

1.1.5. Secretary of State Warren Christopher (center) addresses ADC's 10th National Convention at the Friday Night Banquet on April 23, with ADC Chairman James Abourezk (left) and ADC President Albert Mokhiher (right) at the head table.

Secretary of State Christopher
Addresses ADC's

10th National Convention

landmark event, a top Administration official addressed a major Arab-American gathering for the first time in US. history at ADC's 10th National Convention. Secretary of State Warren Christopher's appearance at the 1993 convention, held from April 22 to 25 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott outside Washington, DC, was one indication of the solid political foundation achieved by the Arab-American community in recent years.

"Building Today for Tomorrow," this year's convention theme, aptly conveyed the spirit of building on past accomplishments in order to better defend Arab-American rights and educate the media, political leadership and public about the richness of Arab heritage.

New panels featured the wisdom and experience of Arab-American elders and the impressive scientific and technological contributions of Arab-Americans. The reconstruction of Lebanon and building a state in Pales-

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Abdeen Jabara

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Editorial

Secretary Christopher's Remarks to ADC

Each spring ADC is challenged with topping the prior year's convention. This year was no exception and no easy task especially for those who attended the 1992 meeting. There is no question that the highlight of 1993 convention was the speech of Secretary of State Warren Christopher. Christopher's appearance marked the first time in history that a current Secretary of State appeared before an Arab-American event. This is a testament to the growing power of our community and a most welcome measure of respect from our government. Respect does not come from kowtowing to particular political parties or Administrations. Instead, it is earned through organizing and holding firm to principles.

It is therefore that much more important that we both examine the speech of Christopher and remind him of his promises should he forget. Christopher recalled that his first foreign trip was to the Middle East emphasizing the importance that the Clinton Administration places on the region. He was also the first Secretary of State in a decade to Visit Beirut, which shows a particular commitment to Lebanon. One sure way to translate that zeal into action would be to lift the travel ban to Lebanon, open our consular office in Beirut and allow Middle East Airways to fly once again to the United States.

As to the peace talks, Christopher reaffirmed the "legitimate rights" of the Palestinian people, promised to be an active impartial party to the negotiations and not to tilt toward Israel. Placing more pressure on Israel to return

the Palestinian expellees from Lebanon and to end all other human rights abuses would most certainly get the stalled negotiations back on track. His concern for and promise to protect the rights of the Americans of Palestinian descent still languishing in Israeli prisons was most important. It is crucial that the US. demand the immediate release of these political prisoners in the absence of full due process rights in Israel. In the end, it is our job to keep the Secretary posted as to our concerns and to monitor the progress of our government in satisfying them.

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Convention, Confirmed from page 1
time were examined by leading experts
and diplomats. Legal rights and educa-
tional outreach were two other impor-
tant panels, as well as, an annual
favorite, the media criticism panel/
moderated this year by CBS News
anchor Mike Wallace.

Dancing at the Singles Mixer

A major topic throughout the
weekend was the developing "ADL Spy
Case" involving collusion between
federal and local law enforcement agen-
cies across the country and a network of
private informants tied to the Anti-
Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
(ADL). The massive network swapped
intelligence on hundreds of civil rights
groups and thousands of individuals
who were exercising their lawful politi-
cal rights. Building on ADC's successful
coalition outreach to ethnic and civil
rights groups and strong legal reputa-
tion, ADC is prepared to take on this
monumental Challenge and much of the
convention was devoted to consolidat-

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Convention participants question prime 5.
ing the efforts of
several thousand
participants. (See
pp. 11, 18, 21-8, 33-
4, 44, 4(7))

This year, more
activists than ever
arrived early to
meet with their
Congressional rep-
resentatives. While,
in the past, many
Senators and Rep-
resentatives
delegated aides to
meet with their
ADC Constituents,
this year, a much
greater number met
them personally _ another indication
of ADC's standing in American politics.
Some of the issues raised were the Pales-
tinian-Americans arrested in Israel
without due process, FBI excesses and
recent "counterterrorism" legislation
which have impinged on the First
Amendment rights of Arab-Americans,
lifting the US. travel and trade restric-
tions on Lebanon and suspending aid to
Israel.

Hands-on workshops provided a
forum for exchanging ideas on
strengthening ADC's grassroots chap-
ters and campus Chapters, as well as
media and coalition outreach. A special
workshop on "Arab Merchants in the
Inner City" brought together the ex-
periences of African-American com-
munity leaders and ADC members who
have succeeded in building better inter-
community relations in cities around
the country.

The weekend of-

fered plenty of
 entertainment as
 well. Nights were
 filled with dancing
 to the strains of
 Shawket Sayyad
 and Ensemble, an
 "ADC Film Fest"
 and special debke
 performances by
 Ghurba, a troupe of
 young Arab-
 Americans from the
 Metro Washington
 ' h area, many of
 whom are ADC
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 A parked lmuse n! the "Media Criticism" Panel.
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 members. Students competed in ADC's
 First Annual Oratorical Contest, judged
 by Dr. Rhonda Zaharna Of the
 American University and Dr. Raed
 Mohsen Of Galaudette University, and
 solidarity songs led by Luci Murphy, an
 Authors' Book Forum and hallways full
 of exhibitors were other attractions.
 Children were treated to lessons in
 debke dancing and Arabic calligraphy
 while their parents attended the panels.
 This special "Convention" issue of
 the ADC Times summarizes the findings
 and explorations of major issues of the
 day discussed by experts in many
 fields. Mark your calendars early -
 next year's convention will be from
 April 14 to 17,1994. 4o
 ADC Board Member Terry
 Alzwal speaking at "Arab
 Merchants l'll the Inner City"
 workshop on April 25.
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Capitol Hill Kick-Off Dinner
Dozens of Members of Congress
joined their Arab-American con-
stituents for the Capitol Hill Kick-Off
Dinner on April 22, featuring a delicious
Middle East buffet in the Rayburn
Building right down the hill from the
Capitol itself. The evening boasted
several Arab ambassadors and com-
munity leaders from around the
country. Special remarks were given by
Congressman Edwards addresses
crowd at Rayburn Building.
the Honorable George McGovern,
President of the Middle East Policy
Council, as well as by Representatives
Don Edwards (D-CA) and Nick Joe
Rahall II (D-WV).
Congressman Rahall told of his
grandparents who came to the US.
from Lebanon at the end of the last cen-
tury and of his pride in his heritage. He
encouraged the attendees to keep or-
ganizing so that "policymakers feel it
come up from the roots below," al-
though it may take years or even
decades for positive, substantive Chan-
ges to occur. He advised ADC to en-
courage phone calls, letters and visits
with Members of Congress on a daily
basis. Although financial interests tend
to hold sway in Washington, he at-
firmed that the grassroots can influence
their political representatives if they
remember to keep several points in
mind: to always approach their political
representatives with respect; to get to
the point directly; to express their view-
points fairly and succinctly; to keep in
constant contact, especially whenever
their representative is back in the home
district, and to remember to keep issues
of American interest in the forefront.
ADC Chairman James Abourezk in-
troduced the Honorable George Mc-
Govern, former senator from South
ADC Times
Dakota, saying that he was the one
who first got Abourezk interested in
politics.
McGovern described the anti-
Communist "Red" scare of the 1950s.
Now that the Cold War has ended,
he said, people are looking for ,
another "-ism" to hate. Concerned
that "Islamic fundamentalism"
might be the new bogeyman, he
referred to recent anti-Islamic state-
ments made by top Israeli officials.
An old friend of ABC's, Con-
gressman Edwards is a former FBI
agent now on the House Judiciary
Subcommittee which oversees the
FBI. Abourezk, on introducing Ed-
wards, described him as "very fair and
when he sees an unfairness, he goes
after it." Edwards has interceded for
ADC whenever the FBI wrongfully tare-
geted and harassed Arab-Americans
solely on the basis of ethnic back-

ground.

From his insider's perspective, Edwards admitted that, "Yes, things happen that shouldn't with the FBI _ even to this day...Like any other police agency, they have to be watched very carefully." During the Gulf Crisis, he said that the FBI was investigating Arab-Americans "for no reason." After ADC, the American Civil Liberties Union and some Jewish organizations contacted Edwards, he helped to stop these First Amendment violations. He was also vigilant after the recent World Trade Center bombing.

"Remain alert," he advised, and urged anyone unfairly targeted by the FBI to contact ADC and the House Judiciary Subcommittee.

"You have to remember in your organization that you have to fight back," stressed Edwards, "You have to protest in this country Gulf and War

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(I to r) Keynoter Senator George McGovern Negotiations, Language & Propaganda, introduced by ADC Chairman James Abourezk at Capitol Hill Kick-off dinner. when you're being treated unfairly." He concluded, "They're working for you; you're not working for them." '3' (l to r) Congressman Rahall chatting with ADC Board Member Naim Assad. From Camp David to the

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"Media Criticism"

ADC Chairman James Abourezk was Master of Ceremonies for an engaging seminar about media coverage of the Middle East and media images of Arab-Americans. CBS News anchor and Co-editor of CBS' "60 Minutes" Mike Wallace moderated the panel. The two speakers were William Greider, National Editor of Rolling Stone Magazine, and Saul Landau, Senior Fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies.

Abourezk introduced Wallace, with the words, "I don't know of anybody in the television business who is as fair and impartial...and he doesn't care who's after him," adding, "he stands up for what he believes in."

Wallace introduced the topic by saying that it is the job of the media to address misapprehensions wherever they may lie: to seek out the truth and attempt to be as fair as possible. He stated that while journalists try to be fair, there are prejudices, and there is "good reason to criticize press coverage of the Middle East."

"You have good reason to criticize press coverage of the Middle East."

- Mike Wallace, CBS News

Acknowledging that there has been pressure on the media to avoid accurate reportage about some events in the Middle East, Wallace referred to his own work with "60 Minutes," Citing two stories met with criticism. The first instance was a "60 Minutes" report in 1975 on Syria's Jews titled "Syria: Israel's Toughest Enemy." The report uncovered and corrected some of the "misapprehensions" concerning conditions for Jews within Syria and found that contrary to popular belief, Syria's Jews were indeed able to worship, study, and live as other Syrians do. Following this report, Wallace was tagged a "self-hating Jew" who had been "taken in by the Syrians." He noted the United Jewish Appeal had used the alleged plight of Syrian Jews as a major fundraising hook. Wallace stated that despite the factually correct nature of the report, the response he and CBS

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received from the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), The Jerusalem Post and others held "no regard for accurate reportage."

The second example he cited was a "60 Minutes" report on the Al-Aqsa Massacre of 1990 which placed his program "beyond redemption" in the opinion of some of these same critics. Yet, six months after the report was aired, the conclusions in the Israeli inquiry of the case corroborated the CBS findings. Wallace said he then received an unprecedented apology from the head of the ADL.

Describing his upbringing in "a middle class Zionist family" from Boston, Wallace said that he was proud of his heritage as a Jew and that he is "equally proud and determined that there be evenhanded coverage of this particularly prickly situation," the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Wallace praised Dr. Fayez Sayegh as an Arab who helped to educate him about matters in the Middle East in the 1950s. Sayegh had called in on Middle East issues when Wallace hosted a New York talkshow, "Nightbeat," and they soon met and continued the dialog over the ensuing years. "I was educable," Wallace said, advising the audience participants to persist in their education efforts with the media. He also acknowledged his gratitude to his longtime friend Helen Haje, a veteran Arab-May-June 1993

American journalist and 1993 ADC awardee. (See box on page 35)

William Greider opened his remarks by saying that Abourezk was his "mentor" on the Middle East when Greider was a reporter in Washington. Greider stated of the media that, "Many of us didn't know the Middle East and in many ways we still don't." In part, this occurs because the "moral story of Israel and America's role in the restoration of Israel as a nation is a powerful, powerful moral story."

"But," he continued, "what we began National Editor of Rolling Stone Magazine William Greider discusses the media and the Middle East. to understand (with the help of ADC and others) is that it is a quite complicated and quite different moral story" from the one that had been presented. "It took longer for people to get to listen to it seriously." "We think there are two ADC Times

sides now," he said and related how "friends of Israel" feel betrayed by this increasing fairness.

As a former editor for The Washington Post, Greider described the media as financially "insecure and vulnerable. This, he said, was especially true with smaller newspapers; less so with The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times and The Los Angeles Times which have comfortable budgets. He emphasized the importance of understanding how the media function and advised ADC members to "step back...and think lot the medial...in institutional terms." Observing that political activists have a tendency to "package their message," thereby wasting a lot of energy, he also advised those seeking more balanced reporting to search for alternative means of communication such as cable television and computer networks "where you may have more control over the message."

Greider related how his recent book, Who Will Tell the People? The Betrayal of American Democracy, showed that as early as 1982, the media became "part of decayed politics" which did not accurately reflect people's views. Saul Landau, an author of numerous publications and a filmmaker whose credits include the award-winning "Report from Beirut," raised questions concerning the role of the media in American society, while asserting that there is "space out there for all kinds of opinion and all kinds of analysis."

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He stated that "the government has been providing whole hosts of wrong information to the medial." Landau alluded to the national security argument that "truth is not relevant; only support of policy is relevant." This led to an Orwellian "phenomenon of lying and believing" in the 1980s when "people made up anything" and Reagan and former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir would "tell a lie and then become a missionary to that lie."

"This phenomenon of lying and believing," said Landau, Senior Fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies, spoke off the phenomenon of "lying and believing. "believing really confuses the media," said Landau who maintained that "most good reporters dismiss ideological language and the notion of good guys versus bad guys." He continued by saying that one of the major problems with the media is that even when major lies are revealed, there is seldom a context within which news is reported. Thus, "the absolute barrage of information the public gets does not allow it to make intelligent decisions."

"The Cold War put on us a language which said 'we're living in crisis and therefore normal times have to take a backseat to this emergency...Not all bought into it, but enough did." He concluded with a quote by former Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black about how the press must be free to censor the government.

In a lively question-and-answer period following the presentations, Wallace said that CBS News' figures Henry Kissinger and Fouad Ajami have a "Clearly manifested pro-Israeli bias" while maintaining that anchor Dan Rather is "fairminded." The three CBS News figures had made anti-Arab remarks in June 1992 at a fundraiser to settle Jews in occupied East Jerusalem. Wallace remarked on "a disturbing anti-Arab bias with Israelis...lwhichl we do not do enough to cover." He concluded by stressing that "there are not the same kind of prejudices that there were tin the medial," advising ADC members to take advantage of this relative openness to educate their local media. The panelists agreed that there is still a long way to go towards fair and accurate reporting on events in the Middle East. '3

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Friday Luncheon:

Messages from Bosnia
and Syria

Newly-elected ADC National Board
Member Naila Asali was the Master of
Ceremonies for the Friday luncheon.
The keynote speaker was Soffet
Catovic, Deputy Advisor for Special Af-
fairs representing His Excellency
Muhammed Saeirhey, the Ambassador of
Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United
Nations. Ambassador Saeirbey was
called away to Bosnia the night before
on a special UN. mission. Dr. Muhsen
Bilal, Special Envoy from Syrian Presi-
dent Hafez al-Assad conveyed greet-
ings from the Syrian Arab Republic.

Address by Soffet Catovic

ADC President Albert Mokhiber, on
introducing Catovic, reminded the
audience that ADC was the first Arab-
American organization to go on record
in opposition to the "barbaric and filthy
practice of ethnic Cleansing" in Bosnia.
ADC, Mokhiber said, calls for a
democratic secular resolution to the
conflict.

Last year at this time, Catovic
recalled, Bosnia and Herzegovina were
anticipating a democratic nation based
on "mutual respect." He reviewed the
grim statistics of what he termed "an
imperialist war" by the ethnic Serbs of
Serbia and Montenegro against the
Muslims and Croats of Bosnia and Her-
zegovina: over 200,000 people have
died so far (85% civilians), there have
been over 60,000 "deliberate and sys-
tematic" rapes, over 2 million people
have been displaced, there are now over
100 concentration and rape camps.
He then discussed the term, "ethnic
cleansing" which was first coined by
Serbian ultra-nationalists during World
War II. Catovic compared "the Great
Serbian Plan" drafted in 1844 with the
Zionist notion of "Eretz Israel" in that
both sought to drive out all non-Serbs
and all non-Jews, respectively.

Catovic, whose surname comes from
the Arabic "al-Katib," told how his
father, brother and he were the only
survivors out of a family of 10 during
the "ethnic Cleansing" and systemic
rapes which took place from 1941 to

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Soffet's Column's Excerpt's Hierarchy of
"Mimic rimming" of non-Serbs in
Bosnia and Herzegovina.

1945; 145 of his extended family of 250
were massacred at that time.

He outlined five attributes of the Cur-
rent "ethnic cleansing," or "genocidal"
actions, against non-Serbs: 1) physical-
ly, by systemic murder and rape of the
population and denial of food,
medicine, water and electricity; 2)
psychological warfare to make the
population flee from fear; 3) sociologi-
cally, "elitocide" or the targeted killing
of non-Serbian leaders _ even in the

U.S.; 4) culturally, non-Serbian churches, mosques, synagogues and cemeteries have been desecrated and destroyed; 5) economically, wealth has been seized, farms and factories destroyed to drive out an impoverished population.

