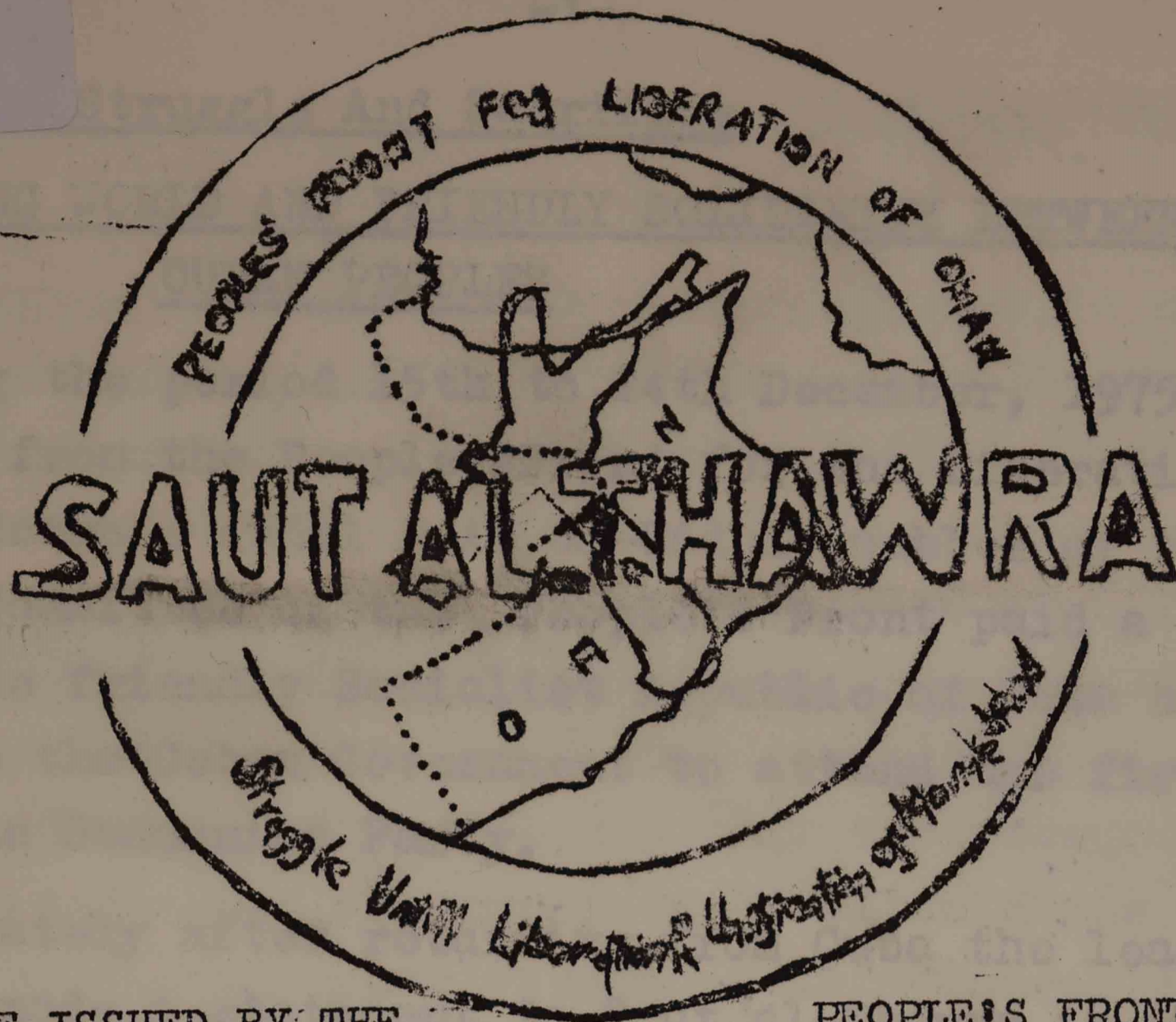


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New Year Of Struggle And Sacrifice

STRONG WORLD AND FRIENDLY SOLIDARITY BETWEEN OMANI AND
CUBAN PEOPLES

During the period 15th to 24th December, 1975 a central delegation from the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman headed by Comrade Abdel Aziz al-Qadhi, member of the Central Executive Committee of the People's Front paid an official visit to the friendly Socialist Republic of Cuba at an invitation from the Cuban Government to attend the first congress of the Cuban Communist Party.

