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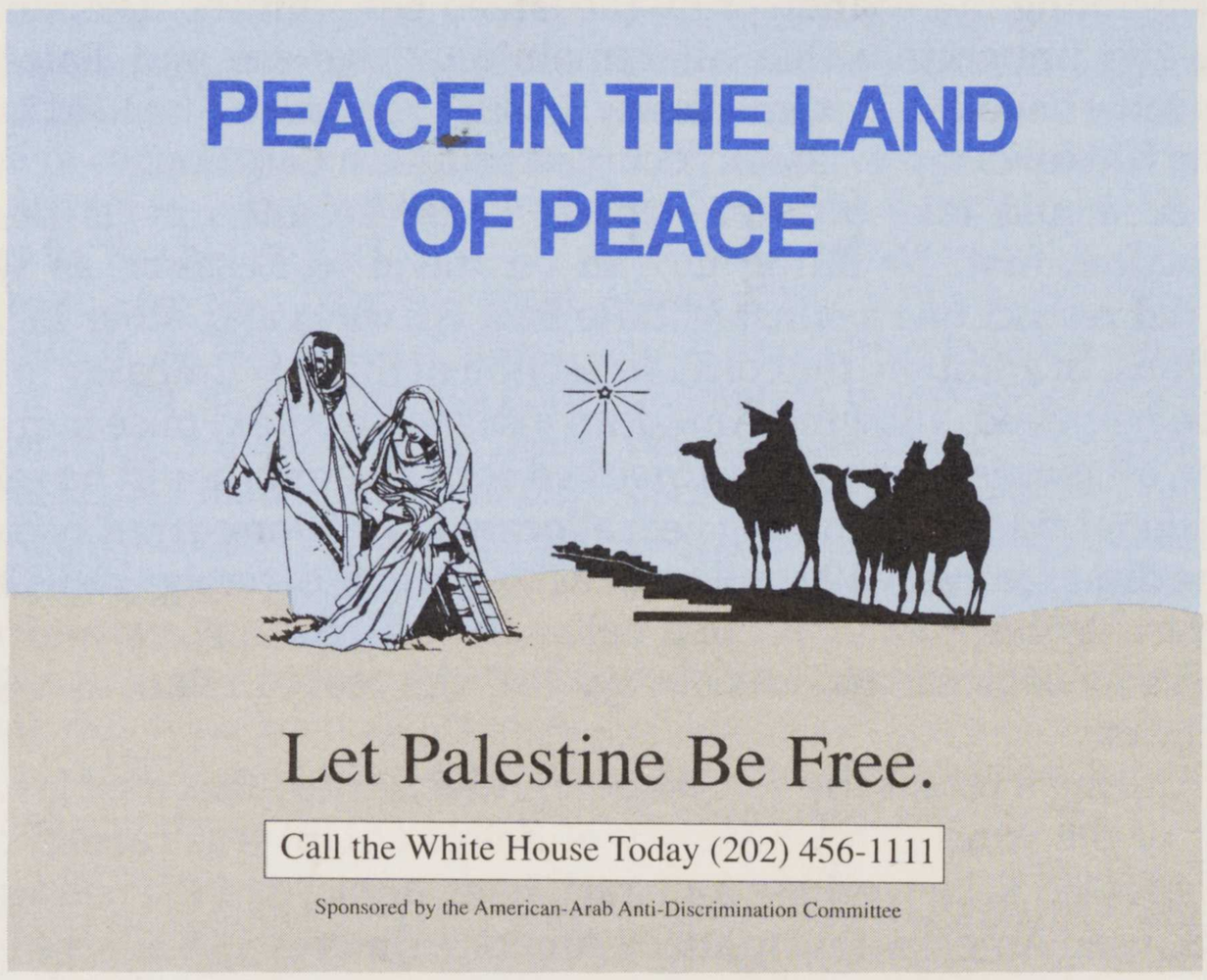

ADC sponsored this poster in the Washington, D.C. subway system in December and January

Peace Talks Resume in Washington; ADC Coordinates Speaking Tour for Delegates

On January 9, the Arab delegations returned to Washington for the third round of Middle East peace talks. Despite Israeli provocations aimed at scuttling the talks, the delegations came prepared to break ground on substantive matters.

Though the Bush Administration took a low-key approach to the first round of Washington talks, Secretary of State Baker did meet with Arab negotiators during their stay. However, the U.S. remained reticent about getting directly involved in disagreements between the Israeli and Palestinian delegations. While Israel blocked movement during the December talks by refusing to meet separately with the Palestinian delegation, they did sit down with Palestinians during face-to-face meetings in January. And though the Palestinians were pleased that their independent negotiating status was recognized and unheld, delegation spokesperson Hanan Mikhail-Ashrawi noted, "You can bring the Israelis to the table, but you can't make them negotiate."

As agreed upon in Madrid, the Palestinian delegation had come prepared with a model transitional self-government, the Palestinian Interim Self-Government Authority. This plan proposed an orderly transfer of power from the Israeli military to an elected Palestinian assembly. The Israelis, however, came empty-handed, with rudimentary proposals based on a

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3 ADC Steps up $10 Billion Campaign

Action Alert asks Congress & President to "Say No" to loans.

4 Amman Hosts Conference

ADC officials attend chapter events in Jordan.

5 ADC Urges Action on Lebanon

December visit to Beirut focuses on normalization of relations with U.S.

8 Suit Filed Against Tear Gas Producer

U.S. company charged with responsibility in deaths of eight Palestinians.

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