

Representative of the Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran Addresses the Internationalist Rally

At 4:53 p.m., Comrade Bains introduced the representative of the Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran. The representative of the Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran was greeted with sustained applause and slogans greeting the founding of the Communist Party in Iran and denouncing the fascist Shah of Iran. The representative of the Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran delivered his speech to the Internationalist Rally in Pharsee, which was immediately followed by the translation of the speech into English and French. The speech delivered to the Internationalist Rally by the Representative of the Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran is printed below.

Speech to the Internationalist Rally by the Representative of the Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran

Dear comrades,

We bring warm revolutionary greetings to your Party, the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist), and to all the labouring masses of Canada, from our Party and the toiling masses of Iran. We are happy to have the opportunity to participate in this internationalist gathering which has been organized at the initiative of our fraternal party, CPC(M-L). We are certain that this meeting of Marxist-Leninists will further unite the labouring masses of the world and will be of profound importance to the struggle of the labouring masses against imperialism, social-imperialism and all reaction.

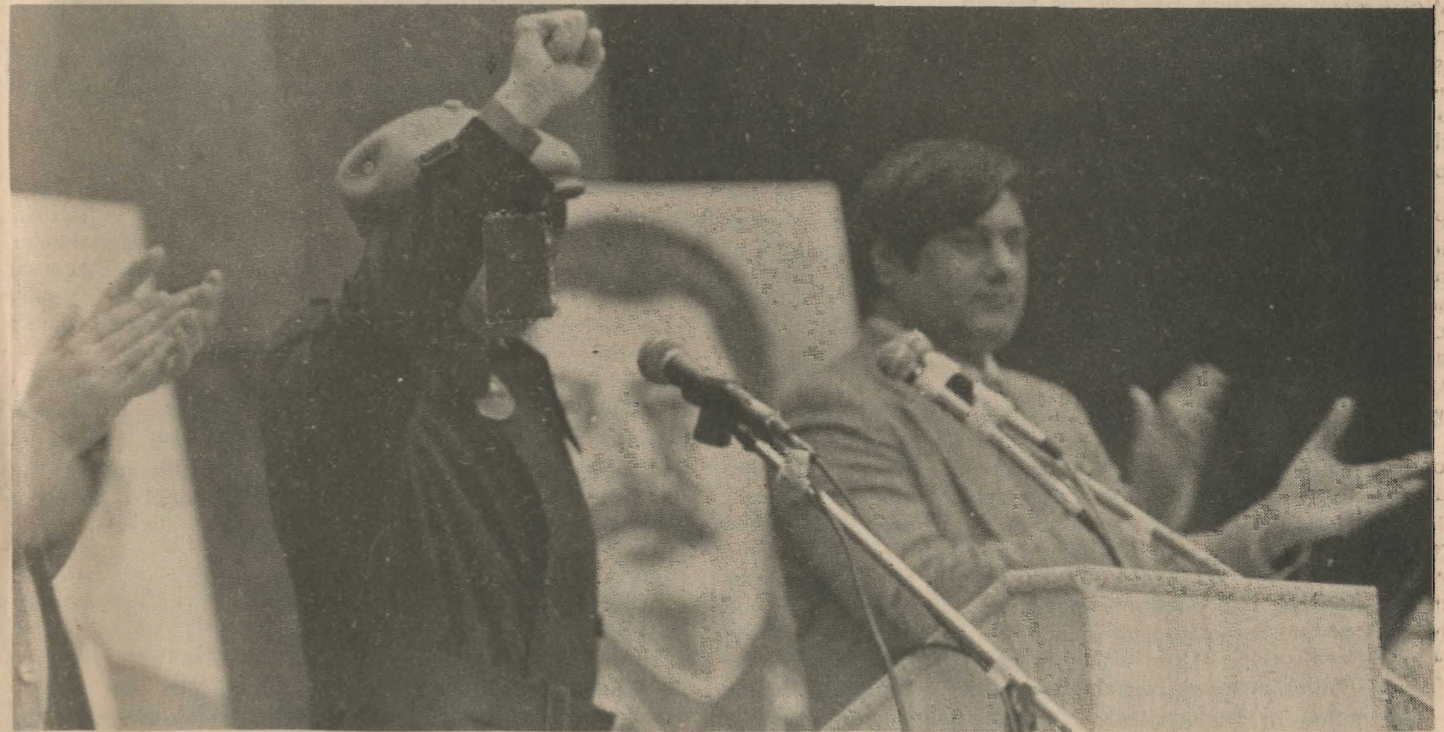
Dear comrades,

This Internationalist Rally is taking place at a time when the capitalist countries are in the grip of a grave economic and social crisis, and are completely unable to resolve this crisis. But, true to its nature, imperialism is trying to shift the burden of this crisis onto the backs of the labouring masses in the capitalist countries and onto the backs of the oppressed peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America. In the face of the upsurge of the working class, the bourgeoisie in the capitalist countries is passing new laws to use

against the workers whenever it finds it necessary. Already in the majority of the capitalist countries, anti-strike laws or laws to oppose "ultra left and right", which are a pretext for the attacks of the bourgeoisie against the working class, have been passed by their parliaments. The bourgeoisie claims that the economic crisis is the result of increase in wages. But it is a well-known fact that the prices of daily necessities are raised by the bourgeoisie itself.

The heroic proletariat in the capitalist countries, which more than any other class feels the steadily increasing burden of this crisis, is resisting the attacks of the bourgeoisie. Already the bourgeoisie in the capitalist countries is everywhere confronted with great workers' struggles. The strike struggles of the millions of workers in Italy, France, England, Poland, etc., are examples of this. These struggles are the result of a further intensification of the contradictions of capitalist society. The big