Catovic demanded "the right to self-defense," stating that "enforcement of the arms embargo is enforcement of a death sentence" against the Bosnians who are up against the Serb-dominated army of the former Yugoslavia, the third largest army in Europe. He called on human rights and humanitarian organizations to "upgrade the Ghandian model" of non-violent resistance in the face of genocidal assault. Catovic quoted Palestine Spokesperson Dr. Hanan Ashrawi who termed the Intifada, "an active form of dialog." Noting that the peace delegation from Bosnia and Herzegovina includes Christian Serbs and Croats as well as Muslims, Catovic asserted to a rousing standing ovation, "True peace is based on mutual recognition of all parties."

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Message from Syrian President

In his address, Dr. Muhsen Bilal reaffirmed Syria's longstanding position for "comprehensive and global peace in our region of the Middle East" and Syria/s continued call for "complete withdrawal of Israel from all Arab territories occupied during the war of 1967 and after, including Jerusalem, the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and the Golan Heights." Syria, he asserted, also called for the full application of Resolutions 242, 338 and 425.

He reassured the attendees that "Syria rejects any separate peace" without all the Arab states together and that Syria never came to negotiations nor signed documents with the Israelis without the Palestinians, Lebanese and Jordanians. "We are one hand...one block to obligate the Israelis to withdraw," he asserted.

Dr. Muhsen Bilal, speaker from Syrian President Hafez Assad, asserted, "Syria rejects any separate peace." Bilal called on the US. Administration to be evenhanded, to help the Palestinians establish an independent state on their own territory and the Lebanese and Syrians to end the Israeli occupation of southern Lebanon and the Golan Heights. 0:0

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"Arab-American Elders,
Our Treasured Heritage"
ADC National Board Member Dr.
Suad Shuber moderated the panel on
contributions of Arab-Americans to the
US. and world culture. The distin-
guished panel included Dr. Majid
Khadduri, Research Professor Emeritus
at Johns Hopkins University; Andrew
Ghareeb, an author and scholar well-
known for his translation into English
of Kahlil Gibran's poetry; and Dr. Izzat
Tannous, former diplomat and Pales-
tinian historian.

Dr. Majid Khadduri

Dr. Khadduri, author of 15 books in
English and 10 in Arabic, emphasized
the importance of looking at the past to
understand the current situation in the
Middle East. An Iraqi-American born in
Mosul, Iraq, he graduated in 1932 from
the American University of Beirut and
then went on to receive his PhD. from
the University of Chicago. He has
served as an advisor to the U.S. State
Department and was a member of the
Iraqi delegation to the United Nations'
founding conference in 1945.

Khadduri created the Middle Eastern
Studies department at John Hopkins
University's School of Advanced Inter-
national Studies (SAIS) which includes
historical, cultural and legal dimen-
sions, as well as the languages of the
Middle East. Numerous Arabic lan-
guage programs now follow the ap-
proach first launched by Khadduri
which places emphasis on study of the
literary language before moving on to
the vernacular.

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Many of Professor Khadduri's
former students are now diplomats and
cabinet members. Author of a half
dozen books, he felt his most important
contribution was The Islamic Law of Na-
tions.

Currently, Professor Khadduri is
president of the International Associa-
tion of Middle East Studies and vice-
president of the Shaybani Society of
International Law.

He stated that those attempting to
improve Americans' understanding of
the Middle East should "begin from
scratch" with a little history, geography,
literature and science to illustrate that
Arabs were contributors to world cul-
ture. As a student at the University of
Chicago in the 1930s, he realized how
little Americans knew of the Middle
East, Arabs and Islam, recalling one
non-Arab-American friend who sent
him a letter addressed to "Baghdad,
India."

His advice for Arab-Americans today
is to practice "empirical idealism" or
"the practical means to realize still
relevant ideals," a mixture of achievable
ideals and realism.

Andrew Ghareeb, born in Lebanon in

1898, arrived in the US. in 1930 and became a translator, writer and personal friend of Kahlil Gibran. He is the only person to have Gibran's written permission to translate his poetry and prose into English. Ghareeb's translations include Gibran's Prose Poems, reprinted over 28 times. He translated the works of many leading Arab-American poets and writers including Amin al-Rihani, Elia Abu Madhi, Nasib Aridha, Abd al-Masih Haddad, Mikhail Naimy and Rashid Ayub.

Rihani, he said, was the forerunner of the group and the most political, advocating Arabism and democracy.

Naimy was the movement's spokesperson and the first modern literary critic. Gibran, of course, was the best known of the group, his works having been published in over 50 languages, his book, The Prophet, on the bestseller list for decades.

Speaking of writers al-Rihani, Gibran and others, Ghareeb said, "They were adventurous and had a love of life and literature...and they appreciated a freedom which had been denied them."

The writers of the PEN League were "at May-June 1993

home in Arabic and English." Gibran's influence and that of his contemporaries on modern Arabic literature, said Ghareeb, can be measured not only by the "millions who read their works, but by their imitators who have flourished in the Arab world and beyond."

He related his last visit with Gibran in his New York studio on March 20, 1931, shortly before he died. Showing his great love for Gibran's poetry, Ghareeb recited some poems by heart, including "The Sufi" which was published without Gibran's name and "My Soul Counsels Me," translated by Ghareeb. "Gibran," he said, "likes beauty in everything."

His advice for Arab-Americans? In a word, "unity" -- between all denominations of the Arab world.

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Dr. Izzrt Tmmous

Dr. Izzat Tannous, author of The Palestinians: Eyewitness History of Palestine under British Mandate, 1918-1949,

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and the forthcoming volume covering 1949-1992, was born in Nablus, Palestine, in 1896. He is a physician trained at the Syrian Protestant College (now the American University of Beirut) and studied in Paris and London. A former diplomat, he directed the Arab Centre in London which informed the British people about events in Palestine under the British Mandate. As a delegate of the Arab Higher Committee for Palestine, Tannous had extensive negotiations with the British government culminating in the 1936 White Paper which ended Britain's Jewish National Home Policy in Palestine. In 1945, Tannous opened an office for the Arab League in London and in 1946, he organized the Arab National Committee. Following the 1948 War, he continued to pursue the Palestine Question, opening offices in Beirut and in New York City. In 1964, he participated in the formation of the Palestine Liberation Organization and was the director of its New York office until 1968 when he began writing on modern Palestinian history.

Tannous described the centrality of the Middle East in terms of religion, as a world crossroads and commercially. For the stability of the commercial world, he said, stability in the Arab world is crucial: "a disturbed Middle East is a disturbed world."

He discussed the many contributions of Arab civilization to the West, reminding the audience that while "not trying to belittle Western contributions to world civilization...The civilization of the West is a descendent of the Civilization of the East...the West was a good student." "We built the ground of Western achievements."

For much of the first part of this century, he said, the U.S. enjoyed the "highest prestige" in the Middle East, with the American University of Beirut playing the most active part in the educational development of the Arab world. "No other country enjoyed such prestige," he recalled of the US. and especially of President Woodrow Wilson. However, he said, because of the creation of Israel, and the unbalanced financial support of Israel by the US. ever since 1947, there is a great deal of "misunderstanding between Arabs and Americans." For this reason, "a drastic change in US. policy is urged."

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Noting that "corruption has been the cause of the fall of many empires in history," Tannous said that the corruption of the US. Senate by foreign interests, especially by AIPAC, had tainted the US. democratic process and "the fall of the US. would result in a world catastrophe." Tannous stressed that as "the leader of the democratic world," the US. bears a great responsibility and

needs to adhere to the "highest moral principle." "You, the U.S., were our ideal in the past and we hope you will become our ideals again," he concluded. His advice to Arab-Americans drew on the fact that "one man, Jim Abourezk, made ADC" and that there are many thousands of Arab-Americans who could each make a similar impact — "education is the only way to succeed." "I'm 97 years old," he told the attendees heartily and affirmed, "the Arab world will flourish again." 0:

"Cultural Contributions of Arab-Americans"

Moderated by Dr. Farouk Hamouda, an ADC National Board Member, this panel featured remarks by a leading Arab-American in the arts: a photojournalist, a poet and translator, a painter and a writer and editor of North American Arab women's literature. Photojournalist George Baramki-Azar, began by declaring that photography is the most underdeveloped art form in the Arab world. Israel, on the other hand, he explained, has had "generation after generation of top-notch photographers." The 1948 War, he noted, "was defined through the eyes of Israeli photographers" and he recalled

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, Ioamm Kadi and George Bnmki Azar. such famous photos as those of the boatloads of Jewish immigrants landing in the late 1940s and the Israeli soldiers at the Wailing Wall after the capture of East Jerusalem in 1967. The 1982 Invasion of Lebanon marked the first on-site photography of the Arab perspective, he stated, when the Palestinian cause was first shown graphically by such photographers as Catherine Lerois in her book of photo essays, God Cried, which Azar called "the most powerful testament" of the war. According to Azar, photography is the popular memory of current news events. The still image galvanizes the American public since it is tangible, as opposed to the ephemeral nature of the moving image.

He briefly outlined the history of war photography starting with the American Civil War and the Crimean War when the first war photographs swept away once and for all the romanticized view of war that painters had presented to the public.

Discussing the political aspect of war photography, he drew attention to Robert Cappa's photos of the Spanish Civil War as a major contribution to war photography.

Azar contrasted the time of Cappa when 80% of war photography was done by staff photographers on newspapers, to today, when 80% are taken by freelance photographers who

"dispatch" themselves to war zones. Although there is still a dearth of noteworthy Arab photographers, he observed that British and American photographers presented the Arab perspective for the first time during the Intifada, giving a glimpse of life under ADC Times

occupation and the heroism of the Palestinians.

Azar discussed the press restrictions on both sides during the Gulf War when photographers were escorted by American or Iraqi minders. "We only saw what the US. government or the Iraqi regime wanted us to see," he said. The 100,000 Gulf War casualties "don't exist" for most Americans, Azar went on, because no one was allowed to capture them on film, to make them "real."

The next panelist, Dr. Salma Khadra Iayyusi is a poet, author and founder of the Project of Translation from Arabic (PROTA).

She began by stating, "the West has been very vicious about its attitude to Arabic culture," adding, "We are overlooked. We are neglected..lf we dont fight it, no one else will." Iayyusi referred to a recent Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) program on world civilizations which neglected to mention even one Islamic city.

Cordoba, she recalled, was once the center of culture in Europe and the Arab world during the height of the Umayyad dynasty in Al-Andalus, or Spain. Iayyusi noted that Spanish scholars are finally acknowledging their debt to Arabic culture and literature and the sophistication of Arabic poetry which influenced the literature of Spain's Golden Age, the 16th century. She mentioned the Western Institute of Islamic Culture in Madrid and how "every Spaniard today has a Muslim ancestor."

PROTA's most recent success is an anthology by 42 international experts, The Legacy of Muslims in Spain, published by E.J. Brill. A bestseller which has already sold out its first edition, Iayyusi announced that a paperback edition of this groundbreaking volume is forthcoming.

"People get affected by good literature," Iayyusi told the attendees, and it is one of the most effective ways of improving intercultural understanding.

"Human civilization is one civilization," she declared.

Leila Kawash, an Arab-American artist, said that art is a way of expression, not just a decoration. While art is a

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Abourezk with one of her paintings. universal language, she said, "our art cannot be easily isolated from our heritage." Although a good deal of Arab-American art seems to show "a deliberate shying away from heritage," Kawash explained that her themes remain "anchored in my heritage." she surmised that the art of Arab-

Americans during the Depression and World War II reflected their efforts at full assimilation and noted that this art is the least "Arab" of any period. "Arab-Americans," she said, in the words of Arab-American poet Gregory Orfalea, "were too involved in dissolving into America like coffee into the soil." She mentioned foundations that have added an Arab place in American culture over the last few years, citing the Arab-American Cultural Foundation, which supports a permanent gallery in Washington, DC. that has shown the works of over 60 Arab and Arab-American artists. "We should be more pro-active and creative so others will also be interested," she advised. Canadian-Arab writer or "cultural worker," Joanna Kadi, gave a moving prose presentation based on the metaphor of her grandmother's laban or yogurt-making ritual. Kadi noted that there are many places where cultural achievements and a vital Arab-American culture can be found. Arab culture is easily recognizable, she said, and spoke of the importance of "home culture," using the example of her

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grandmother's making of laban learnt by heart over the generations. Kadi noted that she and her generation must now learn the recipe for laban and their Arab heritage as North Americans. The baking, singing, storytelling rituals, the common culture, passed on by Arab women, Kadi said, is not always noticed and affirmed as "culture," but this is the part of one's culture which sustains us on a daily basis. Arabic food, she said, prepared lovingly, nurtures us, and this culture like the age-old recipe for laban is "absolutely essential for our growth and development." Kadi went through the five steps of her metaphor "for creating culture:" 1) heat the milk to boiling/Arab-American anger at discrimination and harassment reaches "the boiling point;" 2) let milk/temper cool down before proceeding; 3) add culture and stir in; 4) wrap in towels and let sit overnight/treat your work carefully and "keep the warmth in;" 5) eat/"let the words slide into your bodies...let me sustain you, not only to survive but to flourish." .20

"Fighting for Our Legal Rights"

"Fighting for Our Legal Rights" was the topic addressed by a panel of two college professors and two lawyers. It was moderated by ADC National Board Member and attorney, Cheryl Faris. Edwin M. Lee, Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission of the City and County of San Francisco, spoke about the latest revelations in

what he termed "the illegal spy case" involving the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai B'rith. Dr. Ibrahim Imam, professor at the University of Louisville, and Dr. George Emile Irani, professor of Political Science at Franklin College, addressed their experiences with anti-Arab discrimination in academia. Edward Youmans, a practicing attorney in Detroit, recounted a case of anti-Arab discrimination which he defended and suggested ways to redress such grievances. Lee reported that the 700 pages of evidence released so far in the ADL case suggest that San Francisco is "only the

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tip of the iceberg" in an ADL and police spy network across the US. He said that the full scope of the network is not yet known as many boxes of seized materials have yet to be unsealed.

"It is the abridgement of your rights and my rights to have it be part of our official government records," he stated, and even worse to have this information sold to foreign governments. "You are not alone as Arab-Americans," Lee reassured the attendees and suggested that the hundreds of civil rights and ethnic groups and the thousands of individuals listed in the files formulate a national strategy.

Prior to his current post, Lee was an attorney with the Asian Law Caucus

(standing) Edwin M. Lee, Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission of the City sorship of a Palestinian play, "Ansar," at Franklin College.

"You are not alone as Arab-Americans."

- Edwin Lee, San Francisco Human Rights Commission

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Shortly after Irani was hired in 1989 on a three-year renewable contract at Franklin, he was asked to coordinate a conference on the Middle East by the wife of the college president. "I insisted on having an Israeli perspective," Irani recalled and told of the good turnout

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which is listed as a "Pinko" organization in the seized files. (See lists on page ???)

"The San Francisco Human Rights Commission," he said, "needs to know how far it's gone" and "if we need to take it to the next level _ Congressional hearings."

As Americans, said Lee, "we were promised we would be free of intolerance, bigotry, spying."

"We need to call attention to it," he asserted, and although there are good laws on the books, we need to work together to ensure their enforcement. (For more on the ADL case, see pages 18, 21-8, 33-4, 44, 46)

Dr. George Emile Irani, Director of International Relations and Assistant Professor of Political Science at Franklin College in Indiana, spoke of discriminatory tenure denial and the cen-

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and positive feedback from the event despite earlier criticism from the ADL for not having a sufficiently "pro-Israeli" slant.

A year later, Irani helped bring a Palestinian play, "Ansar," to campus by getting the troupe in touch with Franklin's English and Theater Department. The play coincided with the ar-

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rival of a new clean who deemed "Ansar," "Palestinian propaganda," and

censored it. An English professor at Franklin who supported "Ansar" took his students to Earlham College in order to see it there and held a protest. Then, during the Gulf War, a guest lecturer at Franklin College, Gail Sheehy, who wrote an article for Vanity Fair, stated that Saddam Hussein killed children and that "the killing of children is permitted in his own culture." For obvious reasons, Irani protested this remark. Later, when Irani, a Lebanese-American, was being considered for tenure he was turned down. The new dean informed him that "he has a blind spot where tArabs/ are concerned" and referred to his disagreement with Sheehy's statement.

Irani has since filed a Charge with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) arguing as per Title VII that he was discriminated against on the basis of national origin. "I want to put on record," he said, "that that college is Violating my civil rights."

"Today being an Arab-American in academia is a challenge," concluded Irani, noting that there are very few college deans of Arab-American origin. Dr. Ibrahim Imam, a Palestinian-American born in Damascus, Syria, is Associate Professor of Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Louisville. He told of his successful battle for tenure and promotion which was waged in 1992 after Imam was initially denied tenure by the university president in a clear case of discrimination. For five years Imam passed his annual merit review with unanimous approval, but when it came time for tenure, the associate dean decided that Imam "didn't show the promise" to be tenured. Off the record, the dean let it be known that he felt there were too

that, in a victory for immigrants' rights, the INS Green Card Replacement Program has been suspended by order of a federal court? The program would have required more than one million green card holders to pay a \$70.00 fee to exchange old green cards for new. Details are available from the ADC Legal Department at 202-244-2990.

