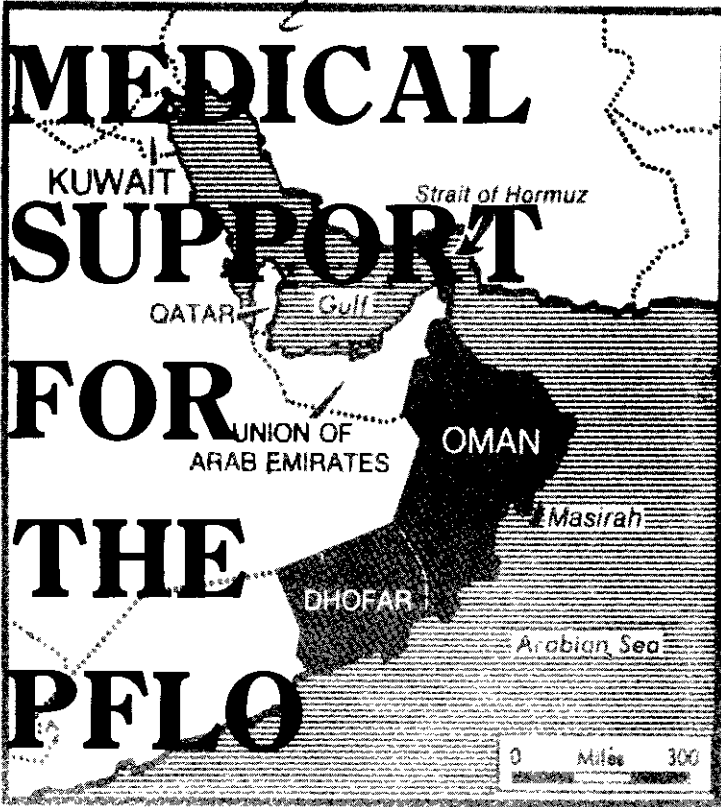


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People's Front for the Liberation of Oman

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Support the Revolution in Oman

Over the past year Liberation Support Movement has expanded its support of national liberation movements to include the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman (PFLO). As demonstrated by our support for revolutionary movements in Africa, we believe that genuine international solidarity can take many forms. Medical supplies, food concentrates and clothing are some of the tools which PFLO needs to advance the liberation struggle.

PFLO has often called on progressive forces throughout the world to contribute such desperately needed basic materials. But why medical supplies? During 150 years of British colonialism *not one* hospital or school was built in Oman. Importing medicines or practicing modern medicine was illegal and considered "subversive." Now the PFLO has liberated large areas of Oman from British rule, introduced schools and medical centers, and even built a road in Dhofar province. Reactionary forces (including the US) have imposed an economic blockade on Dhofar, conducted a systematic terror-bombing campaign, poisoned wells and destroyed livestock -- the mainstay of the economy. Widespread malnutrition and disease now pose a grave threat to the Omani people.

Clearly, providing medical supplies and funds to improve the people's health helps PFLO continue the liberation struggle. In a recent LSM interview one PFLO member stated: "Sometimes our fighters die from their wounds simply because there is no plasma." She went on to describe the dire life circumstances in Oman, never failing to express the determination and confidence with which the Omani people will continue to struggle against "neocolonialism" and for a society concerned with the well-being of all. You can participate in this process.



PFLO photo: health care in liberated Dhofar.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

LSM/East Coast Unit has collected many high quality medical supplies. These include:

- 2 pair crutches
- 1 microscope (complete with extra slides and case)
- 1 cauterizer
- 2 sterilizers (for surgical tools)
- 9 stethoscopes
- 9 pairs of surgical scissors
- 64 pieces of assorted surgical and examining equipment
- 582 emergency field medical compress kits.

In addition we have numerous assorted test tubes, containers, dressing gowns & masks, surgical gloves, trays, sutures, syringes, assorted disposable examining equipment, surgical thread, tape & needles, gauze and dressings, thermometers, test kits, applicators, books, and various medicines including vitamins and penicillin.

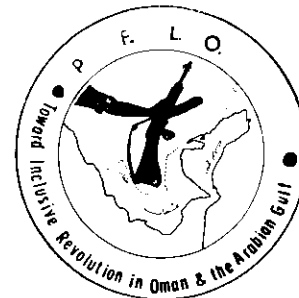
CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD SHIPPING EXPENSES

are being solicited by LSM/ECU. The above-mentioned supplies have been checked by doctors and are packed and ready for shipment. ALL THAT REMAINS IS TO RAISE THE \$700 NEEDED TO COVER SHIPPING EXPENSES. Can you help? The Omani people suffer daily, and many die for lack of supplies such as these. If everyone who receives this flyer donates \$3, then we can send the equipment right away.

We urge you to use this project to concretize your support for the people of Oman and for all people struggling for their liberation.

