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## AL-QADHDHAFI SPEAKS AT PALESTINIAN CONFERENCE

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[Text] Tripoli, 28 May--Colonel Mu'ammr al-Qadhafi, the leader of the revolution, opened the first conference of the Palestinian engineers federation at the People's Hall here today. In his opening address Colonel al-Qadhafi expressed the Jamahiriya's pride to host the conference and indicated that the holding of the conference in the Jamahiriya is an expression of the historic stand adopted by the Libyan Arab people toward their issue--the issue of Palestine.

Colonel al-Qadhafi welcomed the branches of the Palestinian engineers association constituting the conference and the other delegations of friendly countries attending the conference as a token of their people's support for the Palestinian issue.

The revolution leader also welcomed the delegations of the Soviet Union, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Greece, Cyprus, Poland and Vietnam, as well as the chairman and the secretary general of the General Federation of International Engineering organizations. He also welcomed the representatives of Arab engineering unions coming from Tunisia, Iraq, Jordan and Algeria.

In the course of his opening address, Colonel al-Qadhafi emphasized that the Palestinian issue is an issue of destiny for the Arabs, especially the Palestinians, who, despite their preoccupations and personal interests, are living in a catastrophe, with their lands occupied and their people expelled outside the homeland.

It is a good opportunity, the revolution leader added, to hold the conference in the Jamahiriya, the free rostrum for every man to express his opinion with full freedom, because the Jamahiriya is one of the world's freedom fortresses, and because the conference is held at a time when the Arab messengers of despair and apostasy are exerting intensive efforts, together with imperialism and racist Zionism, to kill the hope of the Arabs and to instill despair leading to surrender to the fait accompli.

Al-Qadhafi asserted that such attempts are desperate ones. He described them as rowing against the current.

Colonel al-Qadhafi said the only voice that should be listened to in connection with such a serious and fateful case is that of the Palestinian people, who are the rightful owner of the case. He added that only the people of Palestine themselves can settle the account with those who betray their national cause within their ranks.

Colonel al-Qadhafi, whose speech was interspersed with generous applause, said: A true Palestinian is not that who seeks publicity or is hungry for a headline but the one who crosses the border to hit the enemy inside occupied Palestine and shakes the deviationist leaders. It is high time that the Palestinian people cleaned their house and purged it of deviationists and bargainers.

He said non-Palestinian Arab leaders must keep their hands off the Palestinian cause, which is the sole concern of the Palestinian people. He added that the true revolutionary leaders are those who refuse to see the Palestinian freedom-fighters lay down his arms, who say no to surrender and yes to armed struggle. There is no harm in Palestinians fighting out their differences, because in the end only the good will stay.

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It must be pointed out that the French Government has used such readiness in the past.

Concluding, Brother Bouteflika asked: How can one overlook the tragedy of a whole people and pay attention to the interest of only a few? He added: One cannot but feel astonished at the exertion of all this mental effort just to find what had been previously clearly declared at all the international organizations.

SYRIAN ENVOY ON CONTACTS WITH U.S. LEADERS, BEGIN

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[Excerpts] 'Abd al-Karim 'Adi, Syrian minister of state for foreign affairs and personal envoy of Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad to President Houari Boumediene, arrived in Algiers last night. Upon his arrival he answered questions from our correspondent 'Isa Muwafi: [begin recording]

[Question] What are the aims of the Arab-American contacts?

['Adi] [words indistinct] The United States has a role to play in solving the Middle East question, our cause. We are still moving toward the realization of a just peace. We hold contacts and meetings with all world officials including those from the United States. The meetings that have already taken place, both in Damascus with Vance and in Geneva where President Hafiz al-Asad met with President Carter, fall in the context of the efforts being made to establish a just peace in our area.

[Question indistinct]

[Answer] We do not believe that Begin's triumph will cause changes in the principled Arab positions. Before Begin and after him, we have continued and will continue to uphold our principled stand that a just peace, and all the efforts we exert for a just peace are based on the complete withdrawal from the territories occupied in 1967 and a guarantee of the rights of the Palestinian Arab people in their territory and homeland. Within the framework of these two principles, we seek peace, a just peace in the area. Undoubtedly, Begin's rise has caused world reaction which has occasionally been pessimistic--indeed on most occasions, both in the West and in the East. Begin's recent statements are well-known. But all this will not frighten the Arabs or force them away from their principled stand toward the cause. If the Israelis want peace, then peace is based on complete withdrawal--and we will not relinquish an inch of our territories, all the Arab territories--and on the rights of the Palestinian Arab people. [end recording]

'Adi Departs

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[Excerpt] The special envoy of President Hafiz al-Asad, 'Abd al-Karim 'Adi, the Syrian minister of state for foreign affairs, left Algiers this afternoon. Before leaving Dar El Beida Airport, 'Abd al-Karim 'Adi said in a declaration to the press that he is satisfied with the results of his mission to Algeria. He said that President Boumediene gave him a message for the Syrian president.

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Al-Qadhdhafi said: For 29 years the Palestinian people have been living in refugee camps outside their homeland and nothing has been taken to amend the wrong done to them. For the Palestinian people to be uprooted from their homeland so that another group will take their place and acquire their lands by force is a flagrant injustice, which is unprecedented in human history.

