ADC-Washington members Ramzi Zacharias (l) and Ammar Hindi urge customers to sample Arabic delicacies at the Northern Virginia Folk Festival

Orange County

More than 200 people, including ADC Director of Media Relations Faris Bouhafa, enjoyed sports and catered food at the chapter picnic on June 11 at Irvine Park.

Zac Sidawi was one of four people who each had letters published in the *Los Angeles Times* on April 29 criticizing the postponement of the PBS film "Days of Rage: The Young Palestinians."

Oregon

The chapter hosted lectures by several distinguished speakers in April and May. Los Angeles chapter president **Fadwa El-Guindi** gave a lecture on feminism in the Arab world on May 2 at Lewis & Clark College in Portland. In late April and early May, **Nick Khoury** spoke about the PLO and former chapter president **Frank Afranji** spoke about the *intifada* to members of the community at the Portland Building downtown. In late April Khoury spoke at the headquarters of Beyond War in Multnomah, Oregon.

In addition, Mubarak Awad, founder of the Palestinian Center for the Study of Nonviolence, and his wife Nancy Nye gave presentations about their experiences in occupied Palestine during the chapter's annual elections at the Syrian Lebanese American Club on April 22. Frank Afranji, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) president Kathy Lingus, EMO chair and civil rights activist Rodney Page and high school student Chris Fox showed slides and discussed their March trip to Palestine and Israel as well. The 70 election participants chose Nick Khoury as coordinator, **Gloria Tuma** and **Daniel Woram** as co-coordinators, **Esther Rask** as secretary, and **Paul Rask** as treasurer.

Ottowa

An office to represent ADC in Canada was opened in Canada's capital in early May, and a staff person will soon be hired to serve as a national organizer for ADC's Canadian membership.

Philadelphia

ADC organized a May 30 event with Palestinian trade union activist Tamer Isawi at a Philadelphia union hall. Isawi addressed the problems facing Palestinian unions under Israeli occupation.

The chapter held a party on May 19 at the Seven Stars Inn to "roast" ADC national executive board member and outgoing chapter president **Naim Ayoub.** More than 60 celebrants—including ADC Chairman James Abourezk and Vice-Chairman **Harold Samhat**—enjoyed the merrymaking and entertainment and honored Ayoub for his contributions to ADC over the last eight years.

Phoenix

Chapter president **Joseph Najjar** assisted U.S. Senator Dennis DeConcini's office with a list of Palestinian contacts in the occupied territories for DeConcini to meet during his recent trip to Palestine and Israel. In addition, DeConcini met with ADC's Jerusalem director **Daoud Kuttab** and ADC member **Kamal Daoud** during his visit.

In late April, Najjar met with *Arizona Republic* religion editor Kim Perkes to provide input about stereotyping and discrimination for a series of articles Perkes was writing about Islam and Ramadan. **Amin Sahli** also assisted reporters at *The Phoenix Gazzette* and *Mesa Tribune* with articles they wrote about Ramadan.

Sacramento

The chapter has a feature every other month in the Sacramento Peace Center's monthly cooperative newspaper. The newspaper debuted in April and is sent to all 3,000 members of the participating organizations. Local board member **Yvonne Adassi** wrote ADC's first entry.

Elected to the chapter board on April 20 were **Lima Sahtout, Akef Shihabi, Mohammed Ghaigh, Fred Buderi** and **Adnan El-Musa.**

San Antonio

The San Antonio City Council declared April 28-May 5 Middle East Peace Week with a proclamation presented to chapter members **Mohsen** and **Lori Jouini** by Acting Mayor Joe Webb. On the occasion, members **Mike** and **Jennette Ramahi** donated books on Arab culture and civilization to the five branches of San Antonio's library system on behalf of ADC, as did William Rogers on behalf of the San Antonio Forum for Middle East Peace.

For the past year, the chapter has had a weekly half-hour television variety and talk-show sponsored by Rogers Cable TV and hosted by Mohsen Jouini. Aired each Saturday night on Channel 9, the show covers topics dealing with the Arab world, Islam and the local Arab community.

Meet the 1989 Summer Interns in the next issue of *ADC Times!*

Seattle

ADC's participation in the April 28-30 World Fest was very successful. The event's sponsor, the Ethnic Heritage Council, awarded honorable mentions to ADC for its display of books, handicrafts and artifacts. ADC sold and distributed falafel, Arabic music tapes, books of Nobel laureate Naguib Mahfuz (donated by **Ahmed Amr**) and literature on Arab civilization. All remaining literature was donated to local schools. Many thanks to local board member **Denise Warren** and volunteers for their contributions.

Su'ad Ziadeh coordinated an April 9 potluck dinner at St. Mark's auditorium. The dinner, attended by 120 people, included presentations about the *intifada* by Mubarak Awad and Nancy Nye.

Springfield, Missouri

More than a dozen local members wrote letters to PBS in early May urging them to air "Days of Rage: The Young Palestinians," the documentary exploring the *intifada*.

On April 25, chapter coordinator **Walid Abbasi** spoke to 40 members of the Springfield chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution about Palestinian culture and the *intifada*. He was very well received.

Toronto

The chapter formed a steering committee composed of **Reem Abd al-Kader, Ian Finch, Erika Steffer** and chapter coordinator **Salah Musa.** It also began a recruitment drive that has succeeded in drawing many new members.

Vermont

The chapter has worked with other humanitarian groups in raising public awareness about human rights violations in the occupied territories. In late May, chapter coordinator **Miriam Ward** spoke to 50 people at the Unitarian Church in Peterborough, New Hampshire about this subject with an emphasis on the treatment of Palestinian prisoners. The event was sponsored by the church's social concerns committee and Amnesty International.

ADC co-sponsored an April event organized by Pax Christi and Vermonters for Peace in the Middle East to raise funds for Palestinian medical relief. The event took place at Trinity College in Burlington and drew 100 people. It featured a showing of the PBS film "Letter From Palestine," a speech by Palestinian physician Dr. Salwa Najjab called "Medical Relief, the *intifada*, and Israeli Occupation," a book sale and a reception. Najjab's talk was also broadcast on a Burlington cable television station.

Washington, D.C.

The chapter participated in the weekend-long Northern Virginia Folk Festival, May 6-7, in Arlington, Virginia. About 5,000 people partook of the kibbeh, hummos, spinach fatayir, and lahme bi-a'jeen sold by the chapter, and hundreds of ADC recipe-sheets were distributed. The event was very successful in increasing ADC's local public exposure. ■

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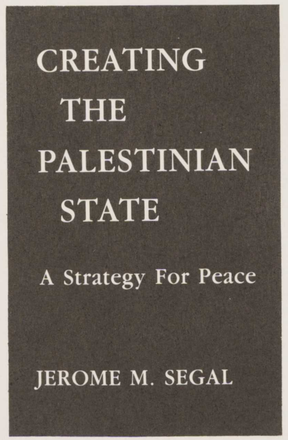

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