Immediately after returning from Cuba the leader of the delegation made a statement to Saut al-Thawra in which he said: "Our visit to the Socialist Republic of Cuba came at an invitation from the Cuban comrades for attending the convention of the first congress of the Cuban Communist Party. Since our arrival in Cuba our delegation is getting warm welcome by the comrades and great care from the officials and members of the friendly Cuban people who surrounded us all with the gestures of affection mutuality and attention throughout the visits made by us for getting acquainted with the different aspects of life lived by the Cuban people whether inside the capital Havana or outside it. This only proves the spirit of strong high and friendly solidarity hidden by the Cuban people and their leaders towards our Omani people and their just cause. We felt the Cuban officials and members of the Cuban people are giving great care to what is going on in Oman as if we are only fighting a few kilometres away from them.

This left great impression in us and we were feeling while in Cuban as if we are amongst our Omani comrades and Omani people. Our delegation was very much pleased to be present in the congress which came as the fruit of the constant and long struggle waged by the masses of the workers and all Cuban toilers and was crowned with the wonderful victories realised by the Cuban people against the Spanish colonialism and the American imperialism and its puppet Batista and for building socialism in Cuba. The first congress of the Cuban Communist Party is truly a prominent historical event in the procession of the triumphant Cuban revolution and a great victory not only for the Cuban people alone but also for the progressive forces and the national liberation movements and all revolutionary peoples in the world.

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The historical manifestations approved by the congress and the results of the elections of the Central Committee of the party and the election of Comrade Fidel Castro as first Secretary of the Party are all issues of immense importance and they will leave extensive positive results not only in the internal politics of Cuba but also in its external policy at world level. Our delegation and militants feel proud of these victories and that the impressions with which we returned from Cuba are wonderful impressions that cannot be erased with the days.

It is worth while to mention that more than eighty delegations represented Communist and progressive parties have attended this congress which came to crown the fruit of the brave struggles waged by the friendly Cuban people under the leadership of the brave leader Comrade Fidel Castro who was elected as Secretary General of the Cuban Communist Party.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

On the occasion of the Christian New Year of 1976, Saut al-Thawra is pleased to extend warm greetings to the masses of our Omani people and our brave revolutionaries and masses of our Arab nation and their national and progressive forces hoping that the new year would be an year of victory for the struggle of the Arabs and realisation of our national objectives for freedom from imperialism and the forces of aggression and Zionist and Persian expansion.

Saut al-Thawra is also pleased to extend warm greetings to the supporters of the revolution and its friends and to all forces of liberation, progress and peace in the world hoping that during the New Year the joint and common objectives of these forces and the forces of Arab liberation will be consolidated in the interest of the good of mankind. Tribute to the freedom fighters and honest militants and all those fighting for the cause of freedom, justice and peace in the world.

HIJRA NEW YEAR GREETINGS

On the occasion of the New year of Hijra (1396), the Saut al-Thawra extends to our Omani people and masses of our Arab nation and the brotherly Arab and Islamic peoples warm greetings coupled with good wishes for the victory of justice, freedom and peace in this New Year. It also hopes that this year will witness the fall of the forces of evil and vice and aggression.

POLITICAL STATEMENT ON THE PASSAGE OF TWO YEARS ON
IRANIAN INVASION OF OMAN

A statement issued by the Central Executive Committee of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman stated that the Iranian invasion of Oman on 20.12.73 was a damned event in the history of the Omani people. This invasion also constitutes an open and flagrant challenge not only to the Arab people in Oman but is also regarded as a factor of threat to all areas in the Arabian Gulf and Peninsula. It is also constituting a flagrant challenge to the Arab nation's will and serves the reactionary presence in our country. It is also protecting foreign influence and hegemony and continuation of its domination and control over our wealths. It is, the statement added, also expressing the depth of the growth of expansionism of the reactionary Shah-in-Shah regime which is endeavouring to annex this Arab territory to the crown of the Iranian empire.

The statement added that British occupation and Iranian invasion of Oman also constitute one of the chains of activities of world imperialism which aims at resisting the freedom of peoples and their independence.

A statement was also issued by the People's Front office in Baghdad on this occasion. It said that the successive Iranian invasion campaigns on the rurals of the Southern Region of Dhofar aim at liquidating the revolution but the forces of the revolution and its masses were stronger than the armies and remnants of the Iranians, Jordanian, British and other mercenaries of Qaboos, and that the forces of the revolution managed to inflict on the enemy forces heavy losses.

