

Palestinians protest Israeli occupation

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The six-week uprising in Israel's occupied territories in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank shows a new determination among the Palestinians to rid the areas of Israeli military occupation, local Middle East experts said.

"A long-standing problem has reached maturity," said Herbert Bodman, UNC professor of Islamic history, who spent time in the occupied territories in 1981. "The Palestinians are just tired of (the occupation). It is no longer a real sacrifice to give up lives."

More than 30 Palestinians have been killed and several hundred wounded in the uprisings, which began last December. About 30 Israeli soldiers have been wounded in the clashes.

Israel occupied the Gaza Strip and the West Bank after the Arab-Israeli war in 1967. About 1.5 million Palestinians live in the territories, which are under Israeli military jurisdiction.

Palestinian Hatem Al Hussaini, an international studies professor at Shaw University in Raleigh, said uprisings are occurring as a new

generation that was born under occupation is growing up.

"They are obviously angry as a result of an occupation, where they have seen arrests of their parents, confiscations of their land and deportation of their relatives," Al Hussaini said. "They want freedom and the right to rule themselves. They want peace and human rights."

Local Palestinians, Jews and Middle Eastern scholars said bad socio-economic conditions in the occupied territories aggravate the problem. "The Gaza Strip is a ghetto with no economic livelihood," Bodman said. "People's patience has been exhausted."

As there is very little industry in Gaza, most residents must go into Israel proper to work low-paying, menial jobs every day, Bodman said.

Although Palestinians living in the West Bank have developed an economy of their own, it is a restricted economy because Palestinians need Israeli permits for everything, Bodman said.

Jack Sasson, UNC professor of religion, said a distinction should be made between the West Bank and Gaza.

"In the West Bank it is a clash of different notions of history," Sasson said.

The Jewish settlers see the land as their God-given right, while the Palestinians believe whoever lives on it has a right to it, Sasson said. They are struggling over control of the land, he said.

"Gaza is extremely poor," Sasson said. "Nobody wants those territories — not Egypt, not Israel, not even the settlers — and there is a high level of despair. That despair has been responded to by powerful religious forces."

In Gaza, many settlers have embraced fundamental Islam to find relief from the conditions.

Bodman said the use of the mosques as rallying points during the uprisings indicates an increased role of religion, but he saw this as a return to normal after two or three generations of secularism.

"The secularists have been discredited, because little has been accomplished while they were in charge," Bodman said.

Hussaini said religion was not at the root of the uprisings.

"Everybody is joining the uprisings: conservatives, liberals or funda-

mentalists," Hussaini said. "This is not an ideological struggle. It's an appeal for help."

Hussaini and Bodman said the uprisings do not appear to be organized by the Palestine Liberation Organization.

"This is a genuine uprising by the population, though (the Palestinians) say the PLO is their representative," Hussaini said.

Efforts to solve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict must be increased to stop the violence, Bodman said.

Hussaini said the only solution is an end to Israel's military occupation of Gaza and the West Bank.

Earl Siegel, a Chapel Hill member of Friends of Peace Now, called for an international peace conference about the Middle East sponsored by the five major members of the United Nations Security Council. Peace Now is the Israeli peace movement started in protest against the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

The occupations corrupt the Israeli society, Siegel said. The role of indefinite occupier forces Israel to engage in what he termed unethical activities to keep the territories under control.

Violence continues in Israel: Moslem fundamentalist killed

From Associated Press reports

GAZA CITY, Occupied Gaza Strip — Israeli troops shot and killed a Moslem fundamentalist in a violent demonstration Tuesday, and a U.N. envoy's attempts to inspect refugee camps were frustrated by soldiers and protesters.

Military spokesmen said the army imposed curfews on five of the eight Gaza Palestinian refugee camps.

In the Israeli parliament, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres appealed for an effort to end the violence by political means. Hawkish members accused him of caving in to Arab demands.

At least 32 Arabs have been killed since violent protests began Dec. 8 in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, which Israel captured from Jordan and Egypt in the 1967 Middle East War. About 1.5 million Palestinians live in the territories.

