

Report from KROAV/Sydvästasien-kommittén to the 3rd PFLO-solidarity konferens.

The committee had its first national konferens 13-14.3.76 to unite the different local committees that had been formed around a common platform, program and statutes. The former program and platform of the Stockholm committee was accepted with minor ~~change~~ change in the slogans.

At the konferens the committees name was changed from KROAV to Sydvästasien-kommittén. The change is a result of that we see this region as a political whole. The developments in Oman are clearly connected with the developments in the Arabian Gulf and on the Peninsula. The name KROAV (Kommittén för Revolutionen i Oman och Arabiska Viken) was also too long and nobody knewed the meaning of the abbreviation. Neither PDRY nor the Arabrepublic of Yemen was mentioned in the name. We wish to emphasize the fact that this change of name not mean lessing support for the PFLO.

The conference also decided to change the name of the bulletin former called Al-Djazira, which swedish readers didn't understand. To stress the struggle in Oman and to stop speculations about the changing of the name of the committee we wanted to get the word Oman in the name of the bulletin. It is now called Oman-solidaritet.

The conference once again made clear that the committee sees the political propaganda/information and the material support as two sides of the same struggle. The Sydvästasien-kommittén will exploit the possibilities for collect material support in a country like Sweden and the committee also takes upon itself a responsibility for the political work for strengthening the solidarity between the people of Sweden and the people of Oman. A solidarity that reduces the risk for reactionary, rasist current among the workingclass during a period of deepening economical crise and increas the possibilities of support.

The committee realise that it is only a small part of the swedis people that today is intrested of the struggle in Oman and that it is primarily intellectuals that has knowledge about it but we stress the importance of directing the propaganda towards the workingclass. A good example are the leaflet spreading to the workers at LM Ericson (thelephoncompany).

The committee will also stress the importance of the anti-imperialist coordinating thats been developed above all in Stockholm during recent years. The work is mainly between the groups that do not support the so called superpower theory. At different occasions negotiations concerning actions has been held between all anti-imperialist groups. It is our experience that these negotiations taken too long time in relation to the action itself and that the negotiation has not been succesful. The contradictions about the superpower theory has been decisive.

The goal of the committee also to cooperate with the political parties and organisations to strengthening the solidarity work for the struggle in Oman. Sofar this work hasn't been as succesful as we wished. ~~Now~~

New localcommittees has been formed in four places: Gothenburg, Lund, Umeå and Uppsala. In Vilhelmina there is a contactman.

Actions: In accordance with the decision on the Paris konferens -74 the committee carried out a campaign for Oman Red Crescent hospital in al-Geida and on campaign for the political prisoners in Oman.

The hospitalcampaign: Propagandaspreading and moneycollecting every saturday since sept. -75 to may -76, application to SIDA (Swedish International Development Authority) for support to al-Geida, appeal to 30 organisations, articles, photoexhibitions.

Campaign for political prisoners: Appeal to 30 organisations, public meetings. ~~After the campaign~~

After the campaign for the hospital been closed the committee kept up the money collection in the center of Stockholm every saturday.

A further campaign for political prisoners was held in connection with the publicity of Kut al Jalali in the swedish press when a Swede was imprisoned there for a short time. The campaign was supported by 25 organisations.

9th of June 1976 was celebrated with a meeting where we showed the film "Liberation hour" by Heiny Sour. A welcome speech was held by a representative of Frente Polisario and the Iranian Students association.

In connection with comrade Rashid Saeeds visit in December -76 Radio Sweden broadcasted an interview with him and one public meeting was held. There were artiled in the leftwing magazines.

The swedish telephonecompany LM Ericsson has installated a complete telephon network in the Sultanate of Oman. When the workers on LM Ericsson factory was showed a propagandafilm about Oman the committee spread a leaflet among the workers.

The slogans of the committee has been in the 1st of May demonstrations -75 and -76. The committee has not recommended exclusive participation in any particular demonstration.

All local committees has pursued internal studies to made a study material about the area, but the studies has not been successful.

