

Socialist Party apparatus, and various pro-socialist parties from a dozen Arab states including the ruling parties of Sudan, Egypt, and Libya. Previous to the conference, Iraqi delegations had visited most countries of the Arab sector to pull together the progressive forces around the defense of Lebanon. At the meeting, PLO representatives appealed to Iraq for military assistance.

The fighting in Lebanon itself continues to rage unchecked. At least 7,000 rightists have surrounded the Tal Zaatar camp and are pounding it with artillery and mortars. The right-wing militia have reportedly penetrated the perimeter of the camp in several places, and its situation is described as "desperate" even by the PLO. A nearby camp, Jisr el-Pasha, much smaller than Tal Zaatar and composed of Christian Palestinians, fell earlier in the week to the fascists. Over 500

people were massacred by the invaders in Jisr el-Pasha, and numerous atrocities were reported. Men were castrated, and women had their breasts chopped off by frenzied Falangists and followers of hated Interior Minister Camille Chamoun.

"If the right-wing fascists even enter Tal Zaatar, several regimes in the Arab world will collapse," said a senior aide to PLO leader Yasser Arafat yesterday. Arafat returned secretly to Beirut, Lebanon's capital, today, from a two-week tour of the Arab world, to prepare the final defense of Tal Zaatar. Observers report an atmosphere of expectation of a showdown between the left and right in Lebanon soon, and one indication of the danger of the next week or so is that the Soviet Union quietly decided this week to begin the evacuation of Soviet citizens from Lebanon.

## Rude Pravo Warns Syrians On Lebanon

*June 3 (NSIPS) — The following article appeared in the June 30 Rude Pravo, the official daily of the Czech Communist Party.*

The joint leadership of the Lebanese national and patriotic forces and the Palestinian movement announced Wednesday (June 30) that rightist units with support from 130 tanks have occupied the Palestinian camp Djisr-al-Pasha in the Beirut suburbs. The rightist offensive against the Djisr al-Pasha and Tell Al-Zataar camps began nine days ago and was made possible by the fact that the rightists have, over the past months, been supplied with arms through the port of Junieh north of Beirut and that the Palestinian movement was cut off from its supply sources by Syrian blockade.

The leadership of the national and patriotic forces and the Palestinian movement stated further, that simultaneous with the right's military actions, national-patriotic and Palestinian positions in the mountainous region north-east of Beirut have come under bombardment from Syrian units. On Tuesday (June 29) night, Syrian units continued to bombard the southern Lebanese port of Saida and the Palestinian camps nearby.

Political circles in Beirut are of the opinion that the Lebanese right in coordination with Arab regimes wants to liquidate the Palestinian movement and weaken the national-patriotic forces.