Send your contributions to:

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The Omani Red Crescent

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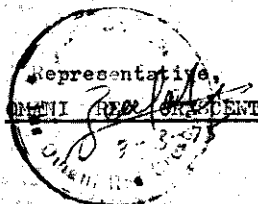
Comrades,

With much thanks we have received the carton of medicines sent by you. Unfortunately some of them have their validity expired in 1974. We wish to inform you that in future you send us larger quantities. We particularly need vitamins and antibiotics and they must bear a sufficient time for use as they take some time to reach the liberated areas.

Please do not send us any medicines by diplomatic mail because the duty on them is usually more than their actual value. The important things must be shipped by air. Large quantities of medicines or clothing or foodstuffs can be sent to Aden by sea with the address written on it.

Please accept our comradely regards and remain,

Comradely yours,



What is the PFLO?

US AGGRESSION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The imperialist powers, headed by the US, are becoming increasingly involved in the Middle East. We see it as an important part of our practice to expose ruling class fascist aggression against the people's struggle in the Gulf and its intervention throughout the Middle East. The US and Canadian media are sparing no efforts to build anti-Arab sentiment among the workers and middle classes in North America with racism and national chauvinism as weapons to "divide and conquer"; using US workers as pawns in their imperialist aggression. LSM is working to counter this and to build unity among the progressive forces within the metropolitan sector of the US Empire.

Oman is a small but strategically located Sultanate near the entrance to the Gulf. For ten years the population has been engaged in armed struggles against their feudal ruler, British colonialism and the US-armed and backed mercenary troops of the Shah of Iran.

THE GUERRILLA WAR

Although Oman is formally independent, British domination continues and has only recently begun to yield to the stronger US imperialism. The Sultanate of Oman has changed little since the 15th Century -- except for intense exploitation of its oil resources by companies like Shell Oil. When the armed struggle began in 1965 there were no schools or doctors, no electricity or water supply system, and only one road in the entire country. The Marxist-Leninist People's Front for the Liberation of Oman (PFLO) has liberated over 90% of the southern province, Dhofar, including a few major cities. Shell Oil operations have been forced out of the area. In the liberated zones the PFLO has waged a struggle to break down tribalism, collectivize property, eradicate illiteracy, provide medical care and liberate women.

The Omani guerrillas are the "threat" to Western oil sources recently referred to by Kissinger which would "justify" US military action to maintain the flow of oil supplies from the Gulf. Sixty per cent of the world's known oil reserves are located in or near the Gulf. It now supplies metropolitan nations with from 60 to 90% of their oil needs. It is not surprising that the US is already heavily involved in the area!

The attempt to "contain" and "crush" the revolution in the Gulf has been spearheaded by the Shah of Iran. The situation is not unlike that of southern Africa where the Portuguese played the role of gendarme for international imperialism, or of Indochina where Thai or Vietnamese mercenaries fight for US interests. The Shah is spending bil-

ions of dollars per year on US weapons while American corporations provide a front for the military training of Iranians by "special forces." Iranian troops were first introduced in Oman in large numbers to prop up the Sultanate and British forces in late 1973. According to the PFLO, reinforcements for the current offensive brought the Iranian presence to about 8,000, along with several hundred British "advisors" and Jordanian secret police.

In January 1975, Oman's Sultan Qabus paid a low-profile visit to Washington to request increased US support. Since then Kissinger has pledged to protect US oil supplies; US aircraft carriers were sent into the Gulf for the first time in 20 years, and the US has requested use of the British island base of Masirah off the coast of Oman.

If the US intervenes directly in the Middle East, Oman is a logical foothold for its military presence. Here they would not be so likely to arouse the nationalist ire of the Arab world, since the reactionary regimes of the area, e.g. Gulf sheikdoms, Saudi Arabia and North Yemen, see the revolution in Oman as a threat to their own continued existence. The US also fears that Oman, along with its neighbor the Marxist People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, will become a base for revolution in the entire Gulf area. For this reason, it is no more likely to concede this small country's escape from the imperialist system without fierce struggle than it was in the case of Vietnam. Oman's oil resources add to its desirability, but its primary value is strategic. A hostile government at the mouth of the Gulf, where oil supertankers pass 24 hours a day, is totally unacceptable to the US.

INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

LSM feels it essential that anti-imperialist forces try to create subjective conditions making US military involvement difficult if not impossible. This means that we must direct our efforts to breaking down the racist and chauvinist attitudes toward the Arab people perpetrated by ruling class media. It is for this reason that, along with our practice related to southern Africa, we are developing a strategy to build support for the national liberation struggles on the Arabian peninsula. This will include propaganda, anti-corporate agitation and material support for the PFLO. LSM's plans include sending a cadre to do informational work and to act as a liaison with liberation movements in the Middle East. Having someone on the spot will enable us to understand more closely the struggles and the people as well as to more accurately assess the political and material needs of the movements to guide our own practice.