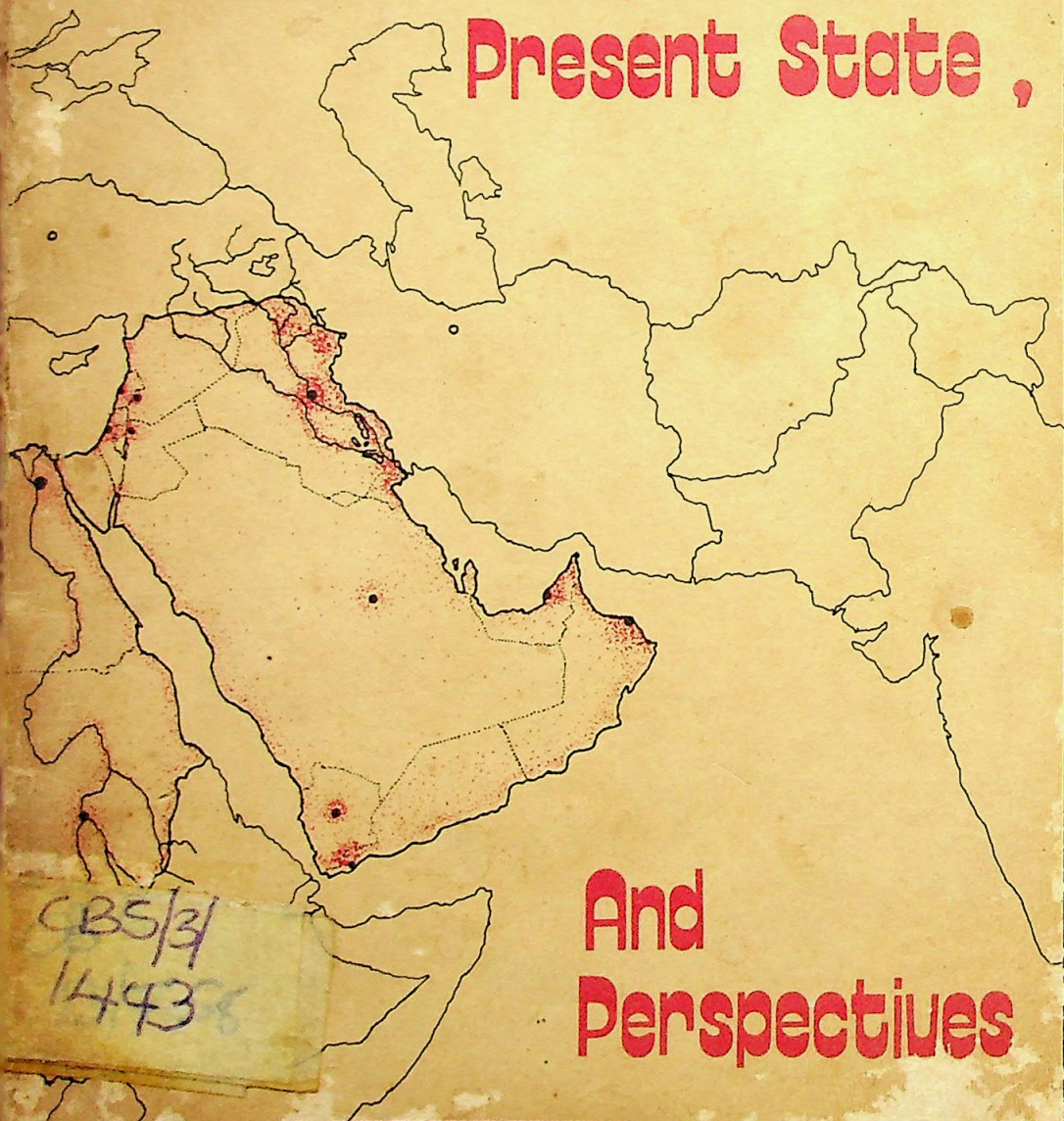


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THE FIRST DRAFT OF THIS STATEMENT WAS COMPLETED IN FEBRUARY 1973. THE FINAL DRAFT, HOWEVER, WHICH IS THE ONE PRINTED BELOW WAS ONLY COMPLETED IN MARCH 1974. IT INCLUDES, IN ADDITION TO THE ORIGINAL TEXT, A FEW SECONDARY ALTERATIONS, AND A NEW CHAPTER (THE THIRD) ON THE OCTOBER 1973 WAR.

IN PUBLISHING THIS STATEMENT, IT IS THE HOPE OF ARAB COMMUNISTS, THAT IT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO AN ENRICHMENT OF THE DISCUSSIONS NOW UNFOLDING AMONGST ARAB REVOLUTIONARIES. FURTHERMORE, IT COMES AS A PREPARATORY STEP TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY FOR THE WHOLE OF THE ARAB REGION.

introduction

The Arab revolution has played an important role in the last two waves of the colonial revolution. Toward the end of the 1950s, the Algerian revolution stood in the vanguard of the struggles for national independence and culminated several years later in a process of social radicalisation that for a time approached the Cuban model; and at the end of the 1960s, in the new upsurge of the world revolution, the Palestinian resistance established itself as a front-line of anti-imperialist struggles.

But each time, the advance of struggles in one region masked the absence of a global strategy. In the cases of Algeria and Palestine, there was a tendency to forget the whole of which they formed a part. The imperialists and their Arab clients had a substantial interest in encouraging this diversion; the duty of revolutionists was to combat it. The Fourth International has not shirked this task. In every instance, it has put the struggles of sectors in their real context - the Arab revolution as a whole.

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In the historic sense, the Arab revolution has an importance far exceeding that of its regional components. It is itself an integral part of the revolutionary movement of the Eastern peoples. Besides its intrinsic importance - resulting from the more than a hundred million human beings involved and from the role of the Arab region as an energy reservoir and source of financial resources for the imperialist West - the Arab revolution has had a considerable carry-over into other areas. For geographical and cultural reasons mainly (such as Islam), an interchange has taken place with large portions of Asia, Africa, and even Europe (through the immigrant workers in particular).

This importance of the Arab revolution is commensurate with the tasks confronting it, of which the major one undoubtedly is abolishing imperialist control over the Arab region, winning real and complete liberation of the Arab nation.



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