The military command said soldiers opened fire when their lives were threatened by a crowd of knife-wielding Arabs in Rafah, at the southern end of the Gaza Strip.

Soldiers fire on protesters

NABLUS, Occupied West Bank — Walking through the streets of this West Bank city, a squad of red-bereted Israeli paratroopers encountered angry stares and a street barricaded by protesters.

There was a sharp report, then another, as a squad of soldiers from another unit fired rubber bullets and then tear gas at about 20 Arab teenagers.

The soldiers' mission is to keep the main roads open and to show presence, to demonstrate they had control of the situation. But

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sometimes the green uniforms only provide targets.

The soldiers on patrol said they had been unfairly portrayed as gunslingers in the world media and blamed television cameras for stirring unrest.

Air accidents increase

WASHINGTON — Major U.S. airlines in 1987 had the highest number of accidents in 13 years and the most deaths in five years while commuter carriers had their worst safety record of this decade, the National Transportation Safety Board reported Tuesday.

The board said the large airlines had 31 accidents last year, including four crashes involving fatalities, accounting for 231 deaths. The commuter airlines, which fly smaller planes, had 35 accidents and 58 deaths in 1987, the largest number for that segment of the industry since 1979, when 66 people died.

Jordan enters campaign

RALEIGH — Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan officially entered the campaign for governor Tuesday after driving a lumber-laden, 18-wheel truck from Mount Gilead to Raleigh and calling Republican Gov. Jim Martin a "back-seat driver."

Jordan, a Democrat who announced his candidacy last week at his family lumber mill in Montgomery County, led a caravan of more than a dozen cars and two buses to the capital city.

Hart's candidacy shakes up Democrats

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"This will not be like any campaign you've ever seen, because I am going directly to the people. I don't have a national headquarters or staff. I don't have any money. I don't have pollsters, or consultants or media advisers or political endorsements. But I have something better. I have the power of ideas and I can govern this country. Let's let the people decide. I'm back in the race." — Gary Hart, Dec. 15, 1987, in *Concord*, N.H.

News Analysis

Democrat Gary Hart created a media blitz with this speech, resurrecting the presidential campaign he abandoned last May after news reports were released about his relationship with a Miami model.

But many feel the revived campaign will not survive the public's new-found interest in morality and will weaken support for other Democratic presidential contenders.

Hart, however, chose to ignore the critics by plunging into a heavy campaign schedule that may include a visit to Fayetteville and Rockingham Jan. 19, said Leni Setnick, Hart's statewide coordinator.

Setnick is optimistic about Hart's ability to capture the Democratic presidential nomination, but many N.C. Democrats say he is un-electable or threatening to the strength of the state party.

"North Carolina Democrats are hoping that Hart won't do well because the morality issue in North Carolina would be a greater boon for the Republicans," said Paul Luebke, associate professor of sociology at UNC-Greensboro, who specializes in N.C. politics.

"The Democratic leadership has opted for (Tennessee Sen. Albert) Gore because it is trying to avoid a Mondale-like candidacy, which arouses negative feelings among white Tar Heels," Luebke said. Sen. Terry Sanford, D-N.C., and former Gov. Jim Hunt recently endorsed Gore for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Although Hart's campaign is mostly a volunteer effort, it is technically sound, said Kevin Sites, a spokesman for Hart's national campaign. The campaign has five paid national staff members, he said.

So far, the campaign has raised \$30,000 to \$40,000 and has applied for about \$1 million in federal matching funds, Sites said. A \$100,000 advance on the matching funds went to Hart's campaign debts, and a court ruling will determine whether the remaining amount can be used to help retire the debts, he said.

Hart's negative ratings in the polls indicate that a majority of people will not vote for him, said Merle Black, UNC associate professor of political science.

But Hart may attract a sizeable percentage of voters who are undecided in polls, said Wayne Goodwin, a UNC student and Hart supporter who helped found Students with Hart. The Students with Hart chapter folded last May.

Erika Birg, co-founder of Students With Hart, has turned her allegiance to Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill.

"I'm dubious about (Hart) re-entering the race," Birg said. "You have to agree with the majority of the American people who think that what he did was wrong."

