

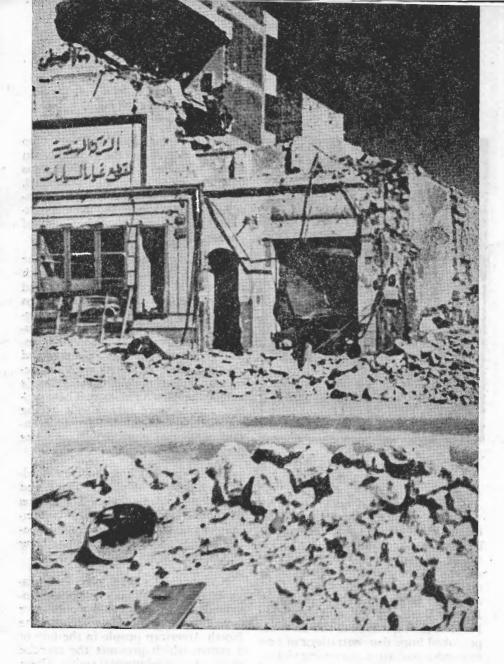
O N February 12, Israeli planes bombed several targets on Egyptian territory, including a civilian metallurgical plant where hundreds of men were working. As a result of this criminal action nearly a hundred workers were killed and another hundred wounded, most of them seriously.

By this action Israel scoffs at international public opinion once more and reveals its aggressive and expansionist essence. Besides, it is not by mere chance that this bombing and other actions carried out by Israel against the United Arab Republic in the last few days coincided with Nixon's statement on the recent delivery of weapons and aircraft, especially Phantom planes, to Israel.

US imperialism and the other imperialist powers continue to arm this agent of aggression and penetration in the Middle East. Obviously, Israel and its imperialist masters are increasingly worried over the growth of the Palestinian people's armed struggle and the strengthening of the revolutionary and progressive process in several Arab countries which threatens to destroy the imperialist and Zionist presence in this area forever.

Siding with US imperialism and Zionism in their aggressive plans, the reactionary forces in the Arab countries are carrying out maneuvers and conspiring against the Palestinian fighting movement and the progressive Arab movements. An example of this are the recent events in Jordan, where the reactionary, feudal and pro-US forces of Hussein's regime tried to destroy the Organization of Palestinian Commandos.

In view of these facts, the Executive Secretariat of OSPAAAL strongly condemns the criminal bombing perpetrated by Israeli planes against a civilian factory in the United Arab Republic and its continuous aggressions against the Arab countries; its also condemns the maneuvers of the Arab reactionary forces aimed at undermining the heroic struggle of the Palestinian people, whose action is, in the long run, the most genuine and powerful reply to the aggressors and their supporters: US imperialism and the other imperialist powers.



The Executive Secretariat of OSPAAAL calls upon the member organizations and all progressive forces to strengthen day by day their solidarity with and support to the just and

heroic struggle of the Palestine people, the progressive Arab governments and all the Arab peoples in their battle against imperialist-Zionist aggression.