

End Zionism says Dal professor

"The only answer to the problem of the Middle East is to end Zionism," a Palestinian-born professor told a public meeting at Dalhousie last Wednesday. Dr. Ismail Zayid, an Assistant Professor of Pathology at Dalhousie, said that the Jews, Christians, and Muslims of Palestine should live together in a single non-religious state.

People who are upset by aircraft hijackings should be more disturbed by "the hijacking of a whole country", he said. According to Zayid his own country has been "hijacked" by Zionist Jews. The cause of strife in the Middle East is the plain fact that the Palestinian people have had their country taken away from them. Quoting an Arab farmer from the Jericho district, he said "Our problem is very simple—a foreigner came and took our homes and farms and kicked us out."

The Zionist takeover of Palestine and the expulsion of its native inhabitants did not happen by accident, Zayid said. In addition to the Zionist movement itself, the speaker singled out British imperial policy and what he called "American political opportunism" as the principal causes of these events.

Zayid described in detail the historical process by which his country was handed over to foreign colonizers. The British had promised Arab Palestine independence in exchange for co-operation in World War I, but after the war reneged on this promise and allowed massive Jewish immigration. When conflict erupted between Jewish immigrants and Pal-

estinians after World War II, Britain abandoned its responsibility and handed the whole question over to the U.N. With strong American support, the United Nations partitioned Palestine in 1947 into Jewish and Arab states.

Concerning the role of the United States in this partition, Zayid quoted President Truman as having said that he had hundreds of thousands of Jewish electors to answer to, but very few Arab ones.

The partition of Palestine left the Arabs with only 42 per cent of the land, despite the fact that they then comprised two thirds of the population. Even so, Zayid continued, the Israelis were not satisfied and began to occupy territory assigned to the Arabs. In one incident Menachem Begin, the present Israeli Prime Minister, led a terrorist group which massacred the entire population of an Arab village near Jerusalem.

Referring to Britain's policy of allowing Jewish immigration and the U.N. partition scheme, Zayid asked: "What right does one party have to hand over another people's country to a third party?"

The Dalhousie professor also referred to extensive human rights violations against the Palestinian Arabs who have come under Israeli rule. The Israelis have denied these people civil and political rights, confiscated their property, and destroyed their homes. Over 19,000 homes have been demolished in the West Bank area alone since 1967. Zayid's own village has been wiped out. According to a recent report in the *London Times*, torture of

Palestinian prisoners "appears to be sanctioned as deliberate policy" of the Israeli authorities.

Zayid said that Israeli propaganda justifying the occupation of Palestine is based on myths. One such myth is the historic claim of the Jews to the land of Palestine. In reply to this, he pointed out that the Palestinian Arabs are descended

from Canaanites who were there long before the Jews. Another myth is that the Israelis have transformed the desert into an oasis. . . . But pre-Israeli Palestine was a richly cultivated land, and not a barren desert, he said.

Zayid's address was sponsored by the Halifax Group of Amnesty International.

Science society meeting successful

by David Gough and Gil Whitehouse

The biggest general meeting in the history of the Science Society took place last night in the Grawood extension of the SUB. Those present represented the eight science departments, including both Studley and Carleton campuses, as well as executives of each of the individual clubs.

Topics discussed at the meeting included a Dollar Disco to be held on November 30th in the Green Room; the Science Ball, March 11; Spring speaker series; and the

financial position of the society—club grants, and science prizes for third year honours students in each department. Sports, the proposed fall break, and other club activities concluded the agenda. Greater student involvement in future activities was encouraged.

The Dalhousie Science Society is the largest society on campus in terms of student population. It was revived in early 1977 after a several years absence.

Watch for more news of the Science Society in future Gazettes!

Physio top donors

On Saturday, November 19, the Dalhousie Nursing Society, in conjunction with the Student Union, sponsored the Bloody Boogie Bash.

During the dance, the Bloody Cup was presented to the faculty who donated the highest percentage of blood at the Blood Donor Clinic held on November 8 & 9. The winner

of the prized Bloody Cup was the School of Physiotherapy. The cup was presented by Lois Gibson, President of the Dalhousie Nursing Society, and Gerilyn Bourque, member of the Blood Donor Committee, to Caroline King, President of the Physiotherapy Society, and Randy Shannon, member of the Society.

BLOOD DONOR STATS—November 8-9, 1977.

FACULTY or SCHOOL	% of PARTICIPATION	NO. of DONATIONS	TOTAL NO. STUDENTS
Physiotherapy	50%	27	54
Nursing	40.9%	140	342
Pharmacy	34.3%	83	242
Medicine	23.5%	67	285 ¹
Health Education	20%	9	43
Science ²	11.3%	240	2124
Commerce	10%	84	842
Physical Education	9.8%	22	225
Arts	7.5%	116	1535
Law	6.0%	28	443
Dentistry	5.6%	8	143
B. Education	2.6%	5	190
Graduate Studies	2.5%	34	1355

NOTE: All total student figures were obtained from the Registrar's Office.
¹This figure represents the enrollment for Med. 1, 2, and 3. This was done because others in faculty are based in hospitals and out of town. Total enrollment for Medicine is 712.
²Science percentage figure includes Engineering.

OTHER GROUPS who DONATED (Recorded)
 Engineering 26 7.6%
 King's Students 32 approximately 9.1%

FACULTY—Total Donations 16
 Commerce 2
 Nursing 7
 Arts & Science 4
 Pharmacy 1
 Physiotherapy 1
 Physical Education 1

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