

Palestine Lib Movement Declining

Revolutionists Losing Ground

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BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP)—The Arab gunmen who flew to Cairo with hostages after holing up in the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Paris have again demonstrated the splintering of the Palestine liberation movement and the waning control of its established leadership.

It is the fourth unsanctioned guerrilla operation this year by individuals or groups variously branded by the Palestine Liberation Organization umbrella body as "outlaws," "renegades" and "suspicious elements working to undermine the revolution."

It is the second time this year that Saudi Arabia has become a victim of the movement it helps finance up to the tune of \$20 million a year. Palestinian leaders are only too well aware of

the budgetary implications in angering the Saudis.

Officially, Saudi Arabia contributes at least \$2½ million a year to the umbrella organization. Another larger unspecified amount to the Al Fatah guerrilla group, plus all the revenue from a 5 per cent income tax imposed on an estimated 35,000 Palestinians working in Saudi Arabia. The tax alone amounts to \$15 million a year.

Saudi Arabia cut off these funds last March after Palestinian terrorists of the extremist Black September group seized control of the Saudi Embassy in Khartoum with five diplomatic hostages, including U. S. Ambassador Cleo Noel and Saudi Ambassador Abdullah Al Malhouk.

The Black Septemberists killed Noel, outgoing U. S. Charge d'Affaires G. Curtis Moore, and

Belgian diplomat Guy Eid during a 60-hour siege. They later surrendered without harming Malhouk and a fifth hostage, Jordanian diplomat Adly El Nasser.

Ironically, the purpose of the Khartoum operation was the same as that of the current Saudi Embassy operation in Paris: to win the release of guerrilla leader Abu Daoud imprisoned in Jordan.

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Khartoum incident to negotiate a resumption of Saudi aid.

The Palestine Liberation Organization condemned the Black September action. It was reported as early as last July that the liberation organization had launched a manhunt within its own ranks to weed out renegades.

Nixon Axes Minimum Wage; House Schedules Vote Date

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Nixon vetoed a bill Thursday to raise the federal minimum wage to \$2 an hour and called on Congress to pass a new, and less extensive, minimum wage bill this year.

In a veto message, Nixon said the measure approved by Congress "would unfortunately do far more harm than good. It would cause unemployment. It is inflationary and it hurts those who can least afford it."

The House scheduled a vote Sept. 19 on a motion to override the veto.

The veto is expected to be upheld by the House. The measure passed there by a vote of 253 to 152, less than the required two-thirds margin needed to reject a veto. The margin was 62 to 28 in the Senate.

When Nixon announced his in-

tention to veto, it resulted in immediate sharp criticism from labor leaders.

Nixon said his economic advisers tell him that signing the bill would have caused a significant decline in employment opportunities for those effected. He again called for a provision that would set the minimum wage for teenagers at a lower level, saying this would help increase job opportunities for the young.

Workmen's Comp Available

All Texas A&M University System employees are now eligible for Workmen's Compensation insurance coverage.

System employees on the College Station campus not previously enrolled must undergo a physical at the University Hospital to become eligible.

Workmen's Compensation became available to all personnel, regardless of classification, on TAMU System payrolls through legislation that became effective recently, noted Ray Smith.

The Personnel Department director stressed that new personnel who began work Sept. 1 should get a physical as soon as possible.

The University Hospital will take employees for the Workmen's Compensation physical between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The medical examination, as well as the entire benefit program of Workmen's Compensation, is at no cost to the employee.

The program covers any injury or disability incurred on the job. It pays 100 per cent of medical treatment costs for on-the-job injuries.

"It's a good benefit," Smith said. "Some new employees have been missed in the chaos of getting the school year started. We want to assure that all eligible personnel, especially student part-time and clerical employees, get the physical to become covered."

The President said that fairness and decency require that the minimum wage rate, now at \$1.60 an hour, be increased this year.

He said the bill supported by the administration would increase the minimum wage for most non-farm workers to \$1.90 immediately and then to \$2.30 over the next three years.

