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RALLY CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL LABOR DAY

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[Excerpts] Tripoli, 1 May--At 1830 today, a big rally was opened at the 7 October Stadium in Tripoli to mark International Labor Day, which falls on 1 May every year. The celebration was opened with the national anthem and Holy Koran recitation. Then Mukhtar Quray's delivered a speech for the workers federation. The following is text of his speech:

Brother popular leaders, brother workers, brother citizens: The workers of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya on this day join their brother workers in the world in celebrating this great day, which is truly a prominent landmark of the continuous world struggle against all forms of domination and exploitation. This is the day when thousands of world workers, headed by the U.S. workers, died demanding their rights. We must exert more efforts and struggle in all fields. We must exert efforts to put an end to the subjugation and slavery to which the workers in the capitalist countries are subjected, where the sweat of the workers and their efforts are robbed. The stand by U.S. workers is evidence of the workers' toughness and proof that they are the advance vanguard in all industrial, agricultural, and economic development. [passage indistinct]

The leader of the Great 1 September Revolution, Brother Col Mu'ammarr al-Qadhafi, and Brother Maj 'Abd as-Salam Jallud attended the big rally held this evening on the occasion of Workers Day. The big rally held at the 7 October Stadium in Tripoli was also attended by Chairman of the General People's Committee 'Abd al-'Ati al-'Ubaydi, certain secretaries, PFLP-GC Secretary Ahmad Jibril, a number of African delegations which took part in the African labor ministers conference which ended yesterday, political and popular leaders, chairmen and members of workers unions, and throngs of Arab workers and masses in the Jamahiriya. The workers massing in the 7 October Stadium welcomed the revolution leader with cheers for the 1 September Revolution.

The speech of the General Federation of Women was then delivered. At the end of the speech, the General Federation of Women proclaimed that the 1 September Revolution came to affirm the workers demands, workers who were suffering from misery and neglect during the defunct era when they were being exploited in the worst manner. The social security law enacted by the 1 September Revolution for the sake of the workers is the best proof of the interest the revolution is showing in the workers.

Al-Qadhafi Speech

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[Text] Tripoli, 1 May--Leader of the 1 September Revolution Col Mu'ammarr al-Qadhafi made a speech at the big rally held at the 7 October Stadium in Tripoli on the occasion of international May Day. The following is text [as received] of the speech:

It gives me pleasure to greet the African workers delegations attending this ceremony with us. I also greet Brother Ahmad Jibril, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command [PFLP-GC]. I laud his will of steadfastness and rejection of capitulation. We have heard from him that the battlefield with the sound of rifles and guns is the only way to regain the Palestinian people's right to return to their land. We hear this at the time when talk about rifles is almost unheard of in the current battlefield.

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SYRIAN-GDR COMMITTEE ISSUES STATEMENT ON TALKS

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[Text] Damascus, 2 May--Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs Jamil Shayya and the delegation accompanying him returned to Damascus early this morning following a 4-day visit to the GDR. During the visit he had talks with Guenther Kleiber, deputy chairman of the GDR Council of Ministers, on economic, scientific and technical cooperation between the two friendly countries. A press statement has been issued in Damascus and Berlin on the meetings of the second session of the Syrian-GDR joint committee held between 27 and 30 April. The text of the statement is as follows:

The Joint Committee for Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation between the Syrian Arab Republic and the German Democratic Republic held its second session in Berlin between 27 and 30 April. The Syrian side was headed by Jamil Shayya, Ba'th Party National Command member and deputy prime minister for economic affairs, while the GDR side was headed by Guenther Kleiber, candidate member of the SED Central Committee Politburo, deputy chairman of the GDR Council of Ministers and minister of general engineering, agricultural machinery and vehicle building.

The meetings and discussions between the heads of the two sides and the working teams were held in an amicable and fruitful atmosphere. The two sides ascertained that tangible progress had been made since the convocation of the first session of the joint committee in the fields of economic, technical and scientific cooperation between the two countries. The two sides also agreed that all the necessary conditions to strengthen and expand cooperation between them are available. They agreed to adopt the necessary measures to develop economic relations between Syria and the GDR, particularly in the fields of electrical engineering, railways, the cement industry, agriculture, machine building and other economic fields. The two sides agreed that the permanent working groups, particularly the groups for industrial and agricultural cooperation, will continue their work in the periods between the joint committee sessions.

The third session of the Syrian-GDR joint economic committee will be held in Damascus in April 1978. Preparations for the agenda of this session have already been made.