capitalists, true to their nature, constantly strive to increase the profits which they reap from the labour of the workers. As a result they face one unsolvable economic crisis after another. In order to deal with these contradictions, the bourgeoisie not only uses anti-working class legislation but also strengthens its police and security forces and introduces a system of factory police to control the workers. In order to dupe the masses, the capitalist governments attempt to present themselves as a special stratum which is over and above classes and has the role of mediator between the capitalists and the workers. As a result there is a lot of talk that the governments will not allow the unchecked rise in prices; that the governments should put controls on prices, such as was done in Canada with the "Anti-Inflation Board". In some capitalist countries in Europe, the heads of government themselves have declared their readiness to mediate between the factory owners and the strikers.

The working class has long known that these states are the representatives of big financial monopolies which themselves are instruments in preserving this oppressive system. The answer of the working class is quite clear. It knows that the capitalists will never



Representative of the Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran tumultuously applauded by the Internationalist Rally.

peacefully give up a cent of their profits. Therefore it is waging great strike struggles throughout the capitalist countries.

The emergence of unresolvable economic crisis in capitalist society gives rise to the intensification of the existing contradictions in these imperialist countries. As a result, the contradictions among the countries of the imperialist camp are also intensified, which results in the encroachment of the imperialists on each others' interests. This will give rise to regional skirmishes and subsequently to world war. At the present time we are witnessing such regional encounters in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Dear Comrades,

Following the betrayal of the Khrushchovite revisionist clique in the Soviet Union, which was once the cradle of socialism and the

base of world revolution, another imperialist centre against the world's people came into being. This new imperialism came on the stage at a time when the world was already divided amongst the imperialists. In order to win the trust of the other imperialists, particularly that of U.S. imperialism, it entered the stage under the banner of Khrushchov's "peaceful coexistence", and in a relatively short time was able to prove its anti-communist nature to its cohorts. In order to divert the struggle of the world's people from the correct path, Khrushchovite revisionism declared that the imperialists had come to their senses and now understand that there is nothing to be gained from aggression and war; and that within the government of the United States there are two factions, one of which wants peace and tranquillity. In fact, it attempted to

convince the masses that there is no difference of opinion between socialism and imperialism on the question of maintaining peace in the world.