The bill approved by Congress would have boosted the minimum

Prexy's Reception Set for Tuesday

The annual president's reception for faculty and staff and their spouses will be held Tuesday in the Krueger-Dunn Commons.

While new faculty and staff will be honored guests at the 7:30 to 9:30 p. m. reception, President Jack K. Williams emphasized that all faculty-staff and their spouses are cordially invited, along with all retired personnel.

Marine Team Visits Next Week

A Marine Corps officer selection team will be on campus next week to explain Platoon Leaders Class (PLC) and Officer Candidate Class (OCS) commissioning programs and administer tests to interested students.

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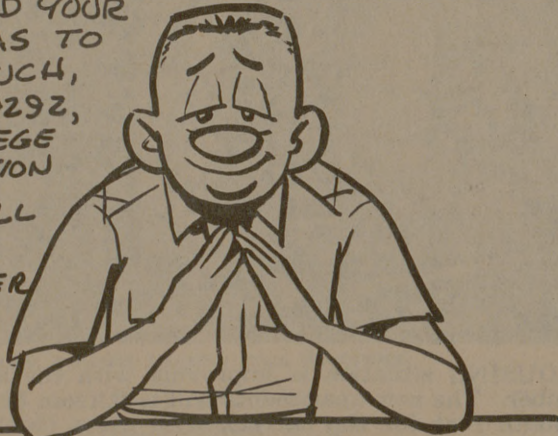
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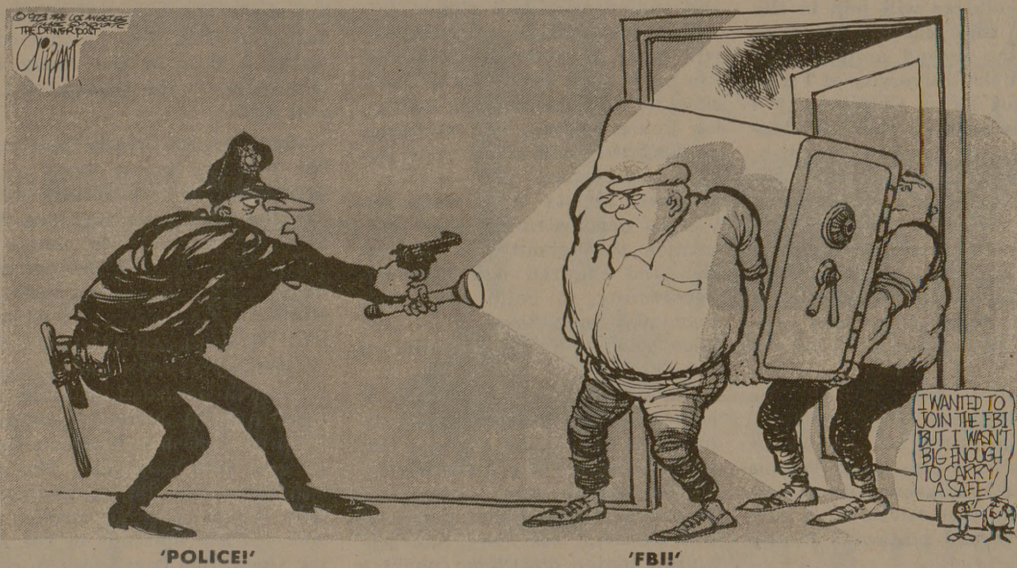
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Hitch-hiking Not Safe

With the beginning of the school year and knowing many students will begin hitch-hiking home on weekends, we are prompted to refresh potential "thumbers" minds with a flashback to the recent mass-murders case in Houston which involved the deaths of 27 young people.

One of the young men directly implicated in the murders offered advice to young people to reflect on while thinking about hitch-hiking. He told officers that he and his friends dealt mainly with hitch-hikers since they were easy to pick up and disappear with. Thus, he implied, many of those deaths may have been avoidable had the youths not been thumbing rides to their destinations.

It's something to ponder on if you should find yourself giving the "Gig 'em" sign to passing motorists. Better yet, what's going on in the mind of the person who may be stopping to pick you up?



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