The statement said that the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman warns those regimes which fell behind the distortions and lies of the Iranian expansionist regime, against the consequences of their fall behind the wrong impressions and lies given by the Iranian expansionist regime and the traitorous regime of Qaboos in Muscat towards the Arab and world liberation movement. It also warned those who are keeping quiet over what is going on in Oman and take part in one way or another in the implementation of the reactionary imperialist plan which aims at liquidating the Arab revolution whether in Oman or Palestine. It urged the masses of the Arab nation to expose those regimes which resort to shaky stands towards our just struggle and also to increase their backing and support and solidarity with the revolution.

NEW ARRESTS IN INNER OMAN

In a report received by us from Muscat, it was stated that the Qaboos celebrations did not pass in peace as usual. As the capital Muscat was witnessing celebrations marking the Qaboos Enthronement day, the Qaboos calls the masses of the Omani people to share in the joys of what he claimed victories over the revolution, inner Oman was reigned by an atmosphere of terrorism and sadness when the henchmen of Qaboos and the repressive forces of his master ransacked the houses of the citizens and cordoned them and started searches in other vilages and towns of inner Oman.

This took place at a time in which the instruments of propoganda and distortions were calling the citizens to take part in the massive processions marking the fake victory.

But the citizens woke up at the sound of the rifles of the British and Iranian invaders and the repressive forces of Qaboos on their heads as the guard patrols have been increased and siege was imposed on the area and search points were erected particular at Wadi Rustaq. The said repressive instruments intensified their repressive and savage acts against the citizens at al-Hazn area in which the battle which was waged by martyr Ahmed Ali and his comrades took place. As a result of the panic created by this battle in the enemy repressive instruments, fear and malice control the clique of Qabos and his masters. The best reward presented during the Qaboos celebrates was only the introduction of more sacrifices and new victims and new inmates for the famous al-Gallali prison. This operation is meant by the enemy to be as a deterrent because of their fears of the appearance of new operations during the festivities.

The victims of Qaboos in this new batch of detainees included tribal sheikhs as the cartoonist regime started to suspect even its instruments. The repressive instruments carried out dreadful acts and criminal acts against the citizens on these festivitites. They did not leave but destruction and damage, poverty and sadness to reign over the areas lying near Jebel al-Akhdhar. These forces have arrested Sheikh Abdulah Zaher al³/₄ Hanai, one of the Bani Hana tribe, and confiscated all arms caches stored with him and belonging to the members of his tribe but even blasted the famous historical fort known as the Azzinah fort. They also arrested Sheikh Suleiman bin Hanad al-Harnali (Ghafri), governor of Hazn village at Wadi Rustaq the place where the clash ensued between the group of Martyr Ahjed Ali and his comrades and the hireling army. They also arrested Sheikh Nasser Seif Ashaqsi (Ashaer), Hullat al-Washil, and Suleiman al-Busaidi, father of Martyr Mohammad Taleb who was executed by the Qaboos authority on 19th June, 1973, along with nine other comrades.

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They also arrested citizen Khalifa bin Suleiman Hamood the son of the Governor of al-Hazm. Other numbers exist of detainees whose names were not known.

It is worth mentioning that the charges directed against these sheikhs and loyalists as is customary is their help to the revolution and hostility to the foreign presence in Onan. No doubt hostility to the foreign presence is a legal right for all members of the Onani homeland but the Qaboos authority when wanting to arrest any citizen it does not find any excuse or remarkable proof other than to stick the charge of communism and support to the revolution and the undertaking of subversive activities to them. Do you think these aged sheikhs are also communists. This is what the Qaboos authority put up and as it appears the entire Onani people is orbiting in the circle of communis as claimed by Qaboos because they are hostile to the foreign presence. Is this a crime?

INSURGENCE AND REFUSAL TO FIGHT FLARES UP IN

IRANIAN ARMY

One of the Iranian officers returned from Onan said that there are big increases in the rate of the losses of the Iranian forces during the recent period apart from those losses suffered during the previous period in Onan. This officer said that the officers and soldiers of the Iranian army started to understand the filthy imperialist war launched against the Onani people and the huge losses suffered by the Iranian forces there.

Therefore, no one remains to vounterr at all for going to Onan. This obliged the Iranian government to force the soldiers and officers to go to Onan and to raise the monthly salaries in an imaginative manner in a way that the average salary of the soldier only amounts to 30,000 shillings.

The command worked for increasing the period of stay for replacement of the units of army to one year instead of six months as it was before.