AL-ASAD RECEIVES TUNISIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

JN301234Y Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic 1215 GMT 30 Apr 77 JN

[Text] At 1245 today His Excellency President Hafiz al-Asad received Tunisian Foreign Affairs Minister Habib Chatti, who delivered a letter from Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba. They discussed the fraternal relations between the Syrian Arab Republic and the Republic of Tunisia. They also reviewed the situation in the Arab area.

Chatti Leaves for Amman

JN010753Y Damascus SANA in Arabic 0745 GMT 1 May 77 JN

[Text] Damascus, 1 May--Tunisian Foreign Affairs Minister Habib Chatti left Damascus at 0930 today for Amman after concluding a 3-day visit to Syria during which he delivered a message from Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba to President Hafiz al-Asad. The Tunisian minister was seen off by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs 'Abd al-Karim 'Adi, the chief of the Protocol Department of the Foreign Ministry and a number of Foreign Ministry senior officials.

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Brothers, we hear this today from a leader of one of the Palestinian resistance fronts-- the General Command--at a time when talk about liberation has become blasphemy in the dictionary of Arab politicians. It has become blasphemy to talk about the return of the Palestinian people to their land. Talk has become merely a means to show courtesy to Zionism and its creators. They are wronging us in our cause, in Palestine and in the right of the Palestinian people to return to their homeland.

The agent reactionary Arab rulers in the Arab homeland at present consider wrong the right of the Palestinian people to return to their land. Can a Palestinian who left his home, his farm and property in Palestine in 1948 not demand to return to his land? Why did he leave it? He was expelled by the force of Zionism, by colonialism which was allied with it, and by Arab reactionaries who were allied with Zionism and colonialism. Now Arab reaction is cooperating once again with colonialism and Zionism to prevent the Palestinian people from returning to their land. If these rulers have capitulated, sold out their pride and land and have been recruited in service of colonialism, we here in the Jamahiriyah will not submit to colonialism.

The mission for which we released the revolution was to kindle the spirit of struggle in the Arab nation, which colonialism wants to capitulate. This nation is not in a position that necessitates capitulation. This nation possesses material and moral resources capable of conquering the enemies. But the capitulationist reactionary Arab leaders adore prestige and believe in dollars and not in this great nation. These are the people who want to impose capitulation on this nation at a time when this great nation is capable of resisting colonialism and Zionism. The first step is to dispose of the reactionaries who dominate the fate of the Arab peoples.

The Palestinian resistance in Lebanon is now being disarmed. Arabs from the gulf to the ocean see the extent of this treason. The Palestinian resistance forces are being gathered on one ground at a time when the Israelis are unable to take the rifle from the Palestinian hand. The Arab rulers, however, make the Palestinians surrender their arms. Has peace been achieved? Has Palestine been returned or has the world disarmed? Has the world stopped producing nuclear bombs, antiballistic missiles, strategic bombers and submarines equipped with nuclear missiles? Has the world disarmed?

What a farce it is for treasonous rulers of the Arab nation to ask the Palestinians to surrender their arms. We affirm to them that if even the whole Arab nation capitulated, Libya would remain stubborn and rejectionist and demand liberation. Brothers, you must understand that all hopes are pinned on the Jamahiriyah.

You must understand that your revolution is the focus of Arab interest and the only bastion of their hopes. You are the only supporters of the Palestinian people. You are the only free platform in the Arab homeland from which the Arab people can freely express their thoughts and decide their own future. Here this people can frankly express their opinions to the world.

Brothers, other Arabs are like you, and they feel as you do. The fate of these people is the same as yours. Their enemies are also yours. These people know the way, as you do, but to date they are still helpless. These people will not remain this way long.

The Libyan people were under foreign oppression and rule 50 years. There were mass detention camps. Mass annihilation and mass gallows were used by the Italians against the Libyan people. The Italians dispersed the Libyans in the desert, distorted their independence and tried to weaken them, using oil in an attempt to kill their morale. [as received] Did these weak means succeed in killing the will of the people? Never.

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Accuses Egypt of Troops on Border

LD020835Y Tripoli Voice of the Arab Homeland in Arabic 0100 GMT 2 May 77 LD

[Report on speech by Col Mu'ammr al-Qadhafi, Libyan Revolution Command Council chairman, in Tripoli on 1 May--intercepted in progress]

[Text] The brother colonel referred to the provocations of As-Sadat's regime which is massing troops along the border of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and asserted that on our part, we have not massed any troops on the Egyptian border.

He said that the Egyptian regime today adopted a decision banning the return of Libyans from Egypt across the land border.