But at no time did Marxist-Leninists accept the trash which the Khrushchovite revisionists were presenting in order to divert the struggle of the world's peoples. The glorious Party of Labour of Albania, under the leadership of the great Marxist-Leninist, Comrade Enver Hoxha, which had gloriously struggled against and exposed Titoite revisionism on the international scale, was in the forefront of the struggle against Khrushchovite revisionism.

At this time, there are two imperialist centres in the world. One is headed by U.S. imperialism and the other by Soviet social-imperialism. Due to the sharpening of the economic crisis on the world scale, the contradictions between these two imperialist centres have also become sharper. In order to gain hegemony and control of world markets, the two superpowers have intensified their contention, and as a result are more and more arming themselves and increasing their stockpiles of armaments. Undoubtedly, these arms will one day be used and will cause a disastrous war of attrition. In order to rescue themselves from the grip of the economic crisis, the two superpowers are increasing their economic and political pressure upon their own allies. The increasing domination of Canada and the West European countries by the U.S. is an example of this. In the semi-colonial countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America, the two superpowers have also increased their plunder. In order to suppress the struggles of the peoples of these regions, which are developing faster than ever, military coup d'états are the order of the day. The CIA, the espionage organization of the U.S. imperialists, is carrying out such activities everywhere. But all these imperialist machinations will be incapable of suppressing the anti-imperialist struggles of the peoples of the world. Comrade Enver Hoxha, the teacher of the proletariat, in his political report to the Seventh Congress of the Party of Labour of Albania, correctly pointed out:

"In recent years, a powerful upsurge of the struggle of the proletariat can be seen in all the capitalist countries. The workers and the masses of the working people everywhere are fighting selflessly against political oppression and economic exploitation, to defend their democratic rights and ensure a better life. What distinguishes this struggle is the broadened scope of the demands of the working people which are ever more going beyond the bounds of economic demands. The strikes, protests, demonstrations of the working people in the United States of America, Britain, France, the Soviet Union, Poland, Italy, Germany, Spain, etc., which often end up in bloody clashes with the bourgeoisie and its apparatus of oppression, are striking at the very foundations of the bourgeois and revisionist rule. In these fierce clashes with capital and the bourgeoisie, the working class and the broad masses of the working people are more and more strengthening their proletarian consciousness, preparing and tempering themselves ever better for the coming class battles. The present struggle of the world proletariat once more proves the fundamental thesis of Marxism-Leninism that the working class and its revolutionary struggle in the bourgeois and revisionist world cannot be suppressed either with violence or with demagogy. Despite the pressure, the demagogy, and the large-scale deceptive and disruptive propaganda of the bourgeoisie and its allies, the tendency to break away from the opportunist and undermining influences of the social-democracy and the revisionists, who unfortunately still manipulate an important part of the working class, is broadening and deepening. The growth and strengthening of the new Marxist-Leninist parties is vivid proof that the proletariat has never lost its faith in Marxism-Leninism, that it sees in Marxism-

Leninism its most powerful weapon in the struggle against the bourgeoisie and for the triumph of the revolution.

Day by day, the liberation movement of the peoples is rising to a higher level, both in content and in intensity. The historic victory of world importance of the peoples of Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos, which was a victory not only over U.S. imperialism, but also over the plots, intrigues and acts of interference of Soviet social-imperialism, proved that, with all their great power and wealth, with all their modern means of warfare, the superpowers are not able to subjugate the peoples and countries, even small ones, if the latter are determined to fight to the end and make any sacrifice. It confirmed the thesis that freedom and independence are won and defended with the gun, through struggle, that the strategy of the national liberation people's war is a strategy that ensures victory.

Today Asia, Africa, and Latin America constitute a broad front of struggle against U.S. imperialism, Soviet social-imperialism, and the other imperialist powers. The peoples of these continents are making great and allround efforts to strengthen their political independence, to shake off colonial and neo-colonial domination. All of us today are witnesses of the determined efforts of the African peoples for their complete emancipation, after their emergence from centuries of slavery. The achievement of independence by countries that only a little while ago were under Portuguese colonial rule has further accelerated the struggle against racism and racial discrimination in Rhodesia and South Africa.