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Friday Night Banquet

Secretary of State Warren Christopher
special guest at the Friday night
Sbanquet was Secretary of State
Warren Christopher, the first US.
secretary of state to address an
ADC convention.

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Abourezk introduced the

Secretary by saying, "When I first
began organizing ADC back in
1980, I told everyone concerned
then that we would know we had
succeeded as an Arab-American
organization when high officials
in the government, both the ALL
ministration and the Congress,
would ask us if they could appear
before our membership. I believed
then and I believe now that such a
request would be the signal that
we have achieved some sort of
parity in our political power with
the well-financed and highly or-
ganized Israeli lobby."

Abourezk noted that, although
ADC has invited the secretary of
state in every Administration
since we held our first convention
in 1983, each year until now, they
all declined to appear _ although
they all appeared before the an-
nual convention of the American-Israel
Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC).

"The United States is playing
an active role, not only as a
co-sponsor of the process,
but as a full partner in the
search for solutions."

_ Warren Christopher

"Our dignity is our only asset, tan-
gible or intangible," Abourezk
reminded the audience and he con-
cluded that Christopher's acceptance to
appear "marks a historic departure in
American politics" for "here is an Ad-
ministration official who at least recog-
nizes that we as Arab-Americans have
deeply felt concerns about America's
foreign policy."

Christopher opened his 25-minute
address by stating: "The American-
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US. Secretary of State Warren Christopher told
ADC convention attendees, "I am determined that
we not only seem evenlized, but that we
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has set for itself a supremely important
yet difficult goal. Fighting discrimina-
tion is a fundamental responsibility of
our government as well as of each of us
as Americans. Together we must over-
come personal prejudices and common
stereotypes. As everyone in this room
knows, yours is a fight worth fighting,
and I applaud you for your efforts."

Turning to the Middle East, Chris-
topher supported ADC's "efforts to
promote human rights and its support
for the creation of a truly peaceful and

secure Middle East." On the subject of US. Mideast policy, Christopher received a burst of applause after extemporaneously asserting, "I am determined that we not only seem evenhanded, but that we actually be evenhanded." The assertion implied an official admission of past partiality towards Israel by the US. government. Christopher went on to state that "we must seize the chance to negotiate a comprehensive Arab-Israeli peace settlement, based upon United Nations May-June 1993

Security Council resolutions 242 and 338' Christopher assured the audience of the Clinton

Administration's support for "a negotiated settlement...built on a number of principles, including land for peace, the realization of the legitimate political rights of the Palestinian people, security for all parties, and the normalization of relations in the area."

Christopher reaffirmed that the "the United States is playing an active role, not only as a co-sponsor of the process, but as a full partner in the search for solutions." "The objective of this peace process," he said, "is a real peace that will see occupation give way to interim self-government and a new relationship between the Israelis and the Palestinians. This outcome must provide a peaceful and orderly transfer of authority to the Palestinians who must then be free to elect their own representatives."

"By securing peace," he said, "terrorists can be marginalized. The proliferation of weapons of mass destruction can be curbed. And the promise of regional economic growth and cooperation can be fulfilled."

One of the objectives of Christopher's recent trip to the Middle East, he said, was to "demonstrate support for Lebanon," adding, "I was proud to be the first secretary of state to visit Beirut in over a decade." On the subject of Lebanon, he emphasized that his visit was "intended to underscore the United States' support for the efforts of the Lebanese to recover from that war, to regain the sovereignty and independence of that country and to rebuild the economy." As part of the US. support for government-controlled armed forces in Lebanon, Christopher announced that the US. has restarted the International Military Education and Training (IMET) program for the Lebanese armed forces — one of ADC's demands in recent years as part of normalizing U.S.:Lebanese relations. The U.S., said the Secretary, "continues to ADC Times

— support full implementation of both the letter and spirit of the Taif accord. That

"I Christopher's appearance is the signal that we have achieved some sort of parity in our political power with the well-financed and highly organized Israeli lobby."

— James Abourezk includes, of course," he added to a round of applause, "disarming all the militias and the withdrawal of all non-Lebanese forces from Lebanon."

In regard to Iraq and the Arabian Gulf, Christopher said the Clinton Administration was continuing the Bush policy, calling for compliance by Iraq with all U.N. resolutions, underscoring U.S. commitment to the security of the Gulf states, while reminding the audience of US. government-sponsored relief programs in northern Iraq and US. support for UN. efforts to establish relief in central and southern Iraq.

Christopher then addressed democracy and human rights — calling them one of the pillars of Clinton's policy — in regard to Islam, saying,

(l to r) ADC President's Club Member Zahi Khouri, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Edward Djerejian, ADC Vice-Chairman Abdeen Iabam, Secretary of State Warren Christopher, ADC Chairman James Abourezk, longtime ADC supporter Robert Marsh and ADC President Albert Mokhiber.

"Islam is not our enemy. We do not consider Islam a threat to world peace or to regional security." "What we do oppose," he said, "is extremism or fanaticism, whether of a religious or secular nature." He added, "the United States stands ready to work with our friends in the region toward the important goals of peace, stability and social justice. We hope to earn and retain the trust of all parties."

On the domestic side, he broke with his prepared speech to address the concerns of the audience in regard to the Arab-Americans from Illinois and Louisiana who are being detained in Israel, "Let me assure you that we are making and will continue to make every effort to protect their rights and to ensure that they receive due process."

Christopher concluded extemporaneously, "I want to assure you that as long as I'm Secretary of State, you will always have access to me, I'll always try to be attentive to your wishes and needs." 4.

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"The State of Palestine"

The first panel on April 24, moderated by ADC National Board Member Naim Assed, provided a lively discussion by several experts on the state and status of Palestine. Ecologist and Phi). candidate in Biological Anthropology, Rosina Hassoun outlined the main environmental issues such as water scarcity, toxic waste and the environmental implications of the disparity between rich and poor, the lack of democracy and the need for nuclear and chemical weapons disarmament in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories. She took the long view of history: 10,000 years ago the land of Palestine was first settled by the hominids erectoids who migrated from Africa and whose "line is unbroken" culminating in the "native indigenous population" of Palestinians living on the land today. How do you prove the Palestinians, not the Israelis, are the indigenous population? She suggested asking, "How long does it take an olive tree to mature?" or "What medicinal herbs grow on the West Bank?"

She referred to the Arab-Israeli conflict as "a war of paradigms...paradigms of land" and contrasted the Israeli images of the land and water with the Palestinian images. Israelis, she said, saw "how you treat the land as an analogy to how you treat people."

The Zionist doctrine viewed the land as a desert and a wasteland. In terms of the "carrying capacity" of the water resources, or the number of people who can be sustained by them, the Israelis view this based on lifestyle and as a Western Playland. Israelis, she informed the audience, allot themselves unlimited water use while limiting that of Palestinians. The Israeli government, for example, limited the Palestinian village of Kufr Aina to 44 cubic meters of water per person per day _ which is below the UN. minimum allowed.

The Palestinian concept of the land and water is that of an indigenous people - the land is the "mother" in its fertility. Palestinians strive to live in harmony with the land.

Hassoun told the attendees that in order to "make the desert bloom," Israel drained Lake Hula and the Galilee wet-

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lands after 1948, thereby drying out the Golan and southern Lebanon.

She then discussed some of the consequences of Israel's bad environmental management. In the past three years, she said, Israel had uprooted over 150,000 trees in a punitive measure to drive Palestinians from their land. She noted that 75 toxic chemicals are being used by farmers in the occupied Palestinian territories without proper instructions or methods of waste disposal,

including two of the components of Agent Orange.

Ecologist Rosina Hassoun described the consequences of Israel's bad environmental management of Palestinian land.

Furthermore, open sewage and organic waste are also seeping into the three underground aquifers on which the West Bank depends for its water. Israel, she said, is heavily dependent on the West Bank aquifers and is draining them faster than they can refill. She discussed the issue of "ecocide" or how Israel is forcing Palestinians to farm land that should be left fallow or lose it. To the query, "What can we do?" she responded, "Understand what it means to be indigenous" and suggested educating others while supporting international laws that protect indigenous peoples.

Next, Dr. Salim Tamari, Associate Professor of Sociology at Bir Zeit University, gave a profile of Palestinians in the occupied territories from a June 1992 survey of 2,500 households May-June 1993 involving 9,000 interviews taken by 120 data collectors over a two-week period. Some of the findings were surprising and upset many commonly-held beliefs about Palestinians. For example, the largest concentration of Palestinians today live in the occupied Palestinian territories, not in the diaspora and 60%, or the majority, of occupied Palestinians live in urban, not rural, environments. Another surprise is the finding that Jerusalemites are the most inclined towards the Islamic movement of the areas surveyed while Palestinians in the refugee camps are the most secularized. The survey found that 42% of Palestinians are refugees or descendants of refugees. The Palestine/Israel average of 7.5 people per household breaks down into 5.5 people/household for Palestinian-Israelis, 3.3 for Jews, 9 for Gazans and 6 for Jerusalemites.

Education is no longer an avenue of upward mobility due to market saturation in most academic fields, increased cost of college, and study in areas which lack markets locally such as in science and engineering. Due to these factors and the Israeli closures of schools and colleges for years at a time, the literacy rate of occupied Palestinians has dropped to 69% and Jordan now has a higher literacy rate. Tamari cited a trend — the more education, the more activism and secularism.

The survey showed a significant "gender gap" on the appropriate role for women. For example, 67% of men in 50 010g st Salim Tamari reviewed the surprising results of a recent survey of Palestinian attitudes.

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Palestinian peace delegate Muhammad Hallaj reviewed past Palestinian peace initiatives and reminded the community, "history has no deadlines. "

Gaza felt women should stay at home and care for the children while only 37% of women in Gaza felt this. Surprisingly, while 5% of Gazans felt that women should work outside the home, only 1% of Jerusalemites felt this.

In terms of women's attire, there are definite trends toward Islamic dress and away from the traditional embroidered fellahz' thobe, especially in younger women. Of Palestinian women in the occupied territories, 10% wear Western dress; 27% wear the fellahz' thobe; while 62% wear the Islamic head; cover and dress. The survey found that only 3.3% of young women aged 15 to 19 now wear the fellahi thobe. Of women aged 20 to 29, 52% wear the scarf and Islamic dress.

When asked for what they would make the ultimate sacrifice, 43% said for their families; 31% for the Palestinian people; 17% for the Islamic nation and 2% for the Arab nation. In terms of their political choices for a future state, 57% supported an Islamic state; 24% supported a democratic state; 9% supported Arabism; 2% Socialism and only 0.1% Capitalism. The younger respondents tended to lean more towards an Islamic than a democratic state. To the question, "Which country is the best model for a future Palestinian state?:" 68% chose none of the existing

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countries; 13.4% chose Jordan; 4% France; 3% the USA; 3% Saudi Arabia; 2% Iran; 2% Cuba and 1% Libya.

Dr. Muhammad Hallaj, Director of the Center for Policy Analysis for Palestine, a member of the Palestine National Council and a delegate to the multilateral peace talks on refugees, discussed the current state of the peace process. "Why did it begin when it began?" he asked, and explored two Views, the collapse of the Soviet empire and the Gulf War.

Hallaj termed the contention that "the Arabs are weak now so they have to look for peace" both racist and inaccurate. The facts are different, he said, and reviewed Arab initiatives to have a negotiated peace since 1974. Palestinian accommodation, he said, coincided with periods of perceived strength; was not coerced, but yearned for.

In 1968, after winning the Battle of Kararneh, the PLO called for a secular democratic state; in 1974, after the 1973 War, the PLO called for a two-state solution; in 1988, on the wave of the Intifada, the PLO called for full recognition of Israel and an international peace conference.

The U.S., he reminded the audience, had vigorously opposed these over-

tures for over a decade. In 1991, however, Hallaj stated, "a certain kind of peace became possible for the first time — a one-sided peace where Israel takes and Arabs give...an unjust peace." The Palestinians came to the process with constraints, assuming that things would improve as the process went on. But, he noted, there are inherent problems in the peace process. The U.S., as the only country that doesn't accept the Palestinian right to self-determination, is not qualified to be the "general manager" of the peace process. The goals of the transitional period were never agreed upon. The gains have been no more than symbolic while Israel has retained control of the land. He noted that it is almost unprecedented in the history of negotiations that the parties did not agree beforehand on the broad outlines of the outcome.

Hallaj concluded with the assurance that, "history has no deadlines." He called on Palestinians to restore cohesion among themselves and live to

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negotiate or, if necessary, to fight another day.

Dr. Fouad Moughrabi, Professor of Political Science at the University of Tennessee, was the final panelist. He began by describing the West Bank and Gaza Strip as "maximum security jails" with every aspect of daily life under Israeli control. Israel, he said, is creating an underclass of unskilled, functionally illiterate Palestinians totally dependent on the Israeli economy. He called this process the "niggerization" of the occupied Palestinians.

Taking a dim view of the peace talks, Moughrabi said there are three options: to use the talks as a public relations forum, to completely abstain, or to insist on full annexation by Israel. He indicated a preference for the latter position based on the South Africa model where the African National Congress is calling for a unified democratic state. Such a state, he said, would alter the demographic composition of Greater Israel and could become a fully democratic solution to the conflict, rather than creating a Palestinian state on only 6% of the historic land of Palestine sandwiched between other states, without any real rights. He also called on the PLO to include Hamas in its leadership and to become more representative and accountable. 6'

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Saturday Luncheon:

ADL Update.

President Aristide of Haiti

ADC Vice Chairman Abdeen Iabara

was Master of Ceremonies for the Satur-

day luncheon where President Jean-

Bertrand Aristide of Haiti was the

keynote speaker. Iabara also updated

ADC members on the latest develop-

ments in the Anti-Defamation League

of B'nai B'rith (ADL) spy case.

ADL Update

Iabara addressed the matter of the

ADL's spying on Arab-Americans and

other activists supportive of Palestinian

rights in the San Francisco area and

across the US. Briefly, he noted that the

ADL was founded in 1913 to combat

anti-semitism as part of B'nai B'rith, an

international Jewish organization that

promotes Jewish rights and interests.

Currently, the ADL has 35 offices with

400 employees and a budget of \$32 mil-

lion.

"The ADL cannot...say 'we are a civil

and human rights group' and turn

around and wear another hat spying on

peace activists and pro-Palestinian

people who demand justice in the Mid-

dle East," declared Iabara, "We want the

police departments and the FBI to stop

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Constitutionally-protected political ac-

tivity # not just of Arab-Americans, but

of all peace activists in this country."

ADC, he said, "has known for years

that the ADL has routinely monitored

speeches of academics, political ac-

tivists and others who dared to question

the standard Israeli line on the conflict

in the Middle East...The ADL consis-

tently sent out blacklists of scholars on

the Middle East and background infor-

mation on a variety of individuals # so

much so that the Middle East Studies

Association (MESA) had to pass a

resolution several years back condemn-

ing the policy of the ADL in maintain-

ing this secret information and

distributing it to campuses around the

country."

Iabara reviewed the years of col-

lusion between the ADL and US.

government agencies and its long

record of domestic spying. In 1975,

Iabara informed the attendees, The

Clzimgo Tribune quoted an ADL

spokesperson saying that the ADL

routinely provides information on Arab

students to the FBI. On February 17,

1987, The LA. Times reported that the

ADL had supplied information on the

"LA. Eight" (seven Palestinians and one

Kenyan who are US. residents slotted

for deportation for distributing political

information) to US. government agen-

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Over the past decade, he said, the ADL has suborned police officers in major cities across the US, collecting confidential police data and photographs, much of which ended up at ADL headquarters in New York and may have been provided to the government of Israel. ADL infiltrators of Arab-American and other politically active groups have acted as a national network to cultivate liaisons with local police departments. The ADL has also arranged trips for the heads of police departments and police officers involved in intelligence work to Israel where they were briefed by Mossad and Shin Bet, Israel's foreign and internal intelligence agencies. In documents released in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, Jabara revealed that there was an FBI directive to its field officers telling them to cooperate with the ADL.

In the 1960s and 70s, especially following the Watergate Scandal, there was a general move against police "red squads" across the country, said Jabara, and the ADL became concerned that it would lose its access and resources with police departments. It was then that the ADL began to concentrate more attention on developing private intelligence operations.

Jabara said that the information in the files seized from Bullock and Gerard is not only about Arab-Americans but about hundreds of other groups from anti-Apartheid to Irish, Asian and Native American groups to civil rights, media watch and gay rights groups. The seized files from both Gerard and Bullock are listed under five categories: "Pinko," "Arab," "Right," "Skins" and "ANC." They include the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the National Lawyers Guild, Greenpeace and Act-Up I see pull-out Lists of Organizations on pages 21-281. The ADL network includes at least eight cities: San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, St. Louis, Chicago, Atlanta, New York and Washington, DC.