He warned As-Sadat against playing with fire and that the concentration of his tanks and troops on the border is no insignificant matter.

Brother al-Qadhafi reiterated that our Arab front of confrontation with the common enemy is in occupied Palestine, Sinai and the Golan, and not at Musa'id, As-Sallum, Az-Zaghbub and Siwah.

He spoke of the deterioration of economic conditions in Egypt as proved by statistics compiled by Arab, African and international labor organizations and said the Egyptians are suffering from unemployment, difficult economic conditions and a concentration of people in a [words indistinct] of land, which makes up all the area suitable for production.

He pointed out that 60,000 Egyptians are emigrating annually from Egypt. This includes 50,000 Egyptians who come to our country because it is the only exit and outlet open to the Egyptian people. Once As-Sadat shuts this outlet, he will actually be killing his own people and will bear sole responsibility for this. He said that there is no minimum wage in Egypt.

He then spoke about the conditions of workers in the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, where the minimum income of workers has increased four times since the revolution. He proposed increasing the minimum wage and asked the popular congresses to discuss and approve this proposal.

The commander of the revolution commented on what is being stated by the mouthpieces of the Egyptian regime concerning the Soviet note and on the allegation that the note means guardianship over the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. He refuted all these statements and said that "we reject all guardianship," adding that the note proves that "we are an independent country adhering to positive neutrality."

The brother colonel refuted the allegations and threats of the Egyptian regime saying that this is a desperate attempt to isolate us because we oppose imperialism and its schemes, and because we work for positive neutrality throughout the world.

He asked what interest Egyptian toilers--both workers and peasants--have in what is being disseminated by the hired Egyptian information media.

The brother colonel then referred to the allegations made by the Egyptian regime concerning the oppression of Egyptians working in our country and Egypt's attempts to use them as pawns in a filthy political game. He said that this matter will be put on the agenda of the popular congresses this month so that a decision may be made on the subject.

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The commander of the revolution concluded his speech by greeting the Egyptian workers for the efforts they have exerted in serving the plan of change in the Socialist People's Libyan Arab **Jamahiriyah** and their prounity struggle against reaction and imperialism.

He also greeted the African Workers Federation and the Tunisian Workers Federation, the protector of the toiler members of the fraternal Tunisian people and the defender of their rights. The Tunisian people are closely tied to us. Their federation has been fighting against hegemony and containment. He also greeted the **World Federation of Trade Unions**.

ARNA REPORTS QUOTATIONS FROM AL-QADHDHAFI

Quotation One

JN020928Y Tripoli ARNA in Arabic 0832 GMT 2 May 77 JN

[Text] Tripoli, 1 May--Colonel al-Qadhdhafi said: We opened the doors of our country to all the Egyptians but their president now pretends he will take care of them at a time when feudalism, exploitation and foreign capital are crushing millions of the toiling people in Egypt and at a time when he has sold out the public sector, taken away the worker's gains of profits and board memberships and taken the lands from the peasants which 'Abd an-Nasir had given them.

Al-Qadhdhafi said that As-Sadat is bragging about his concern for the Egyptians in the Jamahiriyah when Zionist tanks and planes are stationed in Sinai and while **all Egypt is** suffering from occupation. If the president **is** concerned about the Egyptian people and their dignity, **we have Libyan and Egyptian Arab resources that make us strong and keep us from begging the world or relinquishing our rights.**

Quotation Two

JN020930Y Tripoli ARNA in Arabic 0834 GMT 2 May 77 JN

[Text] Tripoli, 1 May--Revolution Commander Council Chairman Col Mu'ammam al-Qadhdhafi has stressed that there is no difference between Zionist spy **Kohen** and As-Sadat. He said that Kohen was nominated as a presidential candidate in Syria but he was discovered; As-Sadat, however, reached this post and has not been discovered.

Quotation Three

JN020935Y Tripoli ARNA in Arabic 0835 GMT 2 May 77 JN

[Text] Tripoli, 1 May--Brother Col Mu'ammam al-Qadhdhafi has said that if the world wants to solve the Palestine problem it must listen to the Palestinian people. He added that the Arab rulers must liberate their occupied territories. As for Palestine, it has its people, organizations and men who carry arms.

Brother Col Mu'ammam al-Qadhdhafi touched on the interpretation of the phrase "the Palestinian people's legitimate rights." He said that by this, colonialism and Zionism mean the housing of Palestinians in Arab countries, America and Europe and giving them money in return for Palestine. The Palestinians reject this.

