



PLF director condemns hijacking

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The director of the Palestinian Liberation Front's (PLF) permanent mission to the United Nations told University students Thursday that he did not condone the hijacking of passenger planes.

But his people must use any means at their disposal, Sadat Hasan told his Union audience, adding that the hostages had been treated kindly. He said the multiple hijackings, which the majority of the PLF had not approved, did more than any other event to focus attention on the movement.

"When the entire people of Palestine were hijacked from their homeland," Hasan exclaimed, "I didn't hear any protest!"

He claimed that American mass media had fostered several misconceptions about the nature of conflict in the Middle East:

-That it is a conflict between Arabs and Jews. Actually, Hasan stated, Jews have always found a "refuge and shelter" in Arab countries.

-That it is a conflict between the Arab states and Israel. According to Hasan the fight is really between "indigenous Palestinians and Zionist Israelites" who invaded the shores of Palestine.

-That the presence of Russian arms in the Middle East result from the appeal of communism or Soviet policy. He said the Russian presence is a reaction to America's aid to Israel and results from Washington's failure to support the Arab states. He added that communism is outlawed in the Arab nations.

Hasan claimed that Zionism is the product of bigoted and narrow minded policies of the West. He said Britain had wanted a Zionist State to help divide the Arab world and maintain British control of the Mediterranean.

He quoted early Zionist leaders as saying the goal of

of their movement was to remove Arabs from Palestine and turn it into an all-Jew state.

"The goal of Zionists," Hasan declared, "has always been to transform the predominate Arab majority into exiles" and replace them with Jews from "all over the world."

Relating to United States involvement, he asserted that it was former President Truman "more than anybody else and his government more than any other government" who contributed to the Israeli state.

He added that the policy was against the interests of American people and the American government. The Allies should have been generous to the Jews at the expense of those who had persecuted them, not at the expense of Arab people, he said.

"What would be your reaction," Hasan asked the audience, "if people came from all over the world to uproot you and set up an all-Jewish community?"

He compared the situation in Palestine to that in Nebraska if blacks were allowed to set up an all black state. All the whites would have to leave and the state would open its doors to blacks from all over the world.

"What would be your attitude — would you accept it?"

Hasan said Palestinians have the right to follow their destiny "in their own home and." The responsibility of the people, he continued, is to bear arms to fight for their homeland and dignity.

According to the director, who has been attacked and injured in his office this year, the Palestinian who is not a commando today "could become one tomorrow."

He said that since September the unity of the Arab people has improved and the once divided Palestinian forces are united. The result is that

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Conflict of interest case? Shade Prokop's cloudy

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Does drawing a monthly salary from the University and being a member of the Board of Regents at the same time, constitute a conflict of interest?

Dr. Robert J. Prokop, who unseated veteran Dr. Ben N. Greenberg for the Fourth District Regents seat last month, will make almost \$8,000 during 1970 as a resident pathologist at the NU Medical Center in Omaha. He plans to continue as a resident there for most of 1971.

He believes there is no conflict of interest.

But he acknowledged the situation is a little cloudy, and speculation has arisen that he might have to give up either his paycheck from the University or his post as Regent.

"A conflict of interest occurs when there is a condition whereby the person involved is going to use his position for his own personal betterment," Prokop said. "I questioned this matter before I filed for office

and judged there was no conflict."

Prokop maintains that he is not a faculty member or staff member of the University. He said he is, in effect, a graduate student who, as part of his required training, performs a service for the med school. For that service, he is paid a basic salary equal to other residents on the med campus.

Prokop said he does not teach; he has no classes assigned to him. He occasionally lectures to classes when other faculty members request it.

The By-Laws and Rules of the Board of Regents are hazy on exactly who is and who is not an employe of the University. The Rules and By-Laws set forth fairly specific rules on the outside employment and activities of "staff members."

There never has been a court decision or an attorney general's opinion on whether a Regent can also draw salary from the University, according to Clarence Meyer, Nebraska

Attorney General.

"This question is being studied by University lawyers and I cannot speculate unless the issue would arise." He pointed out that the issue might never officially arise.

The Nebraska Constitution in Article III, Section 16, reads: "... nor shall any ... state officer, be interested, either directly or indirectly in any contract with the state."

The question is whether Prokop, when he is sworn in as Regent next month, will become a "state officer."

The Regent-elect, who claims Wilber as his legal residence, said if serious conflict should develop, he would finish his residency in another Omaha hospital, or perhaps in one of Lincoln's hospitals.

Currently, he plans to end his residency around October, 1971. After that he plans to go into private practice of pathology at a location he would not divulge.

"It's difficult to say where a conflict of interest begins or

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Applications are now being taken for second semester staff positions on the Nebraskan.

Application forms may be picked up in room 34, Nebraska Union.

Those wishing to apply for the position of editor, managing editor, news editor, business manager or East Campus editor must turn in their applications to the Nebraskan office before noon, Dec. 17. Interviews for these positions by the University Publications Board will be the afternoon of Dec. 17.

Applications for other staff positions, including staff writers, copy editors and business assistants should be turned in before mid-January.