Jabara then gave a brief recap of the case: In 1954, Roy (codename: "Cal") Bullock began as an ADL volunteer in Indiana. In 1960, he moved to Los Angeles where he was paid by the ADL through an attorney so that the ADL ADC Times

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ADL spy Roy Bullock.

could maintain that he was an 'independent operative' and in the mid-1970s he relocated to San Francisco. Meanwhile, in 1968, Tom Gerard joined the SFPD, leaving in the mid-1980s to work for the CIA as a bomb expert in Central America. He returned in 1985 to join the SFPD's Intelligence Unit which spied on the local Arab American community and liaised with the FBI.

Bullock and Gerard worked together from 1985 until 1992 and in 1986 they established relations with South African intelligence agents and began selling them information for personal gain.

In 1987, the ADL sent then San Francisco Police Chief Frank Jordan to Israel.

In 1990, San Francisco was declared a "sanctuary city" for conscientious objectors, the new police chief disbanded the Intelligence Unit and adopted surveillance guidelines developed in large part by the American Civil Liberties Union. The new police chief directed the Unit's personnel to destroy all their files on legitimate political activities; to only target people for criminal acts.

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Gerard began to record confidential information on his home computer that should have been destroyed under the new guidelines. He gave or sold some of this information to Bullock and both Gerard and Bullock worked with the FBI.

In 1990, the FBI began to investigate Bullock and Gerard after discovering information suggesting that they may have supplied confidential intelligence to foreign governments, namely, Israel and South Africa. Some of the information included photos, license plate numbers and related materials. In 1991, the ADL sent Gerard on a tour to Israel.

In October, 1992, the FBI passed their ongoing investigation of Gerard and Bullock over to the SFPD, because of FBI fears that their methods of collecting information would disclose secrets. On October 25, Gerard fled to the Philippines just as the ADL spy case was unraveling, then requested early retirement from the SFPD. In December, Bullock's home and Gerard's houseboat were searched with warrants. On May 6,

1993, Gerard returned to the US. and was arrested at San Francisco International Airport and charged with five felony thefts of government documents. He returned, he said, because of fears that the CIA. planned to kill him in the Philippines.1

In December, 1992, the San Francisco ADL office agreed to cooperate with the investigation, voluntarily handing over some of its files.

Meanwhile, members of the Ramallah Federation worried that information in Gerard's and Bullock's files which may have reached Israel could jeopardize their safety at an upcoming convention in the Israeli-occupied West Bank. They went to the San Francisco District Attorney with their concerns May-June 1993

and asked that any such information be released to the public.

So far, 7,000 files have been obtained from Gerard while Bullock maintained files on 9,876 individuals and over 500 organizations. Although ADL's LA.

"factfinder" David Gurvitz told the San Francisco District Attorney's office that the LA. ADL office maintained

numerous files on ADC, and Bullock infiltrated ADC's San Francisco chapter in the mid-1980S, no files on ADC have yet been disclosed in the investigation.

On April 8, 1993, the San Francisco District Attorney conducted its second raid of the ADL, seizing "a ton of material." According to the D.A.'s office, this material was seized because the ADL had been "less than honest" in its voluntary release of information in December 1992.

The investigation has uncovered 20 different police departments and other government agencies in California and Oregon alone which have been "working hand in glove with the ADL," Jabara stated, many of which have attempted to cover up the facts regarding their ADL connections. "We want this to come to light," he stressed.

Jabara went on to discuss media containment of the ADL spy case. "Unless you live in San Francisco or Los Angeles or caught the one night on ABC 'World News Tonight' 1April 81 when they ran a 4-minute special segment on this," he explained, "you would really not fully understand the enormity of what has been going on and the amount of skullduggery that has been involved."

"The ADL cannot...say 'we are a civil and human rights group' and turn around and wear another hat spying on peace activists..."

- Abdeen Jabara

Later, Jabara referred to the first New York Times article on the ADL spy case which ran on April 25. The ADL couldn't have put a better "spin" on the story which presented Bullock as an in-

dependent contractor for a number of
organizations over which the ADL has
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no control. The article referred to "hate groups" being monitored by Bullock and neglected to mention the hundreds of civil rights groups targeted by the ADL.

Regarding litigation against the ADL, he said that Pete McCloskey, an attorney and former Congressman, filed a lawsuit against Gerard, Bullock, the ADL and officers of the ADL on behalf of the class of people ADL spied on, represented by 19 activists in California.

"ADC is conducting legal research into other avenues of legal recourse," Jabara informed the attendees, and told them of ongoing meetings in California involving ADC's LA. Regional Coordinator Nazih Beyda, L.A. chapter president Don Bustany, San Francisco chapter president Maha Iaber, ADC Director of Legal Services Gregory T. Nojeim, as well as ADC President Albert Mokhiber and Jabara himself. ADC personnel will conduct a nationwide speaking tour and ADC is in the process of building a national coalition with some of the 500 organizations spied upon.

"We want the police departments and the FBI to stop this political spying on legitimate 8t constitutionally-protected political activity"
- Abdeen Jabara

He then strongly encouraged ADC members whose names are in the files to advise their local media that the ADL has been spying on them.

"Now we can't be afraid of doing this," Iabara asserted and reminded the audience that "ADC has always said that we've got to stand up for our rights. And we've always said that nobody is going to stand up for us unless we do it for ourselves."

President Jean-Bertrand Aristide of Haiti

Exiled Haitian President Aristide began with the words, "As-salam alez'kum." "It is not so difficult for me to reach your wounds," he said, "To be
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President Jean-Bertrand Aristide of Haiti with you is to be in the family with the citizens of the world fighting peacefully for peace."

Aristide, an ordained priest and liberation theologian survived 9 attempts on his life, including one occasion when the army opened fire on his parishioners, killing 50. On December 16, 1990, he was elected president of Haiti with 68% of the popular vote in a field of 23 candidates in the country's first peaceful and democratic election. On December 29, 1991, Aristide was ousted in an army coup d'etat backed by the wealthy elite of Haiti. Aristide alluded in his speech to the Clinton Administration's renewed support for

helping restore him and his presidency in Haiti. In speaking of the future for Haiti, Aristide asserted that, "The only way to have peace is to have democracy in Haiti."

He told of over 3,000 missing or killed civilians since the coup. To add emphasis to his words, "When something happens to one of us, it happens to all of us," he then related the particular story of one of these casualties, a Palestinian-Haitian originally from Bethlehem. George Ismari was shot by the army at his place of business. He was taken to the hospital where the soldiers followed him and shot him dead.

Citing several statistics concerning the economy of Haiti, the poorest country in the Western hemisphere, President Aristide emphasized the need to channel energy into work that allows
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a higher return for the worker and a fair and open market system. He also noted that schools and hospitals and the infrastructure in general need support. There are only 1.8 doctors per 10,000 people, he noted, and 1% of the population owns 45% of the wealth.

But, he said, Haiti is a country which has "poverty with dignity and respect" and the Haitians will continue their peaceful resistance, seeking a solution through non-violent means.

Of the army he said, "They are captives of the leadership" which is heavily involved in drug trafficking. Haiti, he informed the audience, is the second largest drug trafficker in the Western hemisphere. "It's a tragedy when we are paying them to kill us," he said, and for the army to change it must be freed from Haiti's drug-trafficking leadership.

Aristide urged the luncheon crowd to contact Congress and send letters in support of Haitian human rights. "We are building solidarity...with others and with our refugees dying in Guantanamo," he said, referring to the HIV-positive Haitian refugees who have only recently been released from a prisonlike holding area. Aristide expressed his appreciation for the efforts of some 20 cities and seven universities across the US. which have held hunger strikes in solidarity with the refugees in Guantanamo. "The only way to have democracy is to have Haitians stay in Haiti," he stressed as the basic solution to the refugee flight taking place.

Aristide called for closer economic cooperation between the US. and Haiti, benefiting both nations, and concluded with the hope that one day he can return to lead Haiti and "be there to

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Organizational Victims of ADL Espionage

Names of files seized by San Francisco District Attorney's Office from residences of AOL Informant Roy Bullock and San Francisco police officer Tom Gerard. Released on April 8, 1993, in connection with 2nd raid on ADL's San Francisco and Los Angeles offices.

Categories, such as Arab" and "Pinko," are shown as defined by Bullock and Gerard themselves.

Anti-Defamation League Informant Roy Bullock's San Francisco Police Officer Tom Gerard's

"ARAB" Organizations List

Arab Book Center

Arab People's Coalition

Arab Relief Fund for Lebanon

Arab Studies Quarterly/MERIP

Arab-American Democratic Club

Arab-American University Graduates

Bay Area Friends of Christic Institute

Bethlehem Association

Black Muslims

Committee for a Democratic Palestine

Committee of Correspondence

Council of Arab American Organizations

Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine

Democratic Palestinian Youth

Department of Near Eastern Studies

El Fatah

General Union of Palestinian Students

Institute of African-American Studies

Iranian Students Association

Iraqi Intelligence Officer

Islamic Jihad

Islamic Society of Orange County

Israeli Civil Rights Association

Jifna Association

Khilafah

Law in the Service of Man

Masjid Al-Islam

Masjid Al-Saff Mosque

Middle East Justice Network

Muslim Mutadakkirun Association

Muslim Students Association

Muslim Students Union

Nation of Islam

National Association of Arab Americans

National Lawyers' Guild

November 29th Committee

Occupied Land Fund

Palestine American Youth

Palestine Arab Club

Palestine Arab Fund

Palestine Democratic Youth Organization

Palestine Human Rights Campaign

Palestine Solidarity Committee

Palestine Women's Organization

Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine

Progressive Muslim Alliance

Sacred House of Islam

The Family Sponsorship Project

The Occupied Land Fund

Union of Palestinian Women's Associations A

With the 2nd raid on ADL's offices in San Francisco and LA. was conducted in part to find the numerous files on ADC which former ADL L.A. "factfinder" David Gurvitz told the police were located in these ADL offices. No files on ADC have yet been located.

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Organizations List
A Movement Banning Apartheid
African National Congress
All Africa Peoples Revolutionary Party
All African Student Conference
Alternative Education
Anglican Church, Board of Social Responsibility
Anti-Apartheid Committee
Anti-Apartheid L.A.
Apartheid Boycott Campaign
Art against Apartheid
Bay Area Free South Africa Movement
Berkeley Anti-Apartheid Network
Caniccor Research/South Africa Forum
Democratic Socialists of America
Dennis Brutus Defense Committee
Evangelical Luthern Church/South Africa
Free Mose Mayekiso Committee
Journalist. LA. Times (South Africa)
Lives with Kraft Scott of LA. Times
National Namibia Concerns
Pan African Congress
Pan African Congress of Azania
Prairie Fire Organization Committee
San Francisco Ecumenical Task Force
San Francisco Anti-Apanheid Committee
South African Student Congress
Southern Africa Media Center
University of California Divestment Coalition A

Bullock,s "PINKO" Organizations List
Act Now"
Act-Up
Action for Animals
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African Black Students Org./San Francisco State Univ.
African National Reparations Organization"
African National Congress
African Network
African People: Socialist Party
African Peoples Revolutionary Party
African Peoples Socialist Pany
African Peoples Solidarity Committee
African Student Association
African Student's Association (Pres. 86)"
Africans United for Progress
Afro-American Students for Racial Justice"
AFSCME Local 3218 (Vice President)
AFSCME Local 3506",
AFSCME/Anti-Apanheid Committee
Albuq. Inter-Hempispheric Ed. Resource Center
Alexandria Assoc. of Human Rights Advocates"
All Peoples Congress
All-African Student Conference
Alliance for Philippine Concerns
Alliance to Stop First Strike
Alliance to Stop Police Abuse
Allied Printing Trades Council
Ahernative Information Center
Amer-i-can"
American Civil Libenies Union"
American Indian Center
American Indian Movement
American Indian Student Organization"
American Muslim Mission"
Americans for Peace Now"
Anarchist Collective
ANC Meeting"
Ang Katipunan
Anti-Militarism Committee
Anti-Racist Action"
Antonio Maceo Brigade"
Apartheid Boycott Campaign
April 1ch Committee against Nazis
Arab Baath Socialist Party
Arab Lesbian Network
Armenian National Committee
Armenian Peoples Movement
Arms Control Research Center"
Art against Apartheid
Artist's Television Access"
Artists & Videomakers against the War"
Artists against Apartheid
Artists and Writers Out Loud"
Asian Law Caucus
Audio Archives"
Author of Measure J
Babylon Burning
Back Country Action Network
Bad Cop/No Donut"
Barricada International
Bay Area Anti-Apartheid Network"
Bay Area Anti-Racist Aclion"
Bay Area Coalition for Reproductive Rights"
Bay Area Free South Africa Committee
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Bay Area Friends of Christie Institute
Bay Area Jewish Taskforce on Central America
Bay Area Labor Committee On Central America
Bay Area Peace Council
Bay Area Peace Navy
Beebee Memorial C.M.E. Temple
Big Mountain Native People's Support
Bir Zeit University Instructor
Black Consciousness Movement Azania
The Black Scholar
Black Studies Department, San Francisco State University
Black United Fund
Boycott Shell Committee
Breakthrough
Brigada A. Maceo (Cuba)
Bulletin in Defense of Marxism
Calendar Magazine (Gay)
California Voice Newspaper
Campaign against Apartheid
Canadians for Justice in the Middle East
Capp Street Center
Capp Street Foundation
Case El Salvador
Center for Investigative Reporting
Center for Middle East Studies
Center for Study of the Americas

Bullockts "PINKO" Organizations Cont.
 Bay Area Times"
 Bay Area Veterans against War in the Middle East"
 Beebee Memorial C.M.E. Temple
 Ben Linder Construction Brigade"
 Big Mountain Native Peoples Support
 Bir Zeit University Instructor
 Black Consciousness Movement Azania
 Black Freedom Fighters Coalition"
 Black Men United For Change"
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 Case El Salvador
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 Center for Constitutional Rights"
 Center for Democratic Renewal"
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 Center for Middle East Studies
 Center for Study of the Americas
 Central American Research Institute
 Centro Legal de la Raza
 Chairperson:Chicano Studies, Berkeley
 Chop from the Top"
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 Church Network on the Philippines
 Citizens for Representative Government
 Coalition against Police Abuse
 Coalition for Nicaragua
 Coalition of Black Trade Unionists"
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 Commission of Inquiry"
 Committee against Lockheed D-5
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 Committee for Freedom in Argentina
 Committee for Peace and Democracy in Iran
 Committee for Permanent lsrael-Palestine Pax
 Committee for Solidarity with People of El Salvador
 Committees of Correspondence"
 Committee to Free Geronimo Pratt
 Committee to Support the Revolution in Peru
 Communist Party, USA
 Communist Workers Party
 Communist Youth Brigade
 Community United against Violence
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Church Network on the Philippines
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Citizens for Representative Government
Coalition against Police Abuse
Coalition for Nicaragua
Comite por Centro de la Raza
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Committee for Equality and Justice '
Committee for Freedom in Argentina
Committee for Peace and Democracy in Iran
Committee for Permanent Israel-Palestine Pax
Committee for Solidarity with People of El Salvador
Committee to Free Geronimo Pratt
Committee to Support the Revolution in Peru
Communist Party, USA
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Food First
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Freedom for South African Refugee Campaign
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Friends of Nicaragua
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Global Exchange
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Diablo Valley Peace Center"
Direct Action against Racism"
Doghouse Newsletter"
Downside Records"
Dykes & Gay Emergency Response"
Earth Island Institute
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Global Options/ Crime Social Justice"
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IAM Local 565 (Sunnyvale)"
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Labor Committee on the Middle East
Labor for Peace
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Latin America Support Committee
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Jewish Defense League"
Jews for Jesus"
John Brown Anti-Klan Committee
Kahane, Rabbi Meir"
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KQED Board of Directors"
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Labor for Peace
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Lawyers Committee on Central America
League of Filipino Students (US)
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Lesbian Agenda for Action"
Lesbians & Gays against Intervention"
Liberation Support Movement
Libros sin Fronteras
Line of March
Los Angeles Student Coalition"
Lyndon Larouche"
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Malcolm X Grass Roots Movement"
Mandela Reception Committee"
Maoist Internationalist Movement"
Marazul Tours"
Mariposa Peace Network"
Marxist-Leninist Party
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Middle East Justice Network"
Middle East Labor Bulletin"
Middle East Peace Network
Midwest Labor Institute"
Mills College"
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Peoples World/ John George
Pershing Plowshares
Philippine Organizing Committee
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US. Committee for Friendship with German Democratic Republic
US. Out of South Africa Network
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National Lawyers Guild
National Midweek
National Namibia Concerns"
National Organization of African Students in N. America"
National Response Committee/NBAU
National Student Central America Action Network
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Network of Arab-American Students"
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Nicaragua Information Center
Nicaragua Interfaith Committee Action
Nicaragua Network News
No Apologies/ No Regrets"
No Business As Usual
No Justice, No Peace"
North Bay Anti-Racist Action"
North Star
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November 29 Coalition
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Nuremberg Actions
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OCAW"
OCAW, Local 8149"
October 6 Justice Project
Oregon Philippines Concerns Committee
Out of Control Committee
Outrage"
Pacifica Foundation
Pakistan Democratic Committee
Palestine Arab Fund"
Palestine Solidarity Committee
Palestinian Academic Freedom Network"
Pan African Congress
Pan African Movement of the US."
Pan Africanist Congress
Pan Africanist Congress Of Azania
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Patrice Lumumba Coalition"
Paul Robeson Friendship Society"
Peace and Conflict Studies"
Peace and Freedom Party
Peace and Justice Committee School Board
Peace and Solidarity Alliance
Peace and Solidarity Committee
Peace Cafe
Peace in Middle East"
Peace Research Center"
People against Racist Terror"
Peoples Anti-War Mobilization
Peoples Park"
People's Weekly World"

Peoples Architecture Collective"
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Underground '
Union del Barrio
Union of Democratic Philipinos
Union Publications
United Farm Workers
United Front against Fascism
U.S.-U.S.S.R. Friendship Society of San Francisco
USA Movement Banning Apartheid
Vanguard Foundation
Viet-nam Veterans Action
Vietnam News Agency
Villa Zapata Workers Committee
Voice of the Uprising
WBAI (Pacifica Foundation) New York City
Witness for South Africa
Woman, inc.
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Peoples Video"
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Pershing Plowshares
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Philippine Resource Center
Philippines Human Rights Lobby
Pledge of Resistance
Plumbers & Fitters Local 393"
Portland Central America Solidarity Committee
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Prairie Fire Organizing Committee
Prison News Service"
Progressive Muslim Alliance"
Project Impact"
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Roots against War"
San Francisco University Labor Studies"
Sacred House of Islam"
San Fernando Valley Peace Coalition"
San Francisco Anti-Apartheid Committee
San Francisco Bay Guardian
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San Francisco Labor Council/AFL-CIO"
San Francisco Sentinel"
San Francisco Weekly"
San Francisco Women for Peace
Sane/Freeze
Sardaraba
Science for Nicaragua
Seeds of Peace"
SEIU Local 535"
SEIU Local 616"
Serbian Unity Congress"
Sharpskin"
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Stop the US. War Machine Action Network"
Student Coalition against Apartheid and Racism

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SWAPO
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Teamsters Local 921, SF TDU"
Technica
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U.S.-Cuba Labor Exchange"
U.S.-Grenada Friendship Society
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UAW"
UAW Local 119"
Ubiquitous"
Unified against Genocide"
Union del Barrio
Union of Democratic Philippines
Union Publications
United Colors"
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"Scientific & Technological
Advances by Arab
Americans"

A first at ADC's annual convention, the panel on Arab-American scientists and technologists, whose contributions to the US. and the world scientific community have been considerable, was moderated by ADC National Board Member Dr. George Younan. The panel featured three leading Arab-American scientists who are founding members of the network of Arab Scientists and Technologists Abroad (ASTA).