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Further Details

JN020954Y Tripoli ARNA in Arabic 0836 GMT 2 May 77 JN

[Excerpts] Tripoli, 1 May--Col Mu'ammur al-Qadhafi has revealed that As-Sadat exploited his preparing for the war by asking for \$69 million, and \$60 million, which were the two Libyan deposits in the Egyptian bank. He said: We gave these amounts on 4 November 1970. He is now talking about the Palestine issue, hoping to receive more funds.

Brother Col Mu'ammur al-Qadhafi said that if President as-Sadat wants to sell out his country to colonialism, the Egyptian people will settle their account with him. If any other Arab ruler wants to sell out his country to colonialism, his people will settle the account with him--as the Libyan people settled their account with the Arab reaction which had ruled them and turned their country into a foreign base.

Col Mu'ammur al-Qadhafi asked who is really mad. Is it As-Sadat, who considers the Libyan border the target, or we, who believe that Palestine and Sinai are the real fronts to which the Arab force must be directed? He said: What treason to be committed by a president! It has no justification except As-Sadat's feeling that his end will be near when the Libyan and Egyptian armies and people unite in one front against the common enemy of the Libyan and Egyptian people.

Colonel al-Qadhafi affirmed that As-Sadat is mobilizing his troops on the Jamahiriya border and that there is a limit to everything. He said: Last September I gave him a chance. We do not want to fight against the Egyptian Army. We have offered it supplies and it still receives aid from us. We did not mobilize our troops to confront it. However, As-Sadat is concentrating his mobilization daily and closing the borders to Libyan travelers.

Colonel al-Qadhafi warned As-Sadat against playing with fire. He said that the massing of tanks along the border is no insignificant matter. If we do the same, a catastrophe will result and As-Sadat will shoulder the responsibility.

Col Mu'ammur al-Qadhafi pointed out that the United States blacklisted the Jamahiriya because it rejects a peaceful solution and is impeding U.S. designs in the Arab area. He said that at a time when the United States has prevented us from receiving the military transport planes which we have paid for, it is selling such planes to Egypt, Iran and Sudan.

He also said: The United States is not seeking peace in the region. If it wants us to surrender, we refuse to surrender. To hell with America and its planes!

Colonel al-Qadhafi stated that the Palestinian people are determined to struggle to return to their homes. We will fight alongside them. He said that the foreign minister of any capitulationist Arab state does not dare to speak about the return of the Palestinian people to their homes. They are all prepared to assume that Palestine has been sold.

Col Mu'ammur al-Qadhafi has said that statistics issued by the African labor ministers conference, the international and Arab labor organizations and the African labor studies center reveal that 100,000 babies are born in Egypt monthly. This confirms that Egypt will soon be facing a catastrophe.

Colonel al-Qadhafi has told the popular committees in the Jamahiriya information media not to stoop to the base and disgraceful level of the Egyptian information media. He said that our popular information must be above the wallowing in the mud of As-Sadat's information.

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Brother Col Mu'ammr al-Qadhdhafi stressed that As-Sadat has been a CIA agent since 1966, as the U.S. papers have said. The brother colonel said that in 1966 As-Sadat was indeed discharged from the Egyptian Revolution Command Council. He wanted to earn his living and the CIA bought him. He actually went at that time to the United States.

The brother colonel said in the speech he made on Workers Day today that it did not cross the mind of As-Sadat that he would become a president. The CIA found him and recruited him. With time this CIA official became a president.

Col Mu'ammr al-Qadhdhafi said that we are not speaking for the Palestinian resistance, but we honor what the Palestinian people say. This people have stressed that they have no way but to return to their land. He said that if As-Sadat can solve this matter why does he not liberate his land in Sinai--where Zionist tanks and U.S. bases and radar networks cover the area up to Benghazi, and where the Zionist authorities prevented the Egyptians from prospecting for oil?

Col Mu'ammr al-Qadhdhafi has affirmed that the solution of the Palestine issue is clear: It lies in the return of the Palestinian people to their land to live with the eastern Jews who were in Palestine in 1948. As for the other invaders and mercenaries who came after, they must return to their original homelands.

Col Mu'ammr al-Qadhdhafi said that the Egyptian workers in Libya are working as brothers side by side with their Libyan brothers. As-Sadat, however, is exploiting them and recruiting some of them in acts of sabotage. As-Sadat participated with you in your celebration of Evacuation Day on 11 June by placing a bomb that killed 11 Libyans--as a recompense for the tanks and resources you gave him.

