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Dear Members and Friends:

We are taking the liberty of sending you a few items we felt would be of interest to you and also feel that it is time to address ourselves to the current problems facing us. We hope this letter will act as a guide for those of you who are already active in your community in Middle East affairs, and encourage those of you who are interested and looking for guidance.

As you all know, there is a need to cooperate and coordinate activities in communities throughout the country with other groups. It is imperative that we activate and mobilize large groups who share our views and are interested in a more evenhanded approach to the Middle East situation. A concentrated effort must be aimed at organizing a political movement to combat the strong Zionist Lobby in the U.S. Therefore, we must pool our resources and develop a planned systematic effort to reach key groups and individuals who are decision makers.

The following suggestions are offered as a part of a planned program to be undertaken by you and other members and groups in your community. Please let us know what programs you are undertaking and the results of said programs.

1. HUMAN RIGHTS DAY OBSERVANCES: December 10, 1973 is the 25th Anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights. (U.N.) Last year, programs were held in many cities in the U.S. on behalf of the Soviet Jews. This year, every effort should be made to hold observances which will dramatize both the need to apply the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to Palestinians, and the violations by Israel of those rights.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS:

- a. Peaceful marches
- b. Personal visits to Congressmen and Senators (Also state representatives)
- c. Letters to the editors
- d. Joint religious services
- e. Ask editors to write appropriate editorials on the topic
- f. Speakers whose topics are geared to the problems and solutions

2. LETTER WRITING AND MAILGRAM CAMPAIGNS: Now is the most opportune time to be sending letters, postal cards, mailgrams etc. to editors, Congressmen, Senators, the President, Secretary of State and other influential leaders on such subjects as the oil shortage, (pointing out that there is no need for the U.S. to be suffering from lack of fuel. All the Arab oil producing countries are asking in return for all the oil we need, is "fairness" and for the U.S. to live up to its commitment to have Israel withdraw from occupied territories, implementation of U.N. Resolution 242, and the right of the Palestinians to return to their homes. It is suggested that one can send a 100 word mailgram for only \$2.00) PLEASE SEND ALL COPIES OF LETTERS TO EDITORS AND CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS TO NAAA.

3. TELEPHONE CAMPAIGN: Every individual receiving this communication should call 5 relatives and/or friends and ask them to do the same, advising others to send some sort of a communication to Congressional members, the President, Sec. of State, and other influential leaders to use whatever leverage they have to bring pressure to bear on Israel to accept the terms of U.N. Resolution 242 and have them implemented, which will lift the oil embargo. If the embargo continues, it will be disastrous for the U.S. economy.

4. \$2.2 BILLION APPROPRIATION: There is still much to be done on the proposed legislation to have \$2.2 Billion appropriated for arms for Israel. Your Senators, Congressmen, The President and Secretary of State need to know that you are opposed to the proposed appropriation. Using the most effective method at your disposal, please let them know how you feel on the subject.

5. SPECIAL MEMORIAL SERVICES: This can take the form of a Vigil, Public Programs, Prayer Services, Rallies, etc. This too is aimed at Human Rights Day, (Dec. 10, 1973). Churches, Civic Groups, Cultural Groups, and others should focus on the plight of the Palestinian Refugees. Your local church and civic organizations should be approached to have joint services or demonstrations which would include speeches by knowledgeable leaders, including clergymen of all religious denominations.

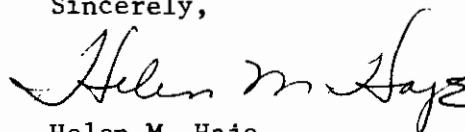
6. NATIONWIDE PETITIONS: Petitions dealing with the right of the Palestinians to Return to their homes, Implementation of U.N. Resolution 242, opposition to the proposed \$2.2 Billion appropriation for arms to Israel, (H.R. 11088). These petitions can take the form of a "chain" letter. Every person will send one letter to 10 people, and ask them to do the same and have all letters and/or petitions sent to the White House or if organized on a state level, to the Senators and Congressmen who represent you. This can also be used effectively as a campaign in letters to the editors.

The forgoing suggestions are just a few things which you might wish to consider as individuals or in cooperation with groups in your community. In all of your undertakings, please make sure that the local news media is notified and asked to cover the events.

We wish you all success in your programs, and encourage you to use your own imagination and initiative in planning events. We would like, however, to also encourage you to send us copies of all press clippings which might appear in local newspapers, copies of letters to the editors, (published and unpublished), all communications to the President, Senators, Congressmen, Secretary of State and other.

The NAAA office in Washington, D.C., will be happy to hear from you and we hope you will not hesitate to call on us when you have questions you feel we may be able to answer for you. We also suggest that you encourage your friends to become a member of the NAAA.

Sincerely,



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