

'My brutal country — by Israeli attorney

OVER the weekend, 200 people gathered at American University in Washington for a two-day conference of a new organisation calling itself the Palestinian Human Rights Campaign (PHRC).

This organisation, which has opened a national office in Washington and has affiliated groups throughout the U.S., was established a year ago.

Its primary goal is to publicise the Palestinian dimension of the Arab-Israeli conflict, with special emphasis on Palestinian human rights and the plight of those in the occupied territories.

Israeli attorney Felicia Langer received a rousing, standing ovation for her description of the illegality and brutality of the Israeli occupation on the West Bank. She illustrated her charges with first-hand descriptions of Israeli ill-treatment and repres-

sion of the Palestinians. At the conclusion of her talk, PHRC president James Zogby rose to applaud and kiss her. Princeton University Profes-



CARTER: an issue off the agenda

Mark Bruzonsky reports on the first meeting of the Palestinian human rights campaign

American Jews to keep the crucial issue of Palestinian rights off the negotiating agenda.

'Loyalty'

According to Falk, "Jimmy Carter in some ways accidentally stumbled onto human rights on his way to the White House." His attitude towards the Palestinians, Falk added, makes clear that Carter has not taken his own words seriously. As is usually the case with nation-states, according to Falk, "the issue of human rights is very far down on the agenda" of the Carter administration.

Referring to Vice-President Mondale's speech a few days ago before the American Jewish Committee, Falk stated that "Mondale's cringing explanation of the arms sale package is really a remarkable document. Here a near head of state has to justify what is a very marginal kind of policy decision by talking in very extreme terms of unswerving loyalty of the U.S. to Israel."

which states that U.S. relations with Saudi Arabia and Iran have become even more important than American relations with Western Europe and Nato. Additional seminars and workshops were held on Saturday and Sunday at the PHRC conference. During the coming months, the organisation is planning to expand its efforts to

— a loyalty which he says takes precedence over all other U.S. foreign policy considerations."

But Falk also indicated that U.S. Mid-east policy has nevertheless changed dramatically since 1973. With the "traumatic realisation," caused by the Opec price rises, that accessibility to oil at affordable prices was imperative if the U.S. was to maintain leadership in a tri-lateral world — the U.S., western Europe and Japan — came a new approach to the Arab-Israeli conflict. Maintaining the special relationship with Israel was now only one goal for the U.S.

Since 1973 good relations with Opec countries became a second, sometimes competing, goal. And of course this realisation was behind the White House's decision to sell warplanes as a package to Saudi Arabia and Egypt as well as to Israel.

In this context, Falk drew attention to a U.S. Senate report



MONDALE: Giving explanation to Jews

bring to the attention of the American people the urgency of helping the Palestinian people achieve their political and national rights if there is to be any hope of peace in the Mid-

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