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Dr. Ismail Zayid is a pathologist teaching at Dalhousie University. He is also a Palestinian. Last Wednesday, he spoke to an

# Fascism in the Holy Land

audience of thirty people at the Burke Educational Centre about the Gaza Uprising.

Dr. Zayid proved that scholarly objectivity and personal feeling need not oppose each other. In his talk they indeed lent him a statesman's eloquence.

Dr. Zayid has much cause for personal feeling. Twenty years ago, he watched Israeli troops systematically demolish his Palestinian community. His home, like 20,000 other Palestinian homes since 1967, was dynamited before his eyes.

Dr. Zayid did not dwell upon his own horrific experiences except to remark that Israel's recently proclaimed "iron-fisted" policy is nothing new to his people. It has been in effect ever since Israel captured the territories of Judea, Samaria, and Gaza in the Six Day War. One and a half million Palestinians have been living under official mil-

itary rule ever since.

Military rule enables Israel to act as tyrannically as any other occupying power in history. It does not even bother with the pretense of democracy. Palestinians have no self-government. They may be detained indefinitely without charge or trial. Their schools and universities may be closed at a moment's notice.

Dr. Zayid noted that even military rule is supposed to have limitations, according to the fourth article of the Geneva Convention. This document, formally acknowledged by Israel, has been so consistently and flagrantly violated as to show utter contempt for human rights.

But such excesses are only to be expected, said Dr. Zayid, when Israel scarcely regards its Palestinian subjects as human.

Night after night we have seen unarmed Palestinian demonstrators clubbed down, tear-gassed,

and shot. Fifty Palestinians have been killed to date, and thousands more have been arrested. The toll rises daily.

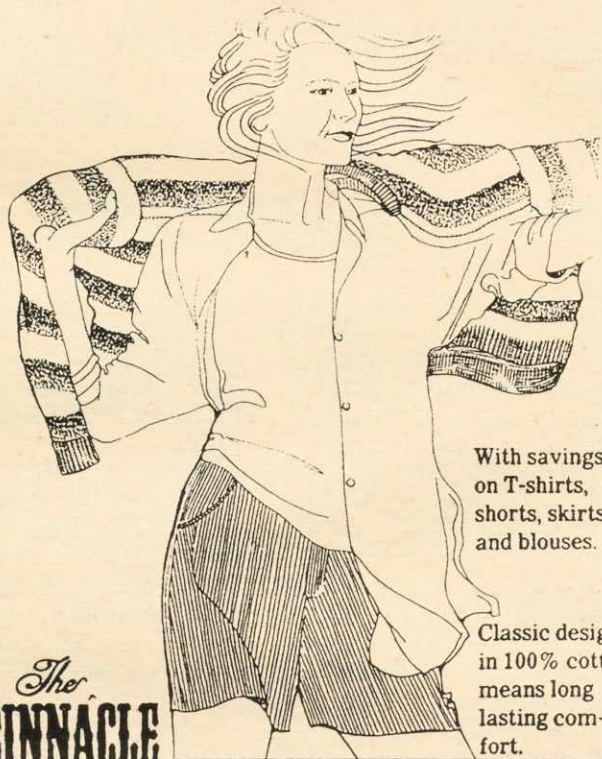
"The idea that all this is just a public order problem is ridiculous. This can never be anything other than a blot on the face of civilization."

This statement was made, not by Dr. Zayid, but by an envoy of the British Foreign Office after he visited a refugee camp in Gaza.

Demographically speaking, Gaza is nothing but refugee camps. Half a million people are crammed into squalid waystations on a piece of land smaller than PEI. "Go to Gaza" is a common expression in Israel. It means "go to hell".

Even if we in the West have finally been made aware of Israeli state terrorism, we are still largely unaware of the economic exploitation which underlies it.

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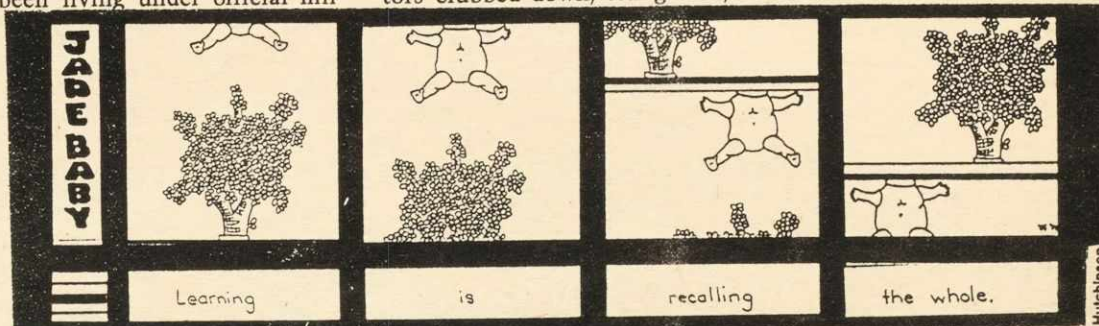
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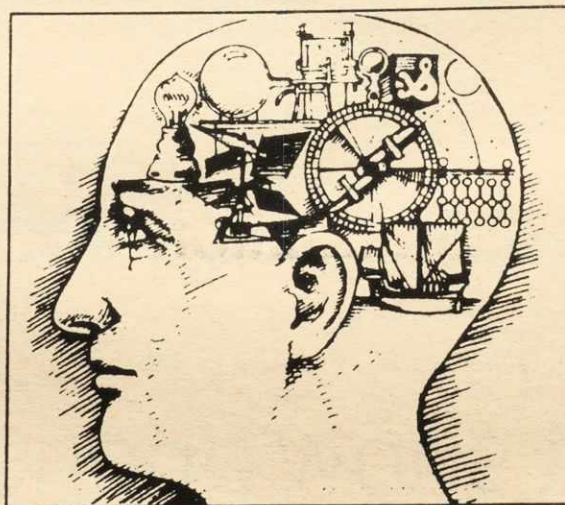
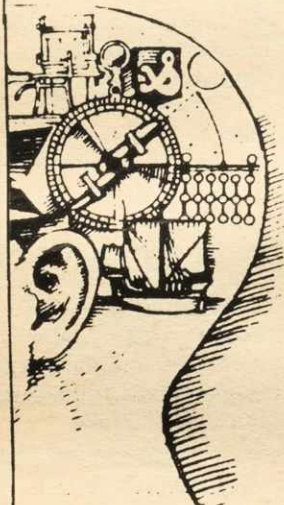
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