Dr. Munir Nayfeh, Professor of Physics at the University of Illinois and President of ASTA, described the principle goal of ASTA as promoting scientific and technological cooperation between the Arab nations and the industrialized world. Nayfeh said that it is time to fully realize and document the contributions of Arab-Americans to science and technology. "If you pick up any journal on science," he told the attendees, "you will see many Arab names there."

ASTA identifies, documents and promotes these achievements. He offered that ASTA can assist in popularizing science and technology with forums, exchanges and school lectures to help inspire new enthusiasm for the sciences in young people. ASTA, he said, could also help rebuild science libraries in the Arab world, open Channels between the West and the Middle East, and publish its own international journal with Arab-American and Arab scientists publishing together.

Dr. Fakhri Bazzaz, H.H Timken Professor of Science at Harvard University and Vice President of ASTA, described the relationship between the patterns of immigration and contributions to America by Arabs.

The first wave of Arab immigrants at the turn of the century were mostly working class Lebanese and Syrians who believed strongly in the utility of education. The second and third generations of this wave contributed more fully to American political life while a few, such as Nobel Laureate in Chemistry Elias Corey, achieved high scientific accomplishments.

The second wave of Arab immigration around the time of the 1948 War

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Dr. Munir Nayfeh brought large numbers of poor and middle Class Palestinians. Among them, said Bazzaz, are possibly the largest group of today's Arab-American scientists and technologists.

The third wave of immigration, mostly Lebanese and Palestinians leaving in the wake of the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon, was more highly educated than previous groups. It included many

professionals, engineers and the most physicians of any group.

Bazzaz noted that immigrants from Iraq and Egypt have been heavily involved in medicine, research and managerial professions. The latest wave of immigrants from Iraq, following the Gulf War, are mostly businessmen and engineers. Although they are still in the

Dr. Issa Batarseh

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process of establishing their roots in the US, Bazzaz said that they are confident that they, too, will contribute to American science and technology.

Relative to their numbers, he maintained that Arab-Americans have contributed a disproportionately higher share to American science and technology than most ethnic groups in the US. He felt the emphasis on education and science in Arabic culture and Islam helped bring this about.

Dr. Issa Batarseh, Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering at the University of Central Florida and Secretary of ASTA, asserted, "It is our responsibility to the new generation...to make sure they are equipped with the knowledge of new advances in science and technology." He suggested adopting more aggressive educational methods modeled after Japan's scientific and technological advances which began with significant technology transfers from industrialized countries. ASTA, he said, could help Arab and Arab-American scientists identify sources of funding and compile a database of scientists and Arab and American universities by specialty, announce job openings in the Middle East and help companies with recruitment. Batarseh advised making science and technology scholarships available for Arabs and non-Arabs interested in working in the Middle East. A special networking reception for Arab and Arab-American scientists and technologists followed the panel. '3

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"Human Rights and
Humanitarian Affairs"

ADC National Board Member Terry
Ahwal moderated a panel on human
rights and humanitarian relief focusing
on the occupied Palestinian territories,
southern Lebanon, Iraq and Haiti.

Dr. Joost Hiltermann, Project Direc-
tor for Middle East Watch, began by
discussing conditions in the occupied
Palestinian territories. He pointed out
that what we are witnessing now is only
an escalation of Israeli policies begun in
1967 when house demolitions, deporta-
tions and closures were used by an ear-
lier Labor government as punitive
measures. The Labor Party and Prime
Minister Rabin, in particular, have em-
phasized collective punishments,
whereas the Likud Party was known for
its land confiscations and settlement-
building. He told how four days earlier,
the army destroyed 19 houses in Gaza
while hunting down one man _ who
was found and summarily killed.

Hiltermann then turned to prison
conditions in Khiyarn Prison in
southern Lebanon. Khiyarn, he said,
was Opened to satisfy two needs: to im-
prison people Viewed as a threat to Is-
rael and to have a group of hostages
readily available for prisoner exchan-
ges. On average, there are about 200
prisoners in Khiyam held in isolation,
tortured, never charged nor tried, but
usually released after a few years.

Hiltermann said that the situation of
the Kurds is analogous to that of the
Palestinians, that the Kurds in Turkey,
Iran and Iraq are facing a similar "at-
tempt to annihilate them" and both
peoples were badly cheated of their na-
tional rights at the breakup of the Ot-
toman Empire. Both Palestinians and
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Kurds have suffered the transfer of their
populations, house demolitions and the
destruction of their villages and culture.

The next panelist, Dr. Arfan Al-Hani,
Chairman of the Emergency Disaster
Committee of the ArabaAmerican
Medical Association (AAMA), led
severaldelegationstolraqfollowingthe
Gulf War. He discussed the findings of
the May 1991 delegation and compared
health statistics from before the war to
recent figures released by the Iraqi Min-
ister of Health in March, 1993.

The 1991 delegation, which traveled,
photographed and questioned people
freely, distributed badly needed medi-
cal supplies via the Jordanian Red Cres-
cent and Red Cross. The team
concentrated on children in the far
north and south who were in greatest
need ofsupplies. Al-Hani accompanied
his presentation of the group's visit
with slides which bore witness to the
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Hiltvrmmln spoke on human rights in the occupied Palestinian territories, southern Lebanon and Iraq, AliHrmi discussed the Iizmzam'tarimi disaster in Iraq. Racine spoke on human rights abuses in Haiti. bombed hospitals, a twice-hit bridge and one of the world's most modern highway systems which is now almost totally impassable clue to the U.S.-led bombing. The slides showed hospitalized children suffering from dehydration, typhoid fever and other severe health problems resulting from the destruction of Iraq's infrastructure. "This is not fair," he said, as he showed some particularly disturbing slides. May-June 1993

Al-Hani noted that the AAMA findings were in accordance with those of the Harvard Study Report which came out around the same time. He then cited the March 1993 figures released by the Iraqi Minister of Health which indicated that meningitis has skyrocketed since 1989; malnutrition, at 2,000 in 1990, rose to 1.3 million people in 1993 and, due to lack of medicine resulting from anti-Iraqi sanctions, the number of surgical procedures and laboratory tests has severely dropped. The final panelist was Dr. Marie MB. Racine, a human rights activist and Board Member of the Washington Office on Haiti as well as Professor of Languages and Linguistics at the University of the District of Columbia. Racine described the dismal human rights situation in Haiti where 3,000 people have died since the 1991 military coup and some 600 internal exiles have to sleep in different places each night to evade arrest or even death at the hands of the army. Families are divided and dispersed, she told the audience. Houses are broken into and military section chiefs exert arbitrary laws and an iron fist in the countryside. Beatings, torture and disappearances are commonplace and checkpoints strictly control the movement of the populace. The situation deteriorated even further after a March 16, 1993 meeting between exiled Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and President Clinton. On March 29, the anniversary of the Haitian constitution, scores of people were arrested. Because Aristide is a Catholic priest, she said, the religious community in Haiti is under particular attack. Racine concluded by calling on Arab-Americans to work in solidarity with Haitians in their struggle for human rights. '2'

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"Teaching the Teachers"

ADC National Board Member Hamzi Moghrabi, active in the Denver chapter's educational outreach, was the moderator for the "Teaching the Teachers" panel. Featured were Dr. Yvonne Seng, Coordinator of the Joseph J. Malone Fellowship Program of the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations; Lobna Ismail, an intercultural trainer; and textbook author and ADC-Connecticut member Dr. Mounir Farah.

Seng opened the panel with an anecdote about teaching on the Arab world. She explained that students' preconceptions and fantastic stereotypes can be dispelled by personal contact with Arabs and the Arab world — a large part of the National Council's work.

She described the Council's fellowship program named after Joseph I. Malone, an outstanding educator. Over the past 10 years, the program has sent over 400 American professors from small and medium-sized community-based universities across the country to the Arab world. Most of these educators knew very little about the Middle East before their trips, but had an interest in learning about the region. It is an intensive program of two to four weeks and involves significant personal contact with Arabs from all over the Mideast. By making the trip educationally and personally memorable, the information gets passed on to students and the community, thus, helping to expand its impact. Many of the Malone Fellows gave lectures and wrote articles about their experiences and helped organize a National Selection Committee to recommend new fellows for the program. There are currently 16 state committees which provide speakers and grassroots support for the educational outreach of the National Council.

Seng also mentioned the Kerr High School Scholars Program which sends juniors to the Arab world for two to four weeks, secondary school teacher training programs sponsored by the National ADC Times

Intercultural trainer Lolma Ismail al Council and a Model League of Arab States which is a leadership-training program involving 1,200 high school and university students.

The next panelist, Lobna Ismail, an intercultural trainer, gave some pointers from her prejudice-reduction workshops for teachers. When Ismail teaches about Arabs, she has the teachers recognize their "cul-

tural filters" and biases through activities designed to bring these out. This makes learning about the Arab world more effective, she explained, but stressed that "We're not there to point fingers to say 'You're racist or prejudiced' or we're not going to move forward."

She recommended going beyond just teaching about the "surface" of Arab culture, e.g. Arabic foods, dances, styles of dress. These "should not be the only step in teaching who the Arabs are," she said. In order to enrich their understanding, Ismail suggested teaching about the value system, interactions between each

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other and the daily life of Arabs and Arab-Americans. Stay away from the "cookbook" approach, Ismail advised, specifically, avoid clois and don'ts when teaching about Arabic culture because, "we are too diverse for that." She suggested using stories, films and proverbs and take advantage of the recent change in attitudes about minorities which are now seen as more distinctive in a positive way. Giving multi-cultural education in Japan as a model, Ismail called for more global awareness among American students, especially in view of the Global Market. It also makes teachers' jobs a lot easier, she informed the audience, when you give them resources on the Arab world.

The third panelist, Dr. Mounir Farah, authored a secondary school world history textbook, The Human Experience, which is now the #1 textbook in the U.S., adopted so far by 22 states. Florida, an "adoption state," or test state for new textbooks, selected the The Human Experience in 1992 despite a campaign against the book by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai B'rith. More recently, in January 1993, San Diego, the largest school district in

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California, adopted the textbook after a major assault by the San Diego ADL. The Superintendent of Schools in San Diego said he had "never seen such a hot issue over a textbook." ADC's San Diego chapter, local Muslim organizations, the Middle East Outreach Council and numerous Middle East professors and rabbis came out in defense of The Human Expvrimuv. The ADL had 0b-

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jected to one of its 36 chapters that was devoted to Islam and Medieval Islam. Farah pointed out that this, in fact, under-represents Islam since Muslims account for one-fifth of the world's population today. The ADL also 0b-

jected to the book's mention of the fact that Palestinian roots go back to the ancient Canaanites and Philistines. At first, said Farah, the education board was tempted to reject the book because it was "a headache," "too controversial" and "Why antagonize the Jewish community and the ADL?" But, after leading scholars and grassroots activists came to the books defense, a reconstituted board eventually did adopt it.

Farah noted that there are approximately 300,000 Social Studies teachers involved in teaching about the Middle East. ADC, he said, has made some headway, but still has a long way to go in reaching the 25,000 public school districts across the US.

"Where do teachers get their background, or do they have any?" he asked, adding that sometimes it is better to have no background because of the malicious information which is available. Most information on the Middle East comes through the media. Farah informed the audience that high school graduates, on average, have spent 13,000 hours in Classroom instruction compared to 18,000 hours of television watching.

He reported that less than 5% of Social Studies teachers have any formal

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training on the Middle East and that none of the 50 states requires a course on the Middle East for accreditation.

Farah prescribed some remedies for this problem. Since the textbook is like a crutch to most teachers, it is important to monitor the treatment of the Middle East and Arabs in the textbooks being used and to make sure that balanced textbooks are getting to professors and teachers. Up until the 1970s, he told the attendees, virtually 100% of school textbooks

gave a distorted view of Arabs
and Islam.

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who are Arab-Americans or are sympathetic to Arab-American concerns. Include
both teachers and administrators. We will contact them, supply them with resources,
and invite their participation in ADC,s work with school systems.

EDUCATION DATABASE FORM

Educator's Name:

(Last) (First) (Middle)

Educator's Address:

(Number) (Street) (Apt.#)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

(Day Phone) (Night Phone)

Educator's Position/Subject Taught/Grade Level:

School Name:

School Address:

(Number) (Street)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Return to:

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Saturday Night Banquet

Address by ADC Chairman,

Greetings from Exiles

ABC Segment on ADL Case

A DC Chairman James Abourezk, as
aster of Ceremonies for the Satur-
day evening banquet, read special
greetings faxed to ADC that same day
from the Palestinian exiles at Al-Awda
Camp in Marj al-Zahour, southern
Lebanon. "From the cold, barren moun-
taintops and the lonely deserted valleys
of brave southern Lebanon," read the
letter, "We thank you for your stance
supporting our return to Palestine, and
we confirm to you that we will per-
severe in our stance and our willingness
to undertake any hardships until we
forever close the door of deporta-
tions..." signed Dr. Abd al-Aziz Al-Ran-
tisi, Official Spokesman of the
Deportees.

The conventioners observed a mo-
ment of silence for the recent 1055 of
Oliver Tambo of the African National
Congress, and Cesar Chavez of the
United Farmworkers and a champion
of the rights of migrant workers.
Three former American hostages at-
tending the convention were honored.
Abourezk said of Robert Polhill, Father
Jenco and Joseph Cicippio, "I cannot ex-
press strongly enough my admiration
for these people who suffered mightily
at the hands of people of Arab descent,
but who never gave up on the Arab
world."

On a huge screen over the podium,
the 1,200 attendees then viewed an
"ABC World News Tonight" segment
on the "ADL Case" which had aired on
April 8.

The four-minute newsclip by inves-
tigative reporter James Walker showed
San Francisco District Attorney Arlo
Smith saying, "We are talking about the
use of information from...the Depart-
ment of Motor Vehicles' files, criminal
record files, other confidential files of
state and local agencies which are being
illegally furnished and illegally
received."

The program disclosed a July 1992
memo by Irwin Suall, ADL informant
Roy Bullock's boss at ADL head-
quarters in New York City, that termed
Bullock (codename "Cal") "our number
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one investigator." Bullock, who had in-
filtrated numerous Arab-American or-
ganizations including ADC's San
Francisco chapter in the mid-1980s, is
under criminal investigation for obtain-
ing from law enforcement officials in-
rm James Abourezk reviewed the history of
racism and imperialism in U.S.-Mideast policy during his
keynote address at the Saturday night banquet.
ADC member Mohammad Ashelfs brother, Kamail (ce
formation on thousands

of people across the US.
A former ADL
employee told ABC
"World News Tonight"
that this is just a small
part of a nationwide ADL
network which includes
undercover operatives in
Atlanta (codename "Flip-
per") and Chicago
(codenames "Chi 1," "Chi
2," "Chi 3"). (See pages 11,
18, 21-8, 34, 44, 46)
Address by James
Abourezk
Abourezk harkened
back to some of the basic
reasons for ADC's exist-
ence in his keynote ad-
dress. He spoke of the
undue influence of the Is-
raeli Lobby on US. policy
and the media and the
role of racism and im-
perialism in America's
Middle East policy over
the years.
The Lobby, he said, "is
one of the major factors which provides
Israel with its uneven playing field in
the United States." Abourezk explained
that the Lobby has been active in the
US. since before the end Of World War
II when the Zionist movement realized
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nter), and other
Palestinian exiles in southern Lebanon.
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that the center of world power was shifting from Great Britain to the United States.