The struggle of the progressive and democratic forces against fascism and reaction is also growing and expanding. The overthrow of dictatorial regimes in some countries, the struggle of the patriots of Brazil and Bolivia, of Thailand and Malaysia, the resistance of the peoples of Chile, Argentina, and Indonesia, against the fascist regimes have dealt telling blows at the reactionary forces and their imperialist supporters. The peoples of the Indian Ocean region, of South-east Asia and the shores of Africa are fighting persistently for the removal of military bases and naval fleets of the two superpowers. Everywhere the peoples are ever more awakening and growing more conscious of the danger that the policy of aggression, expansion and hegemony of U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism represents to their existence."

In recent years, the international communist and workers' movement, in its continuing struggle against Khrushchovite revisionism, has once again encountered a new opportunist trend, the theory of "three worlds", which is being presented by the Chinese opportunists. This "theory", in essence, is that very Khrushchovite revisionist theory which attempts to distort the true features of society and to substitute enemies for friends. This counter-revolutionary theory divides the world into three parts and maintains that the European imperialists have lost their imperialist nature and have become reasonable. It also maintains that one of the two superpowers is weaker than the other, and that this weaker superpower can be protector of that part of the world where the Soviet superpower is encroaching. In fact, this "theory" only recognizes one enemy for the world's people. The "three worlds" theorists shamelessly support the aggression of western imperialism, with U.S. imperialism at its head, against the world's people. They also claim that the dependent regimes of the countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America, the so-called "third world", are nationalist and anti-imperialist regimes. They openly support the fascist regimes such as Pinochet in Chile, Suharto in Indonesia, Marcos in the Philippines, the fascist Shah of Iran, etc., who are the most reliable supporters of U.S. imperialism in these regions. During the past seven years, the preachers of this "theory" have missed no opportunity to give the fascist regime of the Shah a nationalist face and divert the struggle of our people. For example,

in 1971, Chou En-lai invited the Shah's sister Ashrah to China and referred to this CIA agent as his oldest friend. He talked about the "anti-imperialist struggle" of the assassin Shah, and referred to the Shah's birthday as the National Day of Iran. Whenever they get the opportunity, the revisionist leaders of China speak of the "positive military policy" of the Shah, and present it as an instrument of defence in the face of imperialist aggression and defence of the sovereignty of Iran. In November 1977, Teng Ying-chao, the wife of Chou En-lai, during her stay in Teheran, repeated her husband's words and spoke of the "amazing progress" of Iran under the leadership of the traitorous Shah. Even the leaders of the imperialist countries have not uttered such things about him. The creators of the theory of "three worlds" are undoubtedly aware that it is U.S. imperialism which is arming the Shah and Israel in this region. They are undoubtedly aware that the Iranian army is waging a war against the Omani people in Dhofar, in accordance with the wishes of imperialism. They are undoubtedly aware that the Iranian army was the second army, after the U.S., to have Phantom jet fighters at its disposal. They are undoubtedly aware that in the October War between the Arabs and Israel, the Shah's jet fighters were at the disposal of Israel. They are undoubtedly aware that the Iranian army is being trained by over 50,000 American military advisors. So what is the meaning of "defence in the face of imperialist aggression" or "defence of the sovereignty of Iran"? It is quite clear that they could not be referring to the dominant imperialist power in Iran, U.S. imperialism, because the creators of the "three worlds" theory and their representatives are quite conscious and aware that the Shah's military machine is in the service of U.S. imperialism. Therefore, in fact, the creators of the "three worlds" theory, in their words and deeds, have revised the definition of imperialism and have taken up the ideas of conciliation with imperialism.

These opportunists also attempt to cause splits and disunity in the Marxist-Leninist movement. In order to implement their anti-Marxist theories, they formally recognized several groups as the representatives of the working class in each country, thus creating confusion amongst the revolutionary masses. This, in itself, was a factor against the growth of true Marxist-Leninist parties. Presently, thanks to this anti-Marxist politics, numerous intellectual cliques under the name of Marxist-Leninist organizations, instead of carrying out struggle against the imperialist bourgeoisie or their own dependent bourgeoisie, spend most of their time struggling against the Marxist-Leninist parties. And this is a cause of happiness for the bourgeoisie in the imperialist countries. At present, the cliques who support the theory of "three worlds" have in practice become direct or indirect collaborators of the reactionary regimes. Of course, nothing else could have been expected.

