

imperialism. I prefer to aid the Vietnamese people, as much as I can, in their struggles.

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## Katchalsky Memorial

SIR,—As scientists we deeply regret Aaron Katchalsky's death and, as friends of the Palestinian people, we fully reprobate the circumstances of that senseless murder. However, the creation of a memorial fellowship to the benefit of the Weizmann Institute is a political gesture which, in the present circumstances, is inadequate and even shocking.

There is no neutral science in a country at war, and this is particularly true for the Israeli state, whose military power is to a very large extent based on advanced technology and high-level scientific manpower. The Weizmann Institute, being the biggest scientific centre of Israel, necessarily plays a key role in that process, even if an important part of the work done there has no direct military purpose and if individuals working at Rehovot are political opponents of the Israeli government. The close links existing between Israeli military and scientific establishments were illustrated, we are sorry to say, by Aaron Katchalsky himself, who, according to *Nature* (237, 301; 1972), was also a leader of the former Hagannah (an anti-Palestinian military organization) and a leading member of the scientific branch of the Israeli army, playing, as you pointed out, "a prominent role in the military affairs" of that country.

These "military affairs" included massacres of the civil population at Deir Yassin and other places, resulted in the expulsion of the Palestinian people from

their own country and, more recently, in military occupation and virtual annexation of territories of three neighbouring lands. Accordingly, we feel that it is rather inopportune, to say the least, to subsidize an official Israeli institution and to provide in that way important moral support to the Israeli government in the name of the international scientific community.

Yours faithfully,

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## Announcements

### Miscellaneous

ON Monday, July 31, the last seminar held under the auspices of the Institute of Theoretical Astronomy, Cambridge, will be given by Dr S. Aarseth. Its title is "Experimental Numerical Dynamics Is Only Time-dependent Approach".

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