Al-Qadhdhafi called on Palestinians not to allow any Arab politician to play about with their cause like As-Sadat, who unshamedly pokes his nose in the Palestinian problem and tells America that he is the man to deal with regarding the Palestinian problem.

We wonder how you Palestinians agree to this, Colonel al-Qadhdhafi asked. He said: One cannot perceive that As-Sadat, who put the liberation of his own Egyptian land behind his back and who fails to face the problem of day-to-day life in Egypt, could champion the Palestinian cause. Only the Palestinian people have the right to dispose of their own case. When the Palestinian people carry the gun and move toward Palestine to liberate it from Zionist occupation, only then will peace be determined, as the world will then know who really has the key to the solution.

Colonel al-Qadhdhafi said: The big powers would be deluded to think that rulers of other Arab countries could decide peace or war. This is clearly explained in the fact that these rulers' primary concern is the direct negotiations in Geneva. Let them go to Geneva, but I am sure they will return empty-handed because they represent no one and because the case of a people expelled from its land cannot be solved in a conference.

Colonel al-Qadhdhafi said that Arabs whose territories are occupied have only two alternatives: war or unconditional withdrawal by the enemy. Is it not ironic that Egypt should give in to the terms of the racist Zionist enemy, including stoppage of Egyptian information attacks on the Zionist enemy and turn its attacks on the Jamahiriyah and the Libyan Arab people? Colonel al-Qadhdhafi asked.

Colonel al-Qadhdhafi reiterated the Jamahiriyah's support for the Palestinian people, and said: The Palestinians are fighting for the recognition of their national rights, and so long as these rights are unrecognised they will go on fighting.

Al-Qadhdhafi said: The apparent solution to the problem is that all mercenaries who came to Palestine holding different nationalities to live in the land which became vacant as a result of the expulsion of the Palestinian people, should go back to their countries of origin. The French Jew should go back to France, the German Jew should return to Germany and so on. Otherwise, these countries would be considered as persecuting Jews and forcing them into exile. We are certain of the non-existence of persecution against Jews in the world now. Therefore, there is no reason why these Jews should not go back to their countries of origin.

Colonel al-Qadhdhafi added that Oriental Jews could then live in peace and harmony with the Palestinians in a democratic state as has been the case before 1948. He said that for this to materialise, new arms supplies to the Zionist occupiers should be stopped forthwith. This road leads to stable and durable peace; otherwise, fighting will be the only alternative left for the Palestinians and the Arab nation, he declared.

Colonel al-Qadhdhafi said: We cannot believe that he who says 99 percent of the solution to the problem is in the hands of America really ignores the fact that America cannot put pressure on Israel, and that America itself is under the influence of Zionism. How could the United States exercise any pressure on the Israelis to withdraw from occupied Arab territories while America itself is under Zionist influence?

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Colonel al-Qadhdhafi said that there are more than 30,000 Palestinians in the Libyan Jamahiriya, and that it is time they spoke up their mind and defined their attitude toward their case, freely and responsibly. This opportunity should be given to Palestinians in other Arab countries, he concluded.

## LIBYAN CHARGE RECALLED FROM PORTUGAL

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[Text] Tripoli, 30 May--An official spokesman at the Foreign Secretariat has stated the following:

In view of the fact that Portugal promoted its consular relations with the Zionist enemy to embassy level, and in view of the announced exchange of ambassadors, the Foreign Secretariat contacted the Arab countries and the Arab League with a view to reaching agreement on action to be taken to deal with this situation. Portugal created this situation at a time when the entire world is condemning the Zionist enemy which expelled our people from their land and occupied the territory of Arab countries.

Whereas the Arab League has not notified us of the action it intends to take, the Foreign Secretariat has decided to take action in accordance with our pan-Arab stand and duty to express our loud protest against Portugal's action. Accordingly, the charge d'affaires of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya has been recalled.

## AL-JIHAD Comments:

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[Text] Tripoli, 31 May--On the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya's recall of its diplomatic envoy in Lisbon in demonstration of its protest of Portugal's elevation of its consular relations with the Zionist enemy to the ambassadorial level, AL-JIHAD described Portugal's move as a challenge to the international society which branded Zionism as a form of racism and to the Arab nation which is waging a just struggle to liberate Palestine from the Zionist occupation.

Our hopes in the Portuguese Socialist Party have vanished since it sought to deepen its ties with Western Europe and received promises of aid from America and the World Bank, which gives loans on political considerations to serve American interests, the paper said. Portugal's decision to extend full diplomatic recognition to the Zionist enemy does not serve Portugal's national interests in so much as it serves the interest of America, which is Israel's most important benefactor, AL-JIHAD asserted.

## YUGOSLAV LABOR OFFICIAL ARRIVES FOR TALKS

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[Text] Tripoli, 28 May--Svetczar Pepovski, Yugoslav Federal Executive Council member and chairman of the committee for labor and employment, arrived in Tripoli last night on a visit of several days to the Jamahiriya during which he will hold talks on consolidating cooperation in the field of labor, employment, vocational training and social security between the Jamahiriya and Yugoslavia. Pepovski will also discuss the possibility of using Yugoslav experts in various spheres in the Jamahiriya.

Pepovski was received at Tripoli International Airport by the secretary of labor and the Yugoslav ambassador in Tripoli.