

Memo on discussion with Solange, a member of the Israeli group associated with the OCRFI

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They sent, one month ago, signatures ^{for} the statement in defense of Joe and George vs. Healy

They thank us for the invitation to SWP convention; couldn't afford to send someone. They will have a congress in January, and we are invited. may be invited.

She arranged literature from us. In addition to literature for the interest and education of their group, they are considering using Pathfinder literature for public sales. (English is widely known there, and Marxist literature in Hebrew or Arabic is limited.)

They will send us material they have published on political questions concerning the Arab East. Their position is for the destruction of the Israeli state, the creation of a unified Palestine, and a constituent assembly.

(Note: once again, there is not much clarity on what their position is. They claim that the LCR-Matzpen(Marxist) approach is tail-endist towards the Palestinian national liberation movement and that it is necessary to project a course designed to obtain unity of the Arab and Jewish workers in Israel. The LCR-Matzpen(Marxist) on the other hand accuses them of adapting to backward prejudices in the Jewish working class, and of avoiding a firm stance in defense of the Palestinian revolution.)

They have differences with the OCRFI on the question of the Arab revolution. In the 1973 war, the OCRFI position was for revolutionary defeatism on both sides, analyzing the war as one between bourgeois states. Some months afterwards the OCI started shifting away from this position. In recent articles in La Verite there is a clear change in the OCI line, whereas the Israeli group still holds the old line. There are also differences on the nature of Fat'h. The Israeli group stresses its bourgeois character, while the OCI is now stressing its national liberation character (not clear here). There had been differences on calling for an independent Palestine rather than the "all-Arab" revolution. But a majority in the Israeli group now calls for an independent Palestine.

At the OCRFI meeting last Dec.-Jan. there was no agreement on these issues. On the basis of this disagreement, the Israeli group was not permitted to affiliate to the OCRFI and was evicted from the meeting hall. However they still demand to be a part of the OCRFI.

No indications of differences with the OCRFI on other questions.