

intended to mobilize all forces against a peaceful settlement with the State of Israel. The establishment of this organization was deemed necessary in view of the efforts made at that time by both the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) and the United States government to resettle the Palestinian refugees in the neighboring Arab states by reclaiming arid land and establishing modern living conditions there. The Arab Nationalists have rejected such projects off-hand for two reasons:⁵⁵ First, they presuppose cooperation with Israel. Secondly, they would help to remove the tension across the borders between the Arab states and Israel.

The above organization found a way to wider circles by putting out an eight page weekly bulletin called al-Tha'r [The Vengeance]. This bulletin which became very popular especially among the Palestinian refugees took it upon itself to expose all efforts to make peace with Israel. It made a consistent effort to build up the Palestinian resistance against all and every program set for the improvement of the living conditions of the Palestinian refugees. It categorically rejected the Proposals of the United Nations Economic Survey Mission for the Middle East which under Chairman Gordon R. Clapp of the United States' T.V.A. came out with a detailed program early in 1950, of relief and public works in various Arab countries for the benefit of the Palestinian

⁵⁵ Statement by Dr. Wadi' Haddad, personal interview, June 21, 1970.