

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ARAB AMERICANS

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Dear Friends:

The petition on the reverse side of this letter is just one way that we can voice our protest over the conditions existing in the Middle East which do not conform to our beliefs and principles regarding Human Rights and the equality of all peoples.

As a means of bringing to the attention of all interested parties, and more especially the members of the U.S. Congress and the Israeli government, we would appreciate if you could have as many people as you have communication with to sign the petition so that we can have them delivered to the President of the United States, Richard M. Nixon; the Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger; ranking members of the House and Senate, and possibly the Israeli Ambassadors in New York and Washington, D.C. We need thousands of Americans to sign the petition.

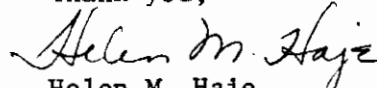
We would appreciate all the assistance you could give us in this endeavor. It will be necessary for you to return all signed petitions to us no later than December 7, 1973, so that they can be delivered on the 25th Anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights, ("Human Rights Day"), December 10, 1973.

Please return to:

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May we suggest that you set up a "Petition Table" in all churches in your community.

Thank you,



Helen M. Haje
Executive Secretary

Encl:

PALESTINE PETITION

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY, 12/10/73

TO: The President of the United States, Richard M. Nixon
The Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger
Prime Minister of Israel, Golda Meir

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights of the United Nations states, in Article 13 (2): "Everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country." Although the right to leave is continually invoked by Israel on behalf of Russian Jews, Israel's denial of the right of the displaced Palestinian Arabs, (Christian and Moslem alike), to return to their homeland--- despite repeated efforts by the United Nations in support of this right---represents a selective application of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which precludes justice for the Palestinian People and thereby the peaceful settlement of the Middle East problem. WE THEREFORE PETITION FOR THE FOLLOWING:

1. The U.S. Government seek an American Middle East Policy that supports a just Palestinian-Israeli settlement on the basis of the inalienable rights of all people;
2. Urge Americans to recognize that justice for the Palestinians and security for Israel are inter-dependent and not mutually exclusive;
3. Call upon Israel to honor the "human rights" of the Palestinians and their right to return.

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