Al-Qadhdhafi said: As-Sadat participated with you on the seventh anniversary of the revolution by another overt treat when he entrusted the Egyptian consul with detonating a bomb that would have killed from 4,000 to 5,000 Libyans. But, thank God, the bomb did not go off during working hours. The criminal admitted the crime which the Egyptian consul in turn entrusted to him. The criminal was tried, the death sentence was passed and the verdict was carried out. Thus, As-Sadat has regrettably put a question mark on every Egyptian here.

Col Mu'ammr al-Qadhdhafi has rejected As-Sadat's interpretation of the Soviet memo as tutelege for the Jamahiriya. He affirmed: We have never been under tutelege from any quarter. The memo points out that the Jamahiriya is an independent country following a liberation policy in the world, the policy of positive neutrality, does not submit to any quarter and is carrying out gigantic domestic deeds to raise the standard of its people by the nationalization of oil, evacuation of colonialism and supporting other peoples. Why is As-Sadat threatening this country and massing his troops along the Jamahiriya border?

Colonel al-Qadhdhafi said: The Soviet memo is not tutelege. It shows that half the population of the globe supports the people of the Jamahiriya, that is, all the socialist people. He said that As-Sadat wants us to be an isolated country. However, progressive forces are our friends and reactionary forces are our friends. [as received]

Col Mu'ammr al-Qadhdhafi affirmed the Jamahiriya's alliance with the Egyptian people, army, students and workers. Arab unity between the Libyan and Egyptian peoples is a must to liberate Sinai and Palestine, crush reaction and exploit the Nile Valley and the High Dam in the interests of Egyptians, as Jamal 'Abd an-Nasir wanted, instead of leaving the dam, for whose building the Egyptian people suffered great ordeals, as a mound of ruins.

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Colonel al-Qadhafi referred to As-Sadat's admission that all the demonstrators in Egypt on 18 and 19 January were shouting the same slogans raised by the Libyan radio station. He said: If As-Sadat says that I distribute funds to those who carried out the popular upheaval, I welcome this, as I would be extending financial aid to the Egyptian people who are in dire need of this aid.

Colonel al-Qadhafi stressed that we are not helpless before as-Sadat. We have all his black file. We are able to expose him. We have all the resources to defeat him. He said: In the past I defended As-Sadat, but he lost his senses, sold out his land and dignity and revealed himself. He said that Egypt is suffering from an extremely bad economic situation at a time when wages in Jamahiriya have increased fourfold or by 300 percent. When As-Sadat closes his border with us, then he wants to kill his people.

Col Mu'ammār al-Qadhafi stressed the importance of economic integration among the Arab countries. In his speech today he said that we want to unite with the Egyptian people to exploit the High Dam for the Arabs, the Nile Valley for the Egyptians and the oil in the Jamahiriya for the Libyan and Egyptian Arabs. Thus, these huge resources will be combined in the interests of the two fraternal peoples.

Al-Qadhafi asserted that statistics show that if the Arab world formed one economic structure or if it united politically, it could assimilate four times its population, that is, 600 million people. He said that the Jamahiriya is the first country ready to act to achieve this aim.

Col Mu'ammār al-Qadhafi has refuted the lies of the hired Egyptian information media regarding the situation in Benghazi. He said: The day 7 April was a day of celebration and rallies. There were no shots fired and no army in the streets, as As-Sadat's yellow press claims. As-Sadat buys the paper for his yellow press with hard currency to spread lies which the workers, peasants and construction workers--the slaves of his modern age--do not read. He said that the Libyan information media should daily amaze you with the progress of the production of the lie factories in Egypt.

Col Mu'ammār al-Qadhafi affirmed that the Libyan people are the decisionmakers, because we do not have a president. The president is the people. I am only a congress secretary among hundreds of popular congresses. He said: As I do not make decisions, the case of the Egyptian workers [in Libya] will be submitted to the popular congresses in May. I will voice my opinion as an ordinary individual, which can be summed up in the fact that I can no longer tolerate the exploitation [by Egypt] of the Egyptian workers in the Jamahiriya, as it harms our dignity. He said: We, who are dying for the Egyptians and Moslems, are now being charged with trampling on their self-respect. We are the defenders of Arab dignity. He affirmed that these allegations are lies meant to embroil the Egyptian workers in the dirty political game.

Concluding his speech on the occasion of Labor Day, Col Mu'ammār al-Qadhafi hailed the Egyptian workers and their struggle to defeat reaction and confront colonialism, as well as their unionist struggle and magnificent alliance with the students, peasants and soldiers. He also hailed the African Workers Union, of which the Jamahiriya has the honor of being the chairman.