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Displaced Palestinians

A glimpse of life in an occupied Arab village in the West Bank is potently presented in an unpolemical documentary. "Aqabat Jaber: Passing Through" (9:15 tonight and 5 p.m. tomorrow). At one time, it was the largest refugee camp established by the United Nations, with 75,000 people from 116 villages. Cut off from their old ties, They didn't feel very friendly toward each other, one woman notes.

As the Palestinians speak of their ties to the soil they used to till and the lack of opportunities that have plagued them for years, the documentary throws additional light on the current resistance and turmoil in the occupied areas. The French producer, Thibaut de Corday, will be here for the screening. Eyal Sivan directed.