"The movement to establish an exclusive Jewish state in Palestine was greatly helped by Hitler's atrocities against European Jews, which allowed the Zionist Lobby to obtain the sympathy of the West," he said and referred the attendees to a new book, The Seventh Million by Israeli author Tom Segev. This book maintains that the Zionist movement put establishment of a Zionist state above the interests of the Jews being massacred in Nazi Germany,

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"...for the Israeli Lobby and its allies, making Arabs subhuman was necessary for Israel to fulfill its political agenda." _ James Abourezk
In discussing the American-Israel Political Affairs Committee (AIPAC) and over 70 pro-Israel political action committees (PACS), Abourezk noted that while AIPAC is not technically a PAC, "it has been accused of illegally organizing PACs to direct money to candidates who have agreed to vote their way." "That particular accusation is being settled in court right now," he pointed out, "There is a group of people, helped by ADC, suing the Federal Elections Commission, attempting to get the Commission to do its duty by penalizing AIPAC for its illegal activities." "But what further drives US. policy," he went on, "is the existence of an endemic racism and a seemingly ingrained drive for empire which, in the Middle East, results in Arabs becoming the victims.

"The racism I speak about is directed toward what Americans see as brown skinned people who are not culturally as significant as are those who originate in Europe. One can trace this ethnic animosity back to the Crusades, when it was seen as the white man's burden to free the Holy Land from the Muslim hordes."

Abourezk then recalled several cases in recent history which illustrate this. Although the US. only imported 6% of our oil from Saudi Arabia at the time of the 1973 oil embargo, American oil companies hiked their prices and then mounted an advertising campaign blaming it on the Arabs.

The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), the chosen representative body of the Palestinian people, was solely portrayed as a "terrorist organization" in the US. media as part of a massive assault on its image.

He recalled the military analysis after the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982 when American "experts" bragged about the superiority of American over

Soviet weaponry based on the number of Arabs killed versus the number of Israelis.

The same insensitivity to human life took place during the Gulf War when American "smart bombs" could never seem to account for the huge Iraqi civilian death toll.

During the current peace talks, this racist, imperialist view of the Arab world can be seen in the American argument that the Palestinians are somehow not capable of governing themselves and only "deserve" autonomy.

"I constantly marvel," Abourezk exclaimed, "at how ordinarily intelligent Americans can talk about 'self-determination' for everyone except the Palestinians."

From 1973 on, he observed, there has been an upsurge in defamatory anti-Arab stereotypes on television shows, in cartoons, movies and news stories.

"If you think about it, for the Israeli Lobby and its allies, making Arabs subhuman was necessary for Israel to fulfill its political agenda. You cannot safely attack someone who is seen as your equal, so you make him subhuman, which permits you then to destroy, to humiliate, to occupy, to do whatever you want, without anyone raising a complaint."

"Out of that grew the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee," he concluded, "in an effort to stem the tide of racist attacks on people of Arab descent."

Abourezk called for a new American policy that "requires everyone, without exception, to obey the UN. Charter. That policy would negate the illegal occupation of other people; it would negate the taking of territory by force; it would prohibit the infinite number of sins now being committed by Israel with US. backing and US. financing" and an end to the double standards. '3' Bulletin! Bulletin! Bulletin! Bulletin!

On June 24, 1993, ADC, the National Association of Arab-Americans (NAAA), the Association of Arab-

American University Graduates (AAUG), and the American Federation of Ramallah, Palestine filed administrative claims for damages against certain cities and counties in California in connection with the ADL

spy case.

The documents notify the City and County of San Francisco, the County of Los Angeles, the City of Los

Angeles, the County of San Diego and the City of San Diego, that as a result of their provision of personal

and confidential governmental information to the ADL, its employees and agents, and others, they have

infringed on rights of privacy, speech, and association.

The Arab-American organizations are each seeking a minimum of \$100,000. The filing of administrative

claims is a necessary step before a lawsuit for damages can be filed in court against the municipal entities.

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ADC President awards Nizar el Bnrky
 Outstanding Literary Contributions
 Ambassador George Ball and Dr. Douglas Ball
 Authors of numerous works including The Passionate Attachment: America's Involvement with Israel, 1947 to the Present.
 journalistic Excellence and Integrity
 Fairness & Accuracy In Reporting (FAIR)
 A national media watch organization which monitors, documents and protests bias and imbalance in the media.
 Selfless Dedication to the Women and Children of Palestine
 Samiha S. Khalil (Um Khalil)
 Founding president of the Society of In'ash El-Usra, a pioneering Palestinian women's self-help organization, and president of the General Union of Palestinian Women and the Union of Voluntary Women's Societies.
 Chapter Organizing Award
 The New Hampshire Chapter of ADC, for its educational and outreach and coalition-building, for correcting historical disinformation in the media and rallying Americans to vote against the \$10 billion loan guarantees to Israel in the November elections.
 The New York City Chapter of ADC, for campaigning to remove a racist judge from the bench, staging a play on Lebanon, working on a community "Night Out Against Crime" and on an international parade with a float featuring flags from all the Arab states.
 Outstanding Campus Activism
 The Youngstown State University Campus Chapter, for its media outreach and effective coalition-building with campus minority, environmental and women's rights groups.
 The chapter organized a media workshop and sponsored numerous cultural events on campus.
 Oratorical Contest Winners
 College: First, Katherine Metres; Second, Naseem Tuffaha; Third, Nizar Andari .
 High School: First, Mona Dallal; Second, Leila Khan; Thzrd, Ianienah Sahouri
 Outstanding Academic Achievement
 Nizar el Barky, a 12-year-old Palestinian who came to the US. for medical treatment after being maimed by an Israeli
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 bomb. Initially unable to read or write, he is now excelling in school and won the "National Education Award" from the Council for Exceptional Children.

Lifetime Achievement

Dr. Emile Sayegh, for his outstanding commitment to community service. Past president of the Academy of Medicine and a frequent lecturer who has made numerous television appearances calling for an evenhanded U.S. Mideast policy.

Lifetime Achievement

His Excellency Rafik B. Hariri, Prime Minister of Lebanon, for his outstanding commitment to the nation and people of Lebanon. Through his company, OGER-LEBANON, he took on the monumental task of establishing new business districts and medical and educational complexes.

Special Chairmans Award

Dr. Michael Saba, for his outstanding dedication and service to the Arab-American community. He is president of the Attiyeh Foundation, which promotes Arab culture, author of The Armegeddon Network and founder of GULFAMERICA, a services company for U.S.-Arab trade.

Alex Odeh Memorial Organizing

Maha Jaber, San Francisco Chapter president, who managed to issue action alerts and organize letter-writing events in the midst of the developing ADL Spy Case.

Omar Kamhieh, Washington, DC. Chapter president, who

worked tirelessly on all ADC campaigns and sponsored cultural events to bring out the Arab community.

Outstanding Human Rights Efforts on Behalf of the Palestinian People under Occupation

Lynda Brayer, Esq., Executive Director of the Society of St. Yves, a legal aid society under the auspices of Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem which advocates for Palestinian rights.

Pioneering Efforts in journalism and on Behalf of the Arab-American Community

Helen Haje, founding member of several Arab-American organizations including ADC, active in humanitarian work and a veteran journalist and media consultant for major television news programs.

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"Reconstruction
of Lebanon"

The concluding panel ended the convention on a positive note. "Reconstruction of Lebanon," moderated by ADC National Board Member Dr. Safa Rifka, featured presentations by His Excellency Simon Karam, Ambassador of Lebanon to the U.S.; Dr. Ezzidine Shamsadine, Advisor to the Executive Director of the World Bank; Dr. Hala Maksoud, President of the Association of Arab-American University Graduates and Ghassan Sayyah, Chief Executive of the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) in Lebanon and head of the Lebanese non-governmental organizations (NGOS).

Ambassador Karam spoke about the present situation in Lebanon, stating that the war is definitely over. The Lebanese, he said, have to look to the future now and have embarked on an ambitious recovery program. He spoke of the need to address the serious social issues which have suffered from years of neglect and the needs for new political parties, to dismantle all remaining militias and for foreign capital investment in Lebanon. Implementation of Taif Accord has helped bring about this stability, he said. To increase productivity and confidence in the "paralyzed Lebanese civil service," he suggested that the government remove civil service immunity and implement a fair system of reward and punishment.

The ambassador reported that many foreign countries have re-opened their consulates and foreign dignitaries are increasingly visiting Lebanon. Most European airlines have resumed their flights. The economic situation is beginning to recover with the Lebanese currency stabilizing at 1,700 Lebanese pounds to the US. dollar. The amount of food loaded at the port of Beirut has increased, as have the number of incoming flights and Lebanon recently signed a loan agreement for \$175 million with the World Bank.

Ambassador Karam outlined Lebanon's ambitious \$13 billion '10-Year Reconstruction Plan. The Plan includes \$1.8 billion for electricity, \$825 million for a sewage and solid waste system, \$630 million for telecommunications, \$2.845 billion for roads

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His Excellency Simon Karam, Ambassador of Lebanon to the U.S., outlined the 10-year Reconstruction Plan and highways including a new beltway around the city of Beirut and rehabilitation of the airport and port of Beirut, \$415 million for the water system, \$1.135 billion for the education sector, \$600 million for hospitals and clinics in rural areas, \$850 million for housing for low-income and displaced Lebanese families, \$585 million for agricultural

development, \$350 for industrial development, \$250 million to buttress services rendered by the private sector, \$70 million for petroleum and \$170 million for reconstruction of government buildings.

This, he said, cannot be done exclusively by domestic means, but requires foreign investment. In this regard, Ambassador Karam noted the harm the US. trade restrictions has wrought on Lebanese recovery. The ongoing US. travel ban has also curtailed traditional U.S.-Lebanese commercial relations.

Solving the Arab-Israeli conflict, he said, will undoubtedly help Lebanon's recovery. Ambassador Karam concluded with hopes for a comprehensive Middle East peace and confidence that Lebanon will again become the cultural and banking center that it once was.

In his presentation, Dr. Ezzidin Shamsadine discussed a three-year \$2.4 billion reconstruction program which was worked out between Lebanon and the World Bank. With the help of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the new director of the World Bank and 22 people working in the field, Shamsadine announced that 1 million new telephone lines will be installed over the next 9 to 12 months. The Israeli invasion, he said, caused more devastation than all the years of civil war put together.

The accent, he said, should now be on a social contract of balanced regional development with special attention to southern Lebanon and the Beka'a which were neglected in the past. He stressed the need for an active role by the private sector, the need for vocational education and civil service reforms. The American University of

(I to r) YMCA-Letmmmm Chief Executive Glzassan Sayyah and Lebanese Ambassador Simon Karam listen as Dr. Ezzidin Shamsndine describes the World Bank's \$2.4 billion 3-year reconstructimr programfur Lebanon.

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Beirut, he announced, will be providing civil service training with \$1 million in funding from OPEC and Kuwait. There is still a gap of \$1 million in the program as potential donors await further evidence of stabilization. The new government under Prime Minister Rafic Hariri, he noted, includes a new Ministry of the Environment and "is action-oriented in terms of development."

"We reminisce about the values of tolerance, human integration, pluralism, equality and freedom that Lebanon, at least in our minds, represented."

- Hala Maksoud

Dr. Hala Maksoud remarked that this was her first upbeat speech about Lebanon in years, "We are finally, thank God, looking ahead and talking about its reconstruction."

She addressed "the rebuilding of the Lebanese Citizen and the reconstruction of the Lebanese spirit," calling for a formula "which would transcend sectarian politics and would place centerstage the human being no matter to what religion, community or sect he belongs."

In this vein, Maksoud suggested reviewing the valuable, as well as destructive, aspects of "the Lebanese experiment" in secularism which succeeded until the 1970s.

"We reminisce about the values of tolerance, human integration, pluralism, equality and freedom that Lebanon, at least in our minds, represented," she said, "We are all proud of...a model to be emulated where 17 sects lived together and prospered."

She fondly recalled the pre-war Lebanon of the 1960s and 70s when it was "truly democratic," when open dialog and creativity flourished and "every Lebanese felt at home everywhere in Lebanon," a time when Lebanon was open to the world and Beirut was the cultural center of the Arab world.

Maksoud called for a return to these values, while taking care to avoid sectarianism and the old system of patronage. She called for building on

ADC Times the talents of the individual, a "de-confessionalized" Civil service based on personal merit, a standardized national curriculum to help foster national identity in both public and private schools, special attention to vocational training to rehabilitate the "lost war generation," a crackdown on the black market and having free enterprise with "an economic Vision" that would take into consideration the desperate needs of the Lebanese people in the aftermath of the war.

The final panelist, Ghassan Sayyah, gave a slide presentation on the

rehabilitation work of the YMCA and other non-governmental organizations in Lebanon. Some of the projects shown were a YMCA medical assistance program, a summer camp program in 65 locations throughout the country for 12,000 children and a vocational training program for 1,900 young people. Lebanese NGOs, he said, through their proven credibility and accountability, should be an integral part of Lebanon's reconstruction and should be considered partners in development by the Lebanese government, not competitors.

He informed the attendees that, in order to properly function, the NGOs require political stability in Lebanon, \$

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Drt Haln Maksoud, President Ofthe Association of Arab-Amerz'can University Graduates, discusses "the rebuilding Ofthe Lebanese citizen and the reconstruction of the Lebanese spirit. "

administrative reforms and the inclusion of more of the population, especially the young, in the rebuilding of their country... .

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Sunday Brunch:

George McGovern.

Abdulwahab Darawshe.

Clovis Maksoud

ADC President Albert Mokhiber was the Master of Ceremonies for the Sunday brunch where the Honorable George McGovern, President of the Middle East Policy Council; the Honorable Abdulwahab Darawshe, President of the Arab Democratic Party in Israel; and Dr. Clovis Maksoud, Director of the Center for the Study of the Global South at the American University, gave remarks. This concluding convention event included special greetings from Palestine President Yasser Arafat conveyed by Anis Barghouti, Director of the Palestine Affairs Center, and was capped off with rousing solidarity songs led by singer and activist Luci Murphy.

Senator George McGovern

In his address, McGovern drew striking parallels between the Middle East initiative launched in 1977 by President Jimmy Carter during his first months in office and the Clinton initiative launched in 1993 during the first months of his administration. Both presidents sent their secretaries of state to the Mideast on their first mission abroad. McGovern observed that the Clinton Administration appears to be repeating the previous effort made 16 years earlier by President Carter.

"Why," he asked, "are we here this afternoon repeating the same scenario?" He recalled how the Carter Administration had initially sought a comprehensive solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict, one that would not bypass the Palestinians like Kissinger's step-by-step policy. At the time, then-Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin opposed a comprehensive settlement and would only consider a plan for Israeli-Jordanian partition of Palestine. In 1977, Israeli inflexibility made it impossible for the Arabs to make procedural and substantive concessions that have since undermined Arab moderates. Carter's support for a Palestinian homeland and proposed Israeli withdrawal were opposed by the Conference of Presidents of American Jewish Organizations, AIPAC and pro-

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Israeli Members of Congress. Newly-elected President Carter was shaken up by the severity of opposition, so much so, said McGovern, that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachim Begin were convinced that Carter could not bring it off. Sadat then made his Jerusalem trip and a separate peace that isolated Syria. McGovern stressed to a vigorous round of applause that "the central lesson of recent history" is that "an Arab-Israeli peace that ignores the Palestinian cry for self-determination is no peace at

all." "The consequence of the failure to resolve the heart of the conflict which is the Palestinian grievances and aspirations meant that this region simply could not be stabilized." He then went over some of these consequences: Sadat paid with his life, Israel invaded Lebanon without any fear of Egyptian intervention, 241 US. Marines lost their lives and Americans were taken hostage. A comprehensive peace is more difficult in 1993, he said, with "an explosion of settlements" in the occupied Palestinian territories, the growth of extremist militant Islamic groups and widespread public misunderstanding of Islam in the US. According to McGovern, it is not clear at this point whether the Clinton Administration will seek Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank, although Rabin seems to envision a final agreement whereby Israel would retain 40% of the West Bank, leaving the Palestinians three or four non-contiguous homelands with some degree of autonomy and no real independence. McGovern then addressed the possibility of a separate Israeli-Syrian agreement which Israel had been circulating. "An agreement such as this would simply not stand the test of time," he declared recalling again the consequences of the separate Israeli-Egyptian peace, concluding with a warning that history should not repeat itself. McGovern called on ADC to help the Administration think clearly, to show that this would actually threaten Israel and moderate Arab regimes in the long run. Israel has created a Frankenstein monster of the P.L.O. which McGovern affirmed "has been on the side of a just settlement all along."

