Campus Corner

Brown University

On December 4, the Brown University chapter of ADC and a Jewish student group co-sponsored a film presentation and discussion about the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. The films, which gave differing perspectives on the issue were Steve York's "Letters from Palestine" and "On Solid Ground." Professor Bill Beeman served as moderator for the discussion that followed, and students were quite pleased with the frank and open exchange of views.

On December 5, the chapter held a teach-in about conditions in Iraq. Featured panelists were Sara Zaidi, Roger Normand, and Andy Ryan, all members of the Harvard Medical Team that recently visited Iraq. The speakers also discussed a film that was shown about the situation in Iraq.

ADC would like to extends its best wishes to outgoing chapter coordinator **Greg Shadid**, and welcomes **Hanna Alireza**.

Michigan State University

The chapter joined a number of peace and justice groups in forming a Middle East Peace Coalition in the greater Lansing area. The coalition intends to support ongoing peace talks and to keep the community informed about current developments in the Middle East.

The chapter's Library Committee has been monitoring the Michigan State University Library on the availability of Middle East and Arab world resources. **Rebecca Criss** said the committee found "a balanced and satisfactory number of books and publications dealing with the Middle East in general and Palestine in particular." The committee plans to make requests for specific Middle East resources next semester.

The chapter continues to set up a weekly information booth at the International Center, and has had a number of editorials published recently in *The State News*.

Wichita State University

ADC's Wichita State University chapter has been extremely busy in support of the peace process and in consolidating its work with numerous coalition groups.

The chapter's media monitoring efforts paid off in early December. Following complaints about a biased report on the occupied territories aired on Channel 10 News, station representatives said that the concerns of ADC were welcome and suggested that a Palestinian perspective would be included in future reports on the occupied territories.

On the December 9th the chapter organized a demonstration to commemorate the fourth anniversary of the Palestinian uprising. A number of students and faculty members joined chapter members for the event which was covered by Channel 10 News and *The Sunflower*. Following the demonstration, the chapter sponsored a showing of the video, "The New World Order," featuring remarks by Professor Noam Chomsky.

A visit to the university by Palestinian delegates to the peace talks Freih Abu Medein of the Gaza Bar Association, and Samir Abdullah, professor of Economics at Al-Najah University, gave faculty and students a unique opportunity to learn about the goals and aspirations of the Palestinian people. The delegates were guest lecturers at the Global Learning Center and Interfaith Ministries, and were well-received by students and faculty. ADC's campus chapter assisted the hosts, and chapter organizer **Signe Knee** was authorized by city officials to present the delegates with the Wichita City Medallion and the city's official welcome.

On December 17, the chapter hosted an information and literature booth at the campus activity center.

Signe Knee has done a tremendous job building relations with other campus peace and justice groups, and attended a December 21 meeting with representatives of Kansans for Peace and Justice, Pax Christi, the Wichita State Faculty War and Peace Group, Faith and Resistance, Kansas Greens, and the National Organization of Women. Knee discussed Senator Tom Harkin's anti-Arab fundraising letter and related ADC actions. According to Knee, "Many of the people present were Harkin supporters and some even worked on his campaign, but all were astonished at his blatant anti-Arab rhetoric."

Finally, chapter members joined volunteers of the WSU Peace Center to sort and distribute clothing for local homeless shelters on November 27. ■

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Chapter Reports

Alabama

Responding to a distorted textbook map of the Middle East used in local schools, chapter president **Anis Salib** contacted publishers Silver Burdett & Ginn. The map depicted all of Jerusalem as within the boundaries of Israel, and referred to the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Golan Heights as "disputed" rather than "occupied" territories. In a letter to the editor of Silver Burdett & Ginn, Salib questioned the presentation of such blatant errors as "fact," noting that Israel's illegal occupation has been condemned by the United States and the world community. Salib asked the publishers to correct the errors, and urged that "a better-informed expert be entrusted with information to unsuspecting school children."

Austin

The chapter was busy coordinating the schedule for a January 16-18 visit by Palestinian and Jordanian delegates Samir Abdullah and Dr. Muhammad Alwan (see cover story for further details). ADC would like to extend special thanks to chapter coordinator **Samar Sakakini** and her husband **Khalil** for making the visit such a success.

Boston

The Boston chapter has been extremely busy informing Massachusetts residents about a number of topics of local and national interest. A recent "ADC Call for Action" was sent to all members to urge action on a range of issues including the investment of state pension funds in Israel Bonds, the impact of Israel's request for $10 billion in loan guarantees on the local economy, and a recent visit to Boston by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. During Shamir's visit to Boston, to receive an honorary degree from Boston University, the chapter learned that the state of Massachusetts was investing pension fund money in Israel Bonds. In November, Massachusetts State Treasurer Joe Malone announced that the state had already invested $5 million in Israel Bonds in 1991, and planned to invest another $3 million in 1992. The money used comes from State employee and teacher pension funds. The chapter sent a letter to Malone and to Massachusetts Governor William Weld to protest these investments, noting Israel's poor credit rating, its record on human rights and the low rate of return on Israel Bonds, and urged ADC members to do likewise.

It was also discovered that a number of Massachusetts banks including the Bank of Boston, Shawmut Bank and Fleet Bank, invest in Israel Bonds. The chapter alerted members to this and urged them to close accounts they may have with these institutions.

Chapter leaders also challenged Boston Mayor Raymond Flynn, who is currently president of the Conference of Mayors of U.S. Cities, about a letter he sent to colleagues nationwide urging mayoral to support for Israel's request for $10 billion in U.S. loan guarantees. The chapter has also undertaken a fundraising drive to support the placing of ads about the $10 billion loan in newspapers throughout Massachusetts.

The Boston chapter was also involved in the controversy over the animated Christmas program "The Little Drummer Boy," and contacted WSBK-TV to request that they not rebroadcast the show as scheduled. ADC members in the Boston area called the station to express their concern. Following a three-hour meeting, the station decided to go ahead with the broadcast. However, the programming director said the station would consider ADC's position regarding future showings. The *Boston Herald* covered the ADC request, which was also distributed by United Press International.

Correction: In the September-October issue of ADC Times, we incorrectly identified Mohamed Mansour as Boston's chapter president. Majed Tomeh is the ADC-Boston chapter president.

ADC-Chicago board members and frinds gather at the chapter's literature table during the Cook County Republican Convention in November

Buffalo

American University professor and former Arab League Ambassador Clovis Maksoud had a whirl-wind schedule during a November 13 visit to Buffalo. Sponsored by the ADC chapter and the Human Rights Center at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo, Maksoud concentrated on the Middle East peace talks during a meeting with the editorial board of the *Buffalo News* and a presentation before the Buffalo Council on World Affairs. A lecture at SUNY Law School concentrated on human rights and the Palestine question, and included an overview of the contemporary history of the Middle East. Later that evening, Maksoud gave a presentation on SUNY-Buffalo's main campus. According to chapter activist **Mona Igram**, Maksoud was well-