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racist violence against Palestinians was followed by a massive arrest campaign in scores of Palestinian cities, villages and camps throughout the occupied territories, in addition to the imposition of curfews on many localities.

UNL positions

The United National Leadership of the intifada (UNL) expressed its deep concern after the formation of the new Israeli government. In its call no. 59, issued July 1st, the UNL declared that: «The intifada has now entered one of its most critical and dangerous stages...A stage in which the enemy has unveiled its true fascist and racist face.» The call urged the Palestinian masses not to be daunted: «Israeli extremism, the escalation of repression and their adamant refusal to make peace should not lead us to think that we have reached a dead-end. It should enhance our confidence in the correctness and effectiveness of the intifada.»

In call no. 60, issued July 30th, the UNL lauded the stand of the European Community and their continued economic cooperation with the Palestinian people, as well as the decision to send a permanent observer to the occupied territories. The European Parliament passed a resolution in mid-June, condemning Israeli repression in the occupied territories, and calling for an international inquiry into the abuses of Palestinian human rights. In addition, the heads of EC governments meeting in Dublin passed another resolution, calling for the protection of Palestinians, and an end to Israeli set-

tlement of the 1967 occupied territories, including East Jerusalem. Also in call no. 60, the UNL denounced the US position and «its total bias towards Israel which was rewarded with the unilateral suspension of the US-PLO dialogue.» The UNL, for the first time since the beginning of the intifada, condemned the Egyptian regime outright, calling it

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a puppet of the US administration. Mubarak was accused of attempting to institute the Camp David accords throughout the area.

Also on the international scene, Israel's ambassador to Spain, Shlomo Ben Gali, reported that relations between Israel and most of the European countries are deteriorating. Ben Gali added that in the case of those countries with which Israel enjoys very close relationships, like West Germany, Holland and Denmark, a change in popular opinion is taking place in favor of self-determination for Palestinians, and the need for including the PLO in the peace process (Haaretz, June 8th).

In the aftermath of the US military intervention in the Middle East, Palestinians, like the masses throughout the Arab world, demonstrated against the US's aggression and bullying of Iraq. Demonstrations took place throughout the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Golan Heights, while fear of an Israeli attack against Jordan was prevalent. Such an attack would facilitate the expulsion of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians, an act which would be in line with the strategy of the new Israeli government. ●