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Recent acts by Hamas, he maintained, will make it easier for Rabin to portray "Islamic fundamentalism" as "the new international threat to the U.S.;" the "Red scare" of "global Communism" replaced by the new "Green scare." "Neither mainline Islam nor Islamic fundamentalism is a threat to a just peace, to say nothing of American interests in the Middle East," McGovern asserted. He advised Americans to address the grievances and aspirations of those supporting the Islamic movement all across the Arab world and to help alleviate poverty, neo-colonialism and corruption throughout the Middle East. "Solve those problems," he asserted, and America's one-sided support of Israel, "and you don't have to worry." Abdulwahab Darawshe. M.K.

The Honorable Abdulwahab Darawshe, Member of the Israeli Knesset and head of the Democratic Arab Party, spoke, first with an Arabic greeting and then an address in English. Darawshe explained that there are eight Pales-

tinian Members of the Knesset representing those Palestinians who remained in their homeland in 1948. "We remained," he declared, "raising our national slogan _ 'We are here planted as long as there are zaatar and olives'."

The 800,000 Palestinians of Israel struggle against discrimination in all fields. He said that they support a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, with Jerusalem as Palestine's capital, while striving for equality for themselves in Israel. He emphatically debunked the familiar notion of Israel being "the only democracy in the Middle East" "I say, as a Member of the Knesset, that is a big lie. Because democracy and discrimination cannot dwell together."

Speaking of the Palestinian-Israeli community, he said that they had helped vote in the Labor Party in the last election in the hopes that the new government would adopt a better policy. Nine months have passed, he noted, and warned that if the Israeli government continues the same brutal policy, "We, the Arab Members of the ADC Times

Knesset, will do our best to break this government." In reference to the possibility of Likud's Benjamin Netanyahu seizing the government, he noted that if Rabin continues the policy of Shamir, "then what is the difference between Rabin and Netanyahu?"

Darawshe emphatically refuted an idea floated earlier in the convention by Dr. Fouad Moughrabi that the best solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict might be the full annexation of the occupied Palestinian territories by Israel. "Unwise thinking," he termed this and reminded the audience that, having suffered 45 years of discrimination, Palestinian-Israelis know firsthand that annexation of two million more Palestinians would not bring about any more equality.

The Democratic Arab Party, he said, wants to build up future relations with the Arab community in the United States and liberal American and Israeli Jews. He presented to ADC a hand-hammered brass tray "made in Nazareth by Palestinian hands" with greetings from the Democratic Arab Party.

Ambassador Clovis Maksoud

Dr. Clovis Maksoud, former ambassador from the Arab League to the United Nations, also spoke out against any separate peace made at the expense of the Palestinians. He maintained that the current peace talks don't qualify as negotiations because Israel doesn't acknowledge that it is an occupying power. Maksoud also called for a change in the terms of reference in the talks which he felt should go back to the UN Security Council in accordance with international law in order to prevent the relevant U.N. resolutions on the Arab-Israeli conflict from being watered down. Finally, Maksoud called on the PLO and Hamas not to compete with each other for leadership of the Palestinian national struggle, but to join forces and coordinate their efforts.

The Sunday brunch concluded on a rousing note with songs of solidarity led by Luci Murphy, an African-American performer and songleader from Washington, DC. The brunch attendees eagerly clapped and sang along with an ANC volunteer song from South Africa titled, "It doesn't matter if you should jail me," and "Palestine," written and composed by Murphy herself. Then they spontaneously danced the debke around the tables to the gospel tune, "Down by the Riverside," adding special lyrics for Somalia, Bosnia, Lebanon, South Africa and Palestine.

(clockwise from top left) Senator George McGovern, Ambassador Clovis Maksoud, Director Of the Palestine Agnirs Center Anecs Barghotlti, brunch revelers and Abdulwahab Damwshc, M.Ki

s the campus chapter program

Amarks its second year, its success is becoming increasingly evident. More students are active with ADC than ever before and this year an unprecedented number participated in ADC/s National Convention.

ADC's student activists have succeeded in broadcasting their views through the campus media, in building strong coalitions with other student groups, and in educating the campus community about Arab-Americans. Recently, the B'nai B'rith's campus arm, Hillel, began to distribute flyers warning about ADC's growing strength on American campuses. The San Francisco Hillel/s flyer also aimed to help B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League (ADL) with its "spin control" on the developing "ADL Spy Case." The ADL is being criminally investigated for selling confidential data on anti-Apartheid activists to the South African government. Evidence shows that the ADL collected intelligence on 1005 of civil rights groups. (See pp.11, 18, 21-8, 33-4, 44, 46)

Brown University

On April 28, ADC-Brown hosted former US. hostage, Robert Polhill, who spoke about his experiences in Lebanon to a packed auditorium of students, faculty and Providence residents. According to ADC-Brown chapter president Gregory Shadid, Polhill, although bitter at his captors, was careful to distinguish this small minority motivated by profit from the rest of the Arab world.

On April 21, the Brown University Chapter showed the movie, "A Wedding in Galilee."

Columbia University

ADC's Columbia chapter, led by Nezar Andary, organized over 10 events and wrote many articles in school newspapers and one published in The New York Times.

The most popular event on campus was a film festival, CO-sponsored by Friends of Lebanon, Institute for Research on Women and Gender,

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Women's History Month, the Whitney M. Young Program for Race and Religious Relations Program at Columbia, Amnesty International, Asian-American Awareness Month and the Middle East Solidarity Alliance. The films included "Razor Edge," a film about a young girl's experience in the Lebanese Civil war; "Canticle of Stones," a love story set in the midst of the occupation of Palestine by the Palestinian director, Michel Khleife; "A Door to the Sky," about issues of post-Colonialism, gender, and Islam in Fez, Morocco; and "Childhood Lost," about Lebanese children in the civil war. Dr. Mona

Macksoud, one the producers on the last film, discussed her work following the screening.

Other events included a panel on contemporary Arab art led by Abdallah Kahil and Zainab Bahrani; a showing of the PBS documentary, "Journey to the Occupied Lands" to commemorate Palestinian Land Day; an Arabic Club Night in which the proceeds went to schools in Gaza; an afternoon of traditional dabke performed by the al-Watan troupe featuring 'oud player Radoune Laktib. This last event was part of Asian-American Awareness Month.

Harvard University

The Harvard Crimson reported on the chapter's efforts in a lengthy March 22 article about Arab stereotypes. Naseem Tuffaha, the Chapter president, was quoted in the article explaining that "Education is the only solution in the long run."

To this end, on the April 10, chapter members distributed Dr. Jack Shaheen's Las Angeles Times editorial about stereotypes in the movie, "Aladdin," which was being shown on campus. On April 21, the chapter also brought Dr. Shaheen to speak on "The Images of Arabs and Muslims in Popular Culture." The presentation, a first for Harvard, was held in Boylston Hall. Mabruk! to Tuffaha who won second place in the First ADC Oratorical contest. (See page 35.)

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Indiana University

Jamal Kheiry, former intern and ADC activist, is a columnist for the Indiana Daily Student. In his latest column of April 6, titled "Don't believe the hype," Jamal blasted the media for its slanted anti-Arab coverage of the World Trade Center bombing. "The most recent 'lesson' on Islam and the Arabs," wrote Kheiry, "comes to us courtesy of the media's premature conviction of the Muslim Arab 'suspects' in the World Trade Center bombing. The fact that they're Arabs is damning enough, but that they are Muslims makes it a foregone conclusion that they're the crazies responsible for the heinous crime."

University of Colorado

Mabruk to ADC's new campus chapter at the University of Colorado and to new chapter president Ghassan Makarem.

University of Michigan

Alf mabruk to chapter president Katherine Metres who won first place in ADC'S first Oratorical Contest. (See page 35.) As a result, she was featured in an April 29 article in the Ann Arbor News. Metres told the newspaper, "I spoke about academic freedom, I talked about real versus ideal academic freedom and my experience as a columnist for the Michigan Daily."

On April 14, Metres was interviewed on WCBN-FM radio about her experiences as an Arab-American columnist for the Michigan Daily and the role of ABC's chapter at U. of M. She explained that the opinion editor who initially assigned the column took it away as a result of Metres' questioning President Clinton's judgment on Israel.

University of North

Carolina at Chapel Hill

During Race Relations Week from

April 4 to 11, the Students for the Advancement of Race Relations (SARR)

contacted chapter co-president Dina

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Dajani in an attempt to sponsor a debate on the Arab-Israeli conflict. SARR wanted the ADC chapter to provide one speaker and the campus Hillel Chapter to sponsor the other one. The ADC chapter agreed but Hillel turned down the offer saying the debate would turn into a shouting match and was scheduled during Passover. Instead of a debate, the ADC chapter ended up inviting Marty Rosenbluth to speak on April 7 at the Student Union about the recent closures in the occupied Palestinian territories and Israel's violations of international law. Rosenbluth formerly worked with the Palestinian human rights organization, Al-Haq. Also on April 7, Dajani served on a panel dealing with the university administrators and their relationship to student minority/diversity groups. Other students groups represented included the Black Student Movement, Carolina Hispanic Association and the Asian Student Association.

ADC-UNC co-president Derek Shadid circulated a campus petition, with over 1,000 signatures so far, calling for a political science course on the Middle East. Currently, UNC does not have a single class on that topic. Rama Kayyali and Dajani have scheduled a meeting with the university administration regarding this issue.

Dajani represented the UNC Chapter and also helped out at ADC's 10th National Convention.

Wichita State University

On April 5, Wichita State's campus newspaper, Sunflower, ran an article titled "Group Aims to Improve Negative Stereotypes" which quoted chapter contact Signe Knee describing ADC and its campus activities. Knee was surprised by the accurate and positive coverage, given the Sunflower's record on issues of concern to the chapter. In the article Knee was quoted saying, "We are concerned about how Arabs are portrayed in the media because there is a tendency for anti-Arab labels."

Youngstown State

University

A special mabruk to ADC's Youngstown chapter which recently won several honors. The chapter won the best Campus Chapter Award at ADC's 10th National Convention (see page 35.) They also received two Youngstown State honors, the NOVA award, given annually to the most active student group on campus, and the Edna K. McDonald Cultural Awareness Award in recognition of their outstanding commitment to cultural diversity.

On May 3, the chapter drew 30 people for its press conference about the Ohio State bill, SB 64, which would allow the state of Ohio to purchase Israel bonds with taxpayers' money.

Chapter members also wrote letters to their Ohio Senators and distributed hundreds of flyers about SB 64, arguing against the bill. Dr. Nawal Ammar the chapter's advisor, participated in a strategy meeting at the Arab Community Center in Youngstown. 'to You call, you write, but there3s nothing like being home With family and friends .

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Atlanta

ADC-Atlanta member Shereen

Salam has contacted all schools in the Cobb County School system and sent them ADC's Teachers Rvsm/rn's (m the Middle East and Edumtimml Outri'urli t? ACHUH Guide. Following the World Trade Center bombing, ADC-Atlanta member Ayman Naseri published a letter on the unfair media coverage of Islam in the Emory University newspaper. He clarified the differences between the religion, the various movements of Islamic fundamentalism, and extremism - distinctions which are frequently blurred in the media. Anyone in the Atlanta area who would like to join the Atlanta chapter, should contact ADC Organizing Assistant Omar Jabara at 202-244-2990.

Baltimore

On April 3, the Baltimore Chapter gave a reception and potluck dinner attended by 75 people for Kathyryn Abdul-Baki at Towson State University. Abdul-Baki is the author of Fields of Fig and Olive: Anzeera and Other Stories of the Middle East, a series of short stories whose main characters are Arab women. The event included a discussion of her book and a book-sign'ing. On May 22, the Baltimore Chapter organized a potluck dinner and panel discussion on the Middle East at Towson State University with 65 attendees. Speakers were Michael Hudson, Professor of Contemporary Arab Studies at Georgetown University, - Geoffrey Price III, Foreign Editor for the Baltimore Sun; and Sharif Elmusa, a member of the Palestinian delegation to the multi-lateral talks on water and land issues.

Boston

On March 20, the Boston chapter gave a Middle Eastern dinner at Harvard Law School with speakers: Dr. Hatim Kanaaneh, M.D., of Galilee Society for Health and Human Services; Dr. Jonathan Fine, MD. of Physicians for Human Rights; and journalist Lamis

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Adoni. "The Palestinian Struggle for Health as a Human Right" was the topic of discussion. Over 60 attended to raise money for the Galilee Society and ADC. Mabruk to the chapter's Media Committee which successfully protested to WGBH (Boston Public Television) about its airing of the 5-part series, "Birth of Israel." WGBH conceded that the program was biased and agreed to televise a program to be suggested by the ADC-Boston chapter that would present an Arab perspective.

Majed Tomeh, president of the chapter was interviewed by Channel 7 (CBS) immediately after the World Trade Center bombing. He touched upon

fears of a backlash against Arab-Americans.

Chicago

tCorrection: In the March, 1993, issue of The ADC Times, the extensive outreach efforts on the Mohamad Jarad campaign were undertaken by ADC member Dalal Iarad who directed a coalition of groups including the American Friends Service Committee represented by Jennifer Bing-Canar/Mercy Corps represented by Rev. Don Wagner and Professor Francis Boyle of the University of Illinois

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ADC-Chicago's 6th Annual Awards Banquet (I to r): ADC members Nader Amr and Talat

A hearty welcome to Linda Mitry, ADC's new Chicago Regional Coordinator. Well-known in the Chicago community, she has served as Cultural Director and Educational Advisor to the Ramallah Club, hosted a monthly radio program on CRIS and was campaign manager for Ray Hanania's bid for state legislator. ADC-Chicago also welcomes summer intern, Nader Jarad.

The Chicago chapter will miss Mona Igram, former Regional Coordinator, who has relocated to New Hampshire.

On May 1 at the Holiday Inn, the ADC-Chicago chapter hosted the first of a series of seminars to educate and organize the Arab-American community. Attended by more than 50 people, it revolved around the theme, "We Can Make a Difference," and featured Ray Hanania from the Association of Arab-American Journalists who spoke on how to make our voice count in Washington.

On April 3, the Chicago Hilton was the site of the ADC-Chicago Chapter's 6th Annual Awards Banquet. Award recipients included: Bill Kurtis of WBBM-TV for his educational series "The New Explorers;" Tad Szulc, the author of the National Geographic article, "Who are the Palestinians?;" and Channel 11, for its PBS "Frontline" document.

Otlmzan, WBBM-TV's Bill Kurtis, ADC's Nulza and Mulmmad Dabbouseh _ with two younger ADC members in front.

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tary, "Journey to the Occupied Territories."

Connecticut

On March 8, Chapter president Mohammed Asheh met with Congressman Christopher Shays (R-CT) to discuss the Palestinian exiles. Shays wrote back, "As per our conversation, I will write to the State Department and the Israeli government expressing my strong opposition to Israel's actions and my support of UN. Resolution 799."

On April 19th, Asheh was invited to speak at a forum sponsored by the Middle East Crisis Committee (MECC) and the Coalition Against War in the Gulf. He spoke before 40 people on Palestinian rights based on his personal experiences. Also speaking was Amira Hass, an Israeli editor and journalist for Ha'aretz.

On March 29, Asheh and chapter activist George Hajjar, along with University of New Hampshire (UNH) student Amjad Arabi and MECC member Frank Panzarella, gave a presentation focusing on UNH's plans to build a branch campus in the occupied Palestinian territories and the expulsion of 400 Palestinians. Seventeen students and staff members attended including many opposed UNH's plans.

On April 1, ADC board member Father Simon Harak, S.J., gave a lecture at Wesleyan University on the subject, "The Expulsion and the Intifada." Over 40 people attended the event sponsored by the "Two People, One Land."

"Disabled for Palestine"

20-minute videocassette, NTSC, 1993
by the Middle East Council of Churches
Dallas

On February 2, the ADC-Dallas Chapter participated with other local organizations and the United Holy Land Fund in sponsoring a meeting between Dr. Rustum Nammari of Makasad Hospital in Jerusalem and Dallas residents interested in establishing a "Friends of Makasad" chapter.

On March 21, ADC member Munir Bayoud was honored by a dinner attended by 262 friends and co-workers for his long years of work toward improving understanding between Arab-Americans and other Americans. The event was covered the following day in the Dallas Morning News.

Chapter president Katie Bayoud participated in "Palestine Day" on April 16 at an elementary school in Richardson.

ADC member Matthew Hogan published a letter in the March 20 Dallas Morning News, on the double standard in the media when covering and investigating the legal status of Violent criminals. He wrote, "The accused bomber of the World Trade Center is a Middle Eastern Muslim who apparently overstayed his visa and is here illegal-

ly...all the while it is being only casually noted that many of David Koresh's group come from Britain or Australia...Apparently, when foreign terrorists killing our people are white Christians, it's no big deal how they got here, but when they are brown non-Christians, suddenly our borders are out of control."