Furthermore the Iranian military command selects the illiterate soldiers to go to Onan for fighting.

It carries out a brain-washing operation for these soldiers and to raise their noraes. For example it tells them that forty states are taking part in this fighting in Onan.

ROBAYA SAYS: "OUR STANDS ARE FIRM AND PRINCIPLED
TOWARDS STRUGGLE OF OMANI PEOPLE"

Comrade Salem Robaya Ali, Presidential Council Chairman in Democratic Yemen, affirmed in a speech delivered by him last week on the occasion of the opening of the two marking the International Women's Festival in Democratic Yemen, the firm and strong and principled stands of the people of Democratic Yemen and the Government of the revolution towards the struggle of our Omani people and their complete backing for them against the British and Iranian invasion and occupation.

At the beginning of his speech, Comrade Robaya replied to the fake statements of Qaboos and announced that Qaboos after announcing that his country was cleared of the "insurgents" was not knowing that he is supposed to evacuate the Iranian forces.

He said that all claims by Qaboos are not but mere justifications to keep the invasion forces. Robaya affirmed that Qaboos did not find this time other than Democratic Yemen as a justification to keep the foreign forces in Oman on the grounds that the forces of Democratic Yemen are being mobilised to attack the sultanate of Qaboos.

Comrade Robaya reminded of the aggressions of the Anglo-Iranian forces on the territories of Democratic Yemen and the campaigns launched by the bombers which drop daily tons of destructive bombs on the villages of Democratic Yemen in the Eastern District of the Sixth Governorate.

But he affirmed that the army of Democratic Yemen and its people are capable of protecting their territories from aggression and that they heroically stand in front of all these savage raids and confront them gallantly.

He said: we tried to convey our point of view to all Arab brothers. We have cabled them our firm point of view and that all allegations of Qaboos are false and do not stand on any material evidence. He said: We will continue to defend heroically our territories and national sovereignty, and are not going to mishandle even one foot of our territories and that our struggle against the Iranian presence and our support for the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman in its struggle is a principled stand that cannot be wrested from us by any one.

COMRADE ROBAYA → Cont'd.

Comrade Robaya condemned in his speech the policy of colonialist military pacts which imperialism and reaction are working to implement in the area of the Arabian Gulf under the curtain of "Gulf Security". He said that Baghdad Pact is being revived in the form of the Gulf Security project. Comrade Robaya affirmed that the establishment of this pact is not but for hitting the liberation movements in the area and a threat for the enslavement of the peoples of the area and their subjugation to the hegemony of imperialism and reaction. Comrade Robaya announced that Democratic Yemen possesses delicate and very important information on the movements of imperialism and reaction in connection with what is called "The Gulf Security" and promised to reveal this information on other occasions.

DEMOCRATIC YEMEN DENIES QABOOS ALLEGATIONS

An official spokesman for the Foreign Ministry of Democratic Yemen made a press statement in reply to the allegations of puppet Qaboos. He said that puppet Qaboos had constantly resorted during the past period to distorting facts on the conflict going on between the revolutionaries of the People's Front and the foreign forces there intending to involve Democratic Yemen as a part in the conflict.

The spokesman pointed out the aggressions faced by Democratic Yemen last October from the forces of the Iranian invasion and the mercenaries of Qaboos and said that Democratic Yemen's silence was only stemming from its care to notify the sister countries on the reality of the situation and not to increase the tension as well as to consolidate the Arab effort which aims at evacuating the foreign forces from Oman.

The official spokesman announced that Democratic Yemen at a time in which it denies the allegations of Qaboos, who was assigned to announce them to the Arab Ambassadors in Muscat on 23.12.75, also affirms that there lies behind these Qaboos allegations aggressive intentions pre-planned by the imperialist circles and Iran against Democratic Yemen and the people of the area of Oman and the Arabian Gulf and Peninsula, a matter that threatens the safety and security of the peoples of the area on one hand. On the other the statements of Qaboos and his provocations against Democratic Yemen aim at standing as an obstacle against the evacuation of the Iranian forces from Oman and failure of the Arab efforts aiming at that.

OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN - Cont'd.

The spokesman said that Democratic Yemen will not keep quiet on any aggression launched on it and is capable of replying to any aggression and defending its territories.