In summer 1976 the Stockholm-committee get a meeting-room.

The committee has helped Vänsterpartiet Kommunisterna (VPK) to write a proposal to the parliament demanding for economical aid to PFLO and to break the diplomatique connections with the Sultanate.

We also helped the socialdemocratic youth association to writ resolution for support to PFLO from the Socialdemocratic party.

The committee has contacts with Rädta Barnen (Children Foundati and Swedish Red Cross concerning material aid. The contacts with Rädta Barnen has been succesful.

Among the result of the anti-imperialist cooperationwork we can mention: - Palestine-Chile-Oman week in may -75, - anti-Kissinger demonstration when Kissinger visited Sweden may -76 with 13 000 persons participated, which makes the demonstration to one of the biggest in Stockholm in many years. - The 4th of July, the national day of USA we had a coordinated action.

The bulletin: After the Paris conferance the bulletin wasn't issued in one year, but after the national conferance three bulletin has been issued in 2 000 bulletins each time. This has been possible because that a lot of work by the Stockholm-committee. We have the possibilities to use technical equipment that makes the production cheap, even profitable. Concerning the contents of the bulletin that's been widened, look in the ~~the~~ reference exemples.

Self criticism of the committee: The campaign for hospital started half a year after the decision in Paris, which maked unnecessary delayings for the comrades in PFLO. The committee has not get so many more members. That made our work bad many times, and first of all we havn't informed PFLO about whats being published in swedish about the area. The studies in the committee has been bad and sometimes stoped because more acute tasks has been dome. This must be changed because it will damage our work after a while.

The committees critic to other solidarity committees: The committee will criticise all solidaritycommittees including ourselves. The cooperation is bad and we don't inform each other enough. This makes a lot of double working.

The committees critic to PFLO: The same critic as the 1st conference. The continued information is bad and is seriously damaging our information work. We know that this critic also concern the postsystem in some countries and sometimes the security personal, but some things could be better already in Aden. We suggest that for example Saut al-Thawra is printed with running numbers.

Long live PFLO
Long live the international solidarity

Sydvästasien-kommittén

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PLATFORM FOR SOUTHWESTASIA-COMMITTEE (Sydvästasien-kommittén), Sweden.

Sydvästasien-kommittén (former KR 1AV) was founded in October 1973 when a representative from PFLOAG visited Stockholm. Sydvästasien-kommittén is working for support to the revolution in Oman, PDRY and Arabian Gulf. With the word revolution we here mean the antiimperialist, anti-colonial, national revolution. We mean that the development after liberation depends on which classes and forces are at the head of the struggle.

The work of Sydvästasien-kommittén is determined by the knowledge that imperialism is a world system which also includes Sweden. Consequently we regard the struggle of the oppressed people in Africa, Asia and Latin America and the political and economical struggle of the working class in the imperialist countries as two parts of the same struggle which support each other.

The task of the Sydvästasien-kommittén is to distribute information of the liberation struggle in Oman and the Arabian Gulf, to develop a solidarity for this struggle in Sweden and to support the PFLO.

The information work has in view to distribute correct facts about the struggle in order to break the information blockade which up to now has prevailed in Swedish massmedia and to confute the false information that is spread by the imperialist and the reactionary governments in the area. This is mainly being done by publishing the paper Oman-solidaritet, which contains background and current information of the liberation struggle.

The solidarity work contains of:

- arranging meetings and demonstrations
- distributing the knowledge of the struggle that we have got
- cooperate with all anti-imperialist forces which are ready to support the liberation struggle in the Arabian Gulf area on its own conditions
- in all ways contribute to develop a political and material support for the PFLO

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STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM, ZIONISM AND THE ARABIAN AND IRANIAN REACTIONARIES

IRANIAN, BRITISH AND JORDANIAN TROOPS OUT OF OMAN

SUPPORT FOR THE REVOLUTION IN DEMOCRATIC YEMEN

SUPPORT FOR THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN THE ARABIAN GULF AREA