The Dallas Morning News also printed ADC member Taher Abughazaleh's letter on March 26 to counterbalance a Disabled, for \$4

March 17 letter praising Israel for its humanity in offering refuge to Bosnians. Abughazaleh wrote, "While the Israeli gesture of accepting Bosnian refugees is commendable, it is not consistent with the human rights Violations by Israel...iwhichl continues to defy the world and ignore hundreds of UN. resolutions."

Flint. Michigan

On May 3, the residence of ADC-Flint chapter president Hani Bawardi was firebombed by unknown assailants. He and his 73-year-old mother escaped the fire unharmed. After the hate crime had gone unreported by the local media for a full week, the chapter sent out a news release on May 10.

On May 2, the Greater Detroit Inter-faith Round Table honored ADC-Flint member Jack Hamady at its banquet which raised funds for high school scholarships to be awarded to Arab and Jewish seniors competing in an essay contest.

Honolulu

ADC-Honolulu member Saleem

Ahmed presented a content analysis in a seminar for high school social studies department Chairpersons on the textbook, History and Life. He discussed its coverage of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. In a letter thanking Ahmed for his presentation, Sharon Kaohi, a State Education Specialist in Social Studies wrote, "The afternoon session you conducted...was thoughtprovoking and heightened our awareness of historical ..the best medical solution for Palestinians is to end the occupation."

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inaccuracies and biases. The points you reviewed in the content analysis of History and Life textbook used in several schools regarding its coverage of the Israeli-Palestine conflict clearly demonstrated the need for schools to ensure our students' development as critical thinkers and inquirers".

Houston

Houston Chapter president, Yasmeena Samahy, fully briefed Mr. Efrain Martinez of the Community Relations Service of the Justice Department on the San Francisco Police Department investigation of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Samahy also briefed the FBI, the US. Assistant Attorney, and the Criminal Intelligence Division of the Houston Police Department.

On April 8, ADC member Margaret King arranged a reception at Magic Island for Steve Sosehe of the Palestine Children's Relief Fund (PCRF) and two injured Palestinian children during their visit to Houston.

On April 21, Samahy taught a workshop to concerned parents who are active in their local mosque. The parents will disseminate ADC's "Teaching the Teachers" materials and reach out to the Houston school system in which ADL's "World of Difference" program is making a comeback. "World of Difference" is a multicultural sensitivity program which has so far excluded Arabs and Muslims.

Samahy has established a relationship with Harriet Erlich, district director of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). On April 15, ADC member Allam Mahmoud attended an EEOC workshop geared toward the Latino community in order to make recommendations on how to tailor an upcoming jointly-planned EEOC and ADC workshop to meet the needs of the Arab community.

ADC members voiced complaints regarding the lack of positive coverage from KTRK TV 13. Samir Safadi organized a letter-writing campaign to the Federal Communications Commission focusing on TV 13's exclusion of coverage of positive events in the Arab and Muslim community and its intense focus on negative ones.

Mabruk to the Houston Chapter and Mahmoud Samman for successfully protesting a defamatory passage in

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Azizierim, Pastmid Present, a college level US. history textbook. In the second volume, which covers US. history from 1885 to the present, a passage about the attack on the US. Marine barracks in Lebanon referred to "a Moslem terrorist."

Samman contacted the publisher, Harper Collins and one of the textbooks authors with his concerns about referring to the attack-

er according to his religion. The following month, Samman received an apology from the author for the unintentional mistake and the assurance that the next edition of the book will not contain the error.

During the month of March, ADC-Houston member Ramses Sesostris took his beautiful dis-TEACHING POSITION

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On March 4, ADC-Houston co-sponsored the "Women for Women in Bosnia Rally" which was covered by Channel 18 News. The march of 250 people included many diverse groups and an additional 100 people gathered at City Hall to hear speeches, one given by Samahy. ADCeHouston's Farha Ahmed and Rascha Mahmoud assisted in carrying the chapter's new banner. In preparation for the rally, Samahy did a 10-minute TV segment focussing on rape as a weapon of war.

Los Angeles

ADC's Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego chapters are actively pursuing the ADL spy case (see pp. 11, 18, 21-8, 33-4, 46). ADC LA. Regional Coordinator Nazih Bayda chaired numerous meetings in order to form a broad coalition of peace activists who are victims of the spying. The LA. regional office also worked on getting City officials to investigate the role of the Los Angeles police department (LAPD) in spying on Arab-Americans. ADC-L.A. chapter president Don Bustany and Bayda communicated with LA. City council members, County Supervisors, the Sheriff's department and the LAPD. They met with LA. Deputy Chief of Police Ronald Banks and Captain Pomeroy, the head of the LAPD Intelligence Division. The LAPD assured Bayda and Bustany that it is cooperating with the San Francisco Dis-May-June 1993

trict Attorney's investigation. Bayda and Bustany also met with Arlo Smith, the San Francisco D.A., who briefed them and other members of the community on the progress of the investigations. Bayda asked Smith if the ADL will be indicted to which the DA. replied that "we will go wherever the investigations will lead us."

On May 3, Bustany, Bayda and other community leaders met with the LA. District Attorney Gil Garcetti at the Islamic Center. Garcetti told the group, "There is not a person in this room who is not offended by the type of spying that has been alleged." At that point, Garcetti declined to either confirm or deny the existence of an investigation by his office into the ADL spy case. Louisiana

ADC member Jamal Hamdan wrote to Congressman Alcee Hasting (D-Fla) and C on gressman Jimmy Hayes (D-La) concerning his son, Anwer Hamdan, an American citizen, who was arrested in Israel on February 28, 1993. Hamdan wrote in his letter, "Since being held without charge in Ramallah Military Prison, Anwer has been interrogated for period of up to 72 hours at the Hebron Military Prison, most recently from Tuesday, March 16 to Thursday, March 18. Knowledge of previous events at that facility where torture routinely takes place have raised grave concern among the human rights or- ADC Times

ganizations who are aware of his circumstances. It is ironic that an American citizen is denied his freedom without due process of law by Israel, the largest single recipient of U.S. aid, merely because of his religious convictions. Hamdan is Muslim." Hamdan ended by entreating his political representatives to contact the Israeli ambassador, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Secretary of State Warren Christopher in order to bring about the immediate release of his son.

On March 19, Congressman Hayes wrote to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to voice his concern, "The State Department has...informed my office that the conditions in which Mr. Hamdan is being held are less than satisfactory." Hayes supported the points that the State Department raised with the Israeli government; among these points, Hayes emphasized "that the person be held in humane conditions, be allowed to consult with counsel and be charged or released." Hayes ended by requesting that Rabin "investigate the situation to ensure that Anwar Hamdan is given every consideration afforded by international law and by the special relationship between our two countries."

New Hampshire

Mabruk to the New Hampshire chapter for winning the 1993 Chapter Organizing Award, accepted by chapter president Nabil Migalli at the ADC National Convention (see box on page 35). Not resting on their laurels, ADC-New Hampshire members took part in the International Festival in Manchester from May 8 to 9 with a display including posters and colorful Egyptian rugs. On May 7, Migalli, as part of the Citizens Budget Campaign, took part in a conference about economic changes in the state held at the University of New Hampshire at Manchester.

On April 28, ADC member William Rotch, publisher of The Milford Cabinet and Wilton journal, ran several editorials (March 31, April 28, May 5) reflecting on ABC's 10th National Convention, which he and his wife Patty attended, Secretary of State Warren Christopher's address; and the difficulty of being Muslim in America. He noted that Palestinian independence and the ADL Spy case were the most talked-about topics at the convention.

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member David Van Strien published a letter in the April 24 Keene Sentinel on Israeli practices in the occupied Palestinian territories.

On April 15 and 18, Nabil Atiya gave two lectures on Islam, first, to 70 seventh graders at McKelvie School in Bedford and then to 50 members of the community at St. Paul Church in Con-

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ADC-New Hampshire member Anne Migalli displays Egyptian tree-of-life rug at International Festival in Manchester.

cord.
The New Hampshire chapter sent a letter of appreciation on April 30 to the publisher of The Union Leader for its "fair, balanced and sensitive coverage" of the World Trade Center bombing.

On March 12, Migalli addressed 120 Portsmouth High school students about "Arabs, Moslems and the Middle East." The director of the school program, Raymond Kneeland, wrote to Migalli to express his gratitude: "Your topic is one of great importance in today's world...I am sure it will stimulate some classroom discussion." On April 16, Migalli spoke on the same topic before an audience of 90 at a conference, titled "Diversity in the New World," at Newfound Memorial School. He also spoke at the regional conference of the New Hampshire Council on World Affairs." Another term of Arabic classes began March 31 at Our Lady of the Cedars in Manchester and will run for 12 weeks. An introductory course and an intermediate course was offered to the public at the fee of \$30.

On March 6, Paul Kfoury, a member and advisor to the chapter board, and ADC board member MaryAnn Lajeunesse were interviewed about the World Trade Center bombing by the Manchester Union Leader. Lajeunesse said, "I think people have to remember that both the Muslims and the Jews have extremist groups." On March 9, the newspaper's Editorial Page Director, Jim Finnegan, ran an editorial, "Backlash Feared," in response to their remarks. He stated, "The ideal, of course, is that we should all stop looking at each other as hyphenated-Americans, and especially when such incidents occur...Unfortunately, the ideal is not yet attainable".

On March 21, Migalli was interviewed by The New Hampshire Sunday News concerning his recent trip to Egypt

New York

Mabruk to the ADC-New York chapter, which won the 1993 Chapter Organizing Award, accepted by chapter president Mona Aboelnaga. (See box on page 35.)

Aboelnaga wrote a letter which was printed in the April 12 issue of New York Magazine, charging the magazine with exhibiting racism in its March 15 cover story titled "The Arab Connection: Breaking the World Trade Center Bombing Case." Aboelnaga wrote, "Suddenly, one's religion and ethnicity have become a basis for incrimination. It is shocking that in the politically correct nineties, a cover displaying such

racism would ever be allowed to go to print. Suddenly I am no longer the well-educated, successful professional of a week ago. Instead, my background equates me with one capable of carrying out terrorist attacks."

On March 10, Aboelnaga sent a letter of appreciation to Governor Mario Cuomo for having "displayed an understanding of this unfair characterization of a whole community due to the actions of a fanatical few."

The Child Welfare Administration has committed seed money for the establishment of a social services and counseling center for Arab-American families in the Brooklyn area, contingent upon ADC-NY raising contribut-

ing funds from the local Arab-American community. The Episcopal Diocese of Long Island has offered space for the center, which should be in operation by the end of this year. Anyone interested in helping should contact ADC Organizing Assistant Omar Jabara at 202-244-2990.

North Carolina

The May issue of The Prism, a community alternative newspaper, featured a front-page article by ADC-North Carolina activist Wa'el Masri about ADC's 10th National Convention. Masri reviewed the highlights and included feedback from ADC-North Carolina members who attended the convention. For example, Dr. Nabila Turjman said she was especially impressed with the younger generation of Arab-Americans' cultural interaction and civil rights activities. On April 21, the Durham County Democratic Party Convention approved a resolution on the Arab-Israeli conflict on which chapter president Burhan Ghanayem, Mrs. Ghanayem and Jack Holtzman of the Progressive Jewish Network were instrumental. The resolution supported the two-state solution, tied all future US. aid to Israel to a halt in settlement-building and human rights abuses and called for the Arab states to end their economic embargo against Israel.

Orange County, California

On March 26, Orange County chapter president Sami Odeh published a letter in The Los Angeles Times. In response to a March 12 commentary by David Lehrer, Odeh stated that Lehrer "attempts to label Anti-Defamation League's spying operations as a public service." Odeh pointed out the illegality of the ADL espionage, "The true danger to our democracy is organizations such as ADL that conduct illegal activities on a regular basis and seek to inhibit our freedoms and constitutional rights." Mabruk to ADC's Macs Jasser who was Chosen head of the Education Committee at the April 26 board of directors meeting. On April 22, Nadia Bettendorf spoke at California State University on the subject of the Intifada and the Middle East Peace Process.

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On May 15, the first annual ADC-Orange County dinner/ dance was held at the Holiday Inn Gateway Plaza in La Mirada.

Philadelphia

On March 27, Mr. Massoud Maalouf, Lebanese Charge d'Affaires, was the guest speaker at ADC-Philadelphia's 11th annual banquet and haffleh held at the Concordville Inn outside Philadelphia. ADC President Albert Mokhiber updated the 170 attendees on national activities. Philadelphia chapter member Susan Muaddi was presented with

the first annual chapter award for dedication and hard work on behalf of ADC. Outgoing chapter president Sarah Alfadl reviewed chapter accomplishments of the past year. Key organizer for the banquet was ADC National Board Member Naim Ayoub, Marwan Kreide was Master of Ceremonies, music was provided by Najeeb Nassar and his band and a raffle was especially popular.

On May 31, 60 people enjoyed the chapter's 2nd annual picnic at Ridley State Park.

Phoenix

On March 27, ADC-Phoenix held its 7th Annual Banquet at the El Zariba Shrine Auditorium. Selim Hammoud was Master of Ceremonies for the event, speaking to a crowd of 300. Past chapter president Fred Abood gave an address outlining the many chapter events and projects over the past year. Keynote speaker Casey Kasem mesmerized the crowd as he related name after name of Arab-Americans from every walk of life who have left their mark in the contemporary history of this country. Newly-elected chapter president Steve Arkawi presented Kasem with a plaque in appreciation for his work with ADC. The evening was topped off with Arabic music by Mousa Barakat and his band.

San Diego

On May 24, ADC President Albert Mokhiber and Los Angeles Regional Coordinator Nazih Bayda met with the Arab-American community in San Diego.

On May 15, members of the San Diego chapter participated in Rancho May-June 1993

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San Francisco

Mabruk to San Francisco chapter president Maha Jaber who won the 1993 Alex Odeh Memorial Organizing Award at the National Convention (See box on 35.)

On April 1, Jaber attended the San Francisco Human Rights Commission open house reception.

On May 18, ADC Vice-Chairman Ab-

deen Jabara arrived in San Francisco to work on the ADL case, meeting with Arab-American organization heads, members of the National Lawyers Guild, District Attorney Arlo Smith and Congressman Don Edwards (D-CA). On May 25, Jabara and Jaber attended a general meeting for the Coalition Against Surveillance about legal action on a national level. Arab- and non-Arab-Americans sent more than 2,000 letters of appreciation to the D.A.'s office. Jaber's letters-to-the-editor on the ADL case appeared in both the San Francisco Weekly and the Anderson anleyAdvcrtiser. (For more on the ADL, see pp. 11, 18, 21-8, 33-4, 44.)
Syracuse

On May 22, 120 people turned out for a Mujadaharah Dinner at St. Elias Church sponsored by ADC-Syracuse. A bake
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sale of delicacies donated by Chapter members was a special feature. Co-chairs on the dinner committee were Laraine Mahshie and Maryam Was-mund and time and effort were given by ADC-Syracuse members Jennifer Astafan, Victor Nashrawi, Suhair Nashrawi, Rose Rashid, Balkis Al-Mudamgha, Violet Humsi, Debbi Rezak, Lawrence el-Hindi, Salwa Musalam and Nanice Ismail. Sultana Musa, head of the bake sale committee, was helped out by Kawthar Shomar, Clemens Seikaly, Aziza Soaih, Nawal Obeid, Claire Abdo, Elvira Bajjaly, Yvonne Hodge, Violet Humsi, Kawthar Jishi and Rose Sopp.

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1993 Alex Odeh Memorial

Organizing Award (see box on page 35.) DC. area volunteers worked at the convention where ADC-D.C. hosted a reception for chapter contacts and activists from around the country. DC. Chapter members Paul Noursi, Sami Khatib, May Abboud, Mark Jacobs and Habib Ghanim participated in the convention's Congressional Day, meeting with Representative Connie Morella.

On March 10, Noursi and Mimi Hassanein had exhibits with information on the Arab world at the Kennedy High School Cultural Awareness Potluck Dinner in Silver Spring, Maryland.

On April 14, DC. chapter activists Mohammed Najjab and Samira Hussein gave a presentation about Arabic culture to a Teachers' Human Relations class sponsored by the Montgomery County Board of Education. They discussed the history of the Arab world and some experiences the Arab- (1 to r) ADC-Philadelphia's Marwan Kreide, Lebanese Charge d 'Affzzz' res Mas-soud Maalouf, ADC'S loan Hazbun, Gear e Shahwan and Sarah Al Fadl. Washington. D.C.

Mabruk to DC. Chapter president Omar Kamhieh on his receipt of the American community has had with the public school system. The class, attended by local teachers, explored ways to make the public school system better serve the Arab-American community.

On April 22, several hundred community members enjoyed a performance of the Ghorba Dabke Troupe at ADC-Phocm'x Banquet (I to r): Selim Hammond, Casey Kasem, Steve Arkawi and Farauk Al-Hnslzz'mz'

the Washington Grove Elementary School. ADC/s Hussein arranged the performance, oversaw an information booth as part of the International Week activities and made sure that a Palestinian flag was included in a flag display. Ghorba, which includes several

ADC-D.C. Chapter members, also gave two performances to standing ovations at the ADC National Convention.

ADC member Andy Shalal and his daughter took part in the Smithsonian's EXperimental Gallery, "The Kids Bridge," which ADC helped organize. The Kid's Bridge is a hands-on multi-cultural experience for children. '3.

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