The Iranian Marxist-Leninists, like other Marxist-Leninists of the world, never accepted this counter-revolutionary "theory" and right from the beginning considered it their duty to carry out firm struggle against it.

The Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran, at its First Congress, correctly assessed this "theory" as a counter-revolutionary and anti-people theory. Also, our Party considers the existence of two lines in a party as anti-Marxist and considers it our duty to wage a firm struggle against these diversionary theses.

Our Party wholeheartedly supports the struggles of the glorious PLA under the leadership of the great Marxist-Leninist Enver Hoxha. The PLA has always upheld the purity of Marxism-Leninism in struggle against revisionism, be it of the Titoite, Khrushchovite or Chinese variety, and has marched at the head of the international communist movement, enriching the treasury of Marxism-Leninism in the struggle against these deviations.

Dear Comrades,

Permit me to use this opportunity to say a few words about the struggle of the labouring masses of Iran.

The fascist Pahlavi family was brought to power by the British imperialists more than fifty years ago. Reza Shah, the father of the present Shah, ruled Iran for sixteen years. After sixteen years of selling out the country and committing great treachery, he was forced to leave the country in secret due to the struggles of the masses. His son, Mohammed Reza Shah, was brought to power by the British and U.S. imperialists. Due to the anti-imperialist struggle of our people, he too fled the country secretly in 1952. At this time our people were able to drive out the ruling imperialist power, British imperialism, from our soil and to nationalize the oil industry. But true to its aggressive nature, world imperialism, with U.S. imperialism at its head, staged a military coup and toppled the nationalist government of Mossadegh. Our beloved homeland was turned into an arena for the slaughter of all revolutionaries and the Shah was returned to power. From that time on, U.S. imperialism gradually took control of all aspects of life in Iran: economic, political, cultural and military. The prisons of the Shah have been filled with over 100,000 revolutionaries. The U.S. imperialists have made the Iranian army into an army of aggression to serve their interests in the region. At present, over 20,000 Iranian soldiers are involved in massacring the people of Dhofar in Oman. Iran has become a depot for U.S. arms. Iran's military contracts during the past four years have totalled \$12 billion. The Iranian masses, despite the vast natural resources such as oil, gas, copper, etc., and despite the fact that oil production alone is over 400 million tons annually, are living in a state of hunger and starvation. But the heroic Iranian people have never ceased their struggle; by sacrificing their best sons and daughters, they have made sure that the imperialists and their running dog, the Shah, have had no peace. Presently, Soviet social-imperialism, as a result of its collusion with U.S. imperialism, is sharing in the plunder of the labour and natural resources of our people and is viciously plundering the natural gas of our country. The two superpowers believe that with each other's help they can prevent the rotten Pahlavi regime from crumbling. But the uprising which has been going on for the past three months in over forty small and large cities and even in some villages, resulting in over 1,800 deaths, 3,000 wounded and thousands imprisoned, is a reflection of the firm determination of our people to overthrow this regime. In particular, the reconstruction of the Communist Party in Iran at this time is a glorious achievement of the labouring masses, with the Iranian working class at the forefront.

LONG LIVE THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CANADA (MARXIST-LENINIST), FRATERNAL PARTY OF THE WORKERS' AND PEASANTS' COMMUNIST PARTY OF IRAN!

LONG LIVE PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM!

LONG LIVE MARXISM-LENINISM!

LONG LIVE COMRADE ENVER HOXHA, THE GREAT TEACHER OF THE WORLD PROLETARIAT!

LONG LIVE THE MILITANT FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE CANADIAN AND THE IRANIAN PEOPLE!

Following the speech and the sustained applause with which it was received, the audience continued to greet the representative of the Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran with more applause and the shouting of more slogans, including the chant **Down with the Shah! Down with the Shah! Down with the Shah!**, etc.