Applications are now available for Phi Eta Sigma scholarships

From staff reports

Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society will offer 28 \$500 awards to selected junior class members of Phi Eta Sigma across the nation, to be used for full-time study during the 1988-89 school year.

Nine \$200 scholarships will also be offered to selected senior Phi Eta Sigma members for full-time graduate studies during the 1988-89 academic year.

Any eligible senior member of Phi Eta Sigma may apply for one of the graduate scholarships. For the undergraduate award, the junior class

member must be selected by the local chapter.

Selections of the awards and scholarships will be based on the student's scholastic record, participation in Phi Eta Sigma, evidence of creative ability, potential for success and character.

Any eligible member interested in applying should get in touch with the honors office, 300 Steele Building. Local deadlines for submissions of applications is Jan. 29 for the senior awards and Feb. 24 for the graduate office.

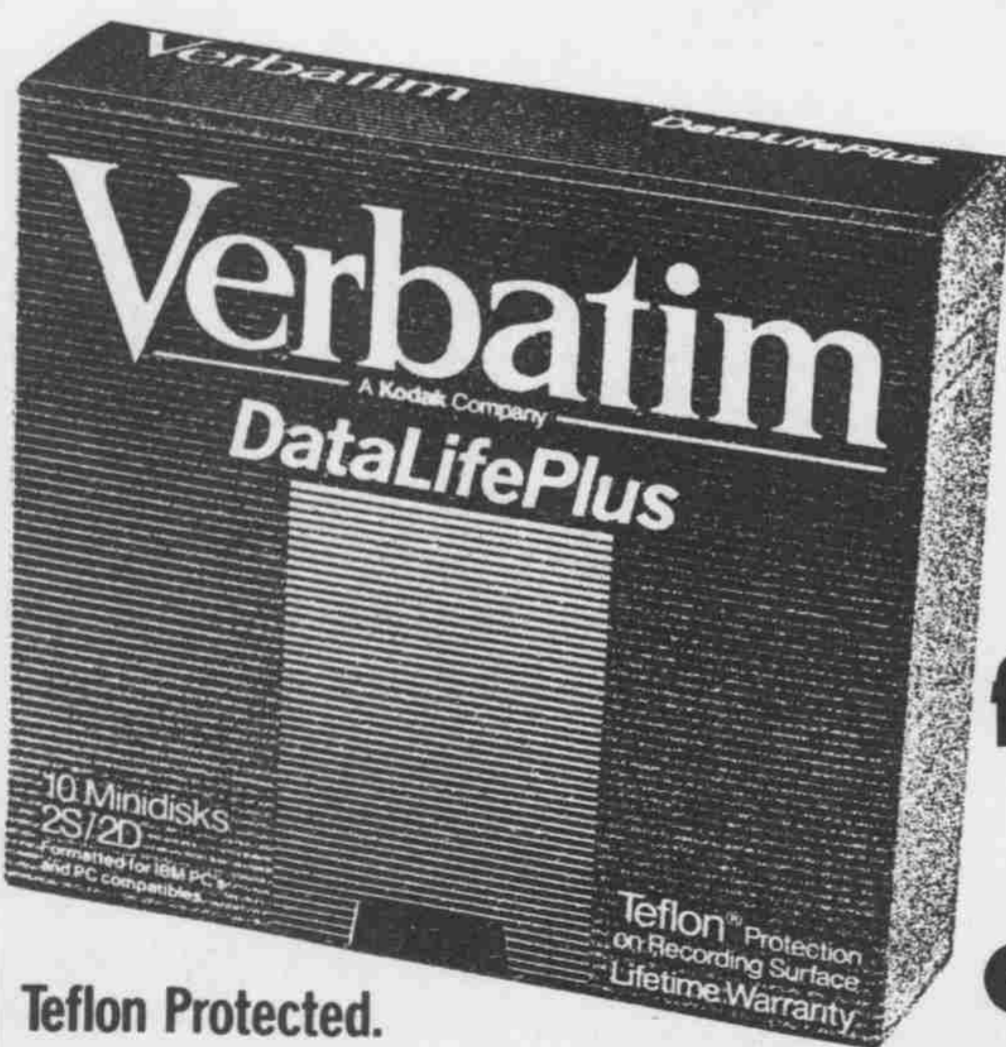
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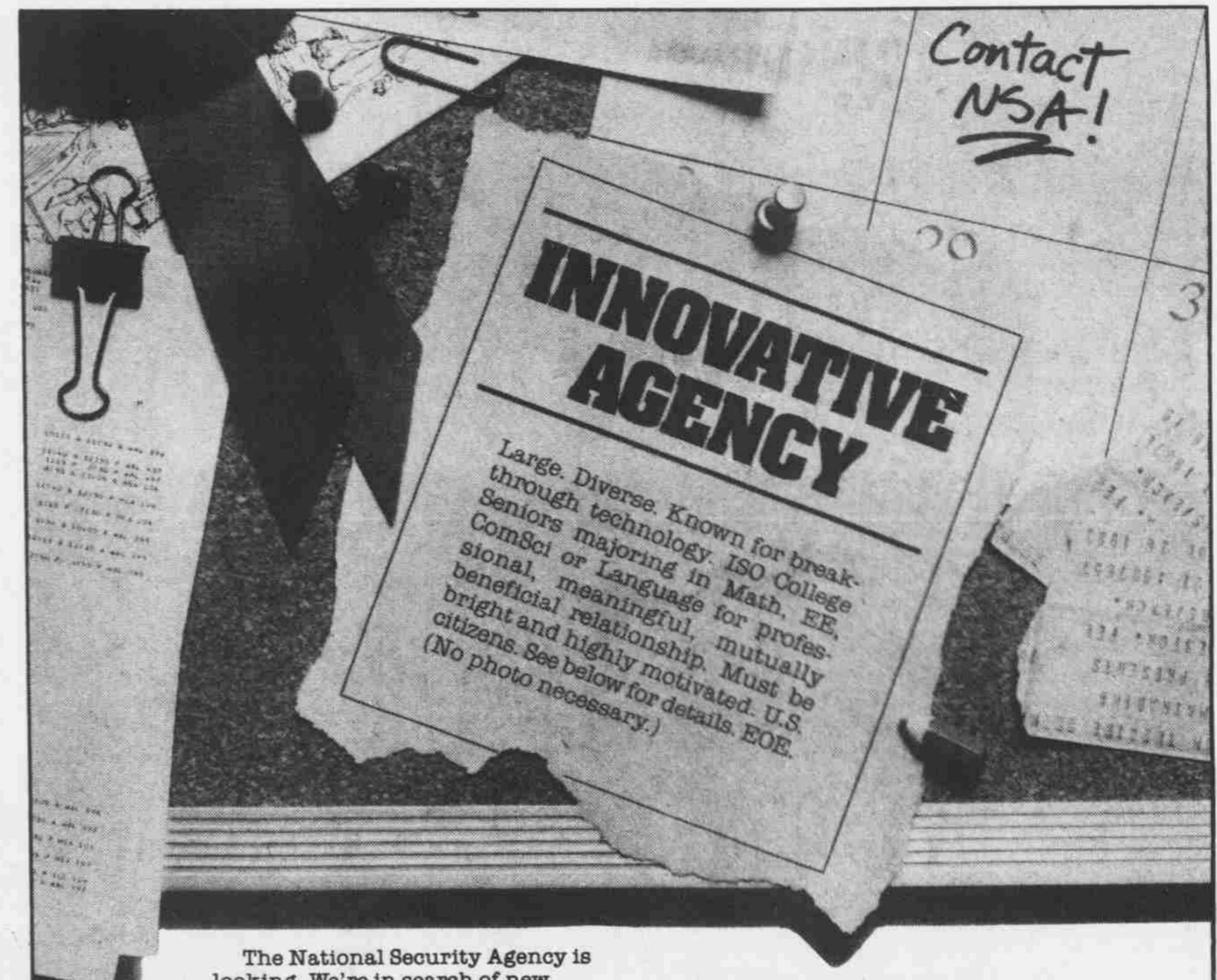


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