CUBA WITNESSES A GREAT EVENT

The convention of the first congress of the Cuban Communist Party and the results that stem from this congress will undoubtedly be a very great event in the procession of the socialist transformations in Cuba as the Cuban people is sticking great hopes to the immense importance constituted by this congress which is to outline the basic lines towards reaching the highest peaks in the operation of socialist construction in Cuba for realising the material and moral prosperity for the Cuban people. This will result in the establishment of the machineries of the people's authority all over the country and the division of Cuba into fourteen provinces instead of six as well as the launching of the new constitution which will be discussed by the people and approved later on.

Moreover elections will take place for electing a national council which will start its deliberations on 2nd December, 1976.

The congress is also expected to approve the five-year plan which will cover the development of industry and agriculture and the aspects connected with the constructional life and communications and different fields which will ensure progress, and material and morale social welfare for the Cuban people.

The policy of the Cuban Communist Party at the external level ensures commitment to the internationalist principles important of which is to back and support the movements of peoples hostile to imperialism, the colonised peoples, and consolidation of the national liberation movements and those fighting in the capitalist world to crush down exploitation and monopoly.

This significant and important event in Cuba is a victory for the Cuban people and the other oppressed peoples and a defeat for the world of exploitation and monopoly.

EDITORIAL

IN THE MEMORY OF 1ST JANUARY, IT IS REQUIRED TO UNITE
THE GUN AND THE REVOLUTIONARY INSTRUMENT

The masses of the Palestinian people and their brave militants celebrated the 11th anniversary of the ignition of the revolution of 1st January and as usual the groups of the Arab national liberation movement and the groups of the Arab revolution, stand on such occasions to extend their greetings and combat tributes to this group or that of the groups of the Arab revolution.

But as regards the Omani Arab revolution and the Omani militants, they are having a more comprehensive stand than to merely extend greetings and tribute. They are standing to share their comrades in their procession in Palestine, the stand of check-up, prompt look and study. Check up of the distance already cut in the procession, prompt look to the combat burdens that covered this procession and the results reached by it positively and negatively and study of the future, future of this group and the the future of the Arab struggle as a whole.

Such a stand by the Omani revolutionaries is called by the strength and genuinty of the warm and mutual combative relations which tighten the Omani arm to the Palestinian arm and the Omani gun to the Palestinian gun. Relations which crystalise the steadfastness, determination and firmness of the Arab struggle. From this point we are giving ourselves the right of sharing the comrades of our path and destiny their stand. From this point we say that the 1st of January constitutes the greatest event in the history of our Arab struggle, and the 1st of January constitutes and crystalises the greatest features and signs existing in our nation. Over 11 years have already passed on this great launch, which is great for the gains and victories realised by it at all levels. If these victories are great, then the greatest are those through whom these victories have been realised and we mean the will of the revolution and the will of the gun. The will to fight and sacrifice which exists with the Palestinian fighter.

MILITARY REPORT.

SHOOTING DOWN THE HELICOPTER OF THE BRITISH COMMANDER:
P.F.L.O FIGHTERS ATTACK ENEMY IN ALL PROVINCES.

The enemy Officials have been spreading false claims of final victory over the P.F.L.O. and destroying its armed forces.

The most concrete reprisals to these claims is in the battlefield where our heroic fighters carried their attacks against enemy forces in all the regions; (East, Central, and West).

The most important battle is that which took place in the Eastern Region where the helicopter of the British Commander in Dhofar was shot down on 25th. Dec. 1975. forcing the British Foreign Ministry on 2nd January 1976, to confess the shooting down of the plane, which is in contradiction with British Foreign Minister's Callaghan's bragging.

Here is the summary of the Military Operations between 25th. Dec-75, to 7th. Jan. 76.:-

A) EASTERN REGION.

P.L.A. Unit in the Eastern Region opened the fire on the helicopter carrying the British Commander of the Mercenary Forces in Dhofar and other high ranking Officers in field tour. The surprised enemy carried air-borne landings operation to reclaim the corpses of the officers and opened cannon fire haphazardly on civilian dwellings resulting in killing of civilians' belongings of farm animals, cottages etc.

B) WESTERN REGION.

In the Western Region, P.L.A. Unit launched 11 attacks against enemy posts in the Western Region using mortar, heavy machineguns and light machineguns.

The enemy suffered:-

- 1) 40 Casualties.
- 2) Destruction of 50 fortifications.
- 3) Destruction of 4 gun posts, and silencing one gun-post.
- 4) Destruction of observation post.

This does not include operations where enemy losses are not estimated.

The enemy retaliated with air-raids and shelling civilians dwellings and farm animals, farms, pasture, and water springs.