

# A Sinister Political Trap

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**R**ECENTLY, U.S. imperialism and its lackey Israeli Zionism have been going all out to realize a new criminal scheme to strangle the Palestine revolution. On October 2, Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir made a big noise about establishing a so-called "Palestinian state" by the Jordan River. On October 15, a U.S. State Department spokesman clamoured that the United States supports the conception of forming a so-called "Palestinian entity." Meanwhile, a number of puppets controlled by U.S. imperialism and its lackey Israel came out into the open, rushing about and shouting themselves hoarse in an attempt to rig up a "free provisional government of Palestine." This string of conspiracies has been strongly condemned by the Palestinian and other Arab peoples.

The U.S. imperialists said that their call for the formation of a "Palestinian entity" was out of consideration for the "legitimate interest and aspirations" of the Palestinians. This is sheer humbug. Scrutiny of this conspiracy by the U.S.-Israeli aggressors shows it to be a sinister political trap designed by U.S. imperialism. Its criminal aim is to drive the Palestinian people and guerrillas into one or two small restricted areas where they would be exposed to attacks from the front and rear and thus restrict, disintegrate and annihilate the Palestinian revolutionary armed forces and quell the revolutionary flames of the Palestinian people.

The "Palestinian state" designed by the U.S.-Israeli aggressors is diametrically opposed to the national interests and aspirations of the Palestinian people who have long been shedding their blood and fighting valiantly for the sole purpose of recovering their lost territory, returning to their homeland and achieving the complete liberation of the Palestinian nation. But what U.S. imperialism is attempting is to bring about a "permanent solution" of the Palestine issue by marking out one or two small areas and setting up a so-called "Palestinian state" under the condition that Israel retains the vast territory of Palestine and other Arab countries which it has forcibly occupied for more than the past 20 years. In other words, this is an attempt to permanently legalize the status quo of Israeli aggression and write off at one stroke the sacred right of the Palestinian people to fight for national liberation.

The "Palestinian state" schemed by the U.S.-Israeli aggressors is in fact an out-and-out puppet state. U.S. imperialism is trying to establish neo-colonialist rule over the Palestinian people by buying over a handful of scum of the Palestinian nation as its agents. This means reducing the broad masses of the Palestinian people to colonialist slaves of the U.S.-Israeli aggressors and gravely imperilling the Arab people's national-liberation movement. It is only natural that this can never be accepted by the Palestinian and other Arab peoples.

The great leader Chairman Mao has pointed out: **"U.S. imperialism, which looks like a huge monster, is in essence a paper tiger, now in the throes of its death-bed struggle."**

U.S. imperialism has always resorted to counter-revolutionary dual tactics to strangle the Palestine revolution. Not long ago, the Nixon government came up with the "Rogers plan" in a futile effort to compel the Palestinian people to lay down their arms. Immediately afterwards, it egged on the reactionary Jordanian authorities to frantically suppress the Palestinian guerrillas. However, all its attempts, be it political deception or military suppression, have fizzled out. On the contrary, the aggressive schemes of U.S. imperialism have served by negative example to teach the Palestinian and other Arab peoples and brought about a more violent anti-U.S. storm. Under such circumstances, the Nixon government has turned to the new trick of setting up a so-called "Palestinian state" by patching up the "Rogers plan" and enlisting the services of a number of lackeys and puppets. This can only show that U.S. imperialism is at its wit's end.

**A just cause enjoys abundant support while an unjust cause finds little support.** The just struggle of the Palestinian and other Arab peoples enjoys the resolute support of the people of various countries in the world. At present, the situation of the anti-imperialist revolutionary struggle in the entire Arab world is excellent. By strengthening their unity, heightening their vigilance and persevering in fighting, the people of Palestine and other Arab countries will certainly be able to smash any intrigue of U.S. imperialism and its stooges and win greater victories on the road of fighting for national liberation.

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