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**INTRODUCTION**

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**Message of the Central Committee of the Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran**



supported by 50,000 American advisors, by Israeli lackeys. Russian and Chinese traitors, cannot be destroyed with clenched fists, sticks and a heart full of revenge in a city surrounded by the army bases.

The experience of the revolutionary movement of the people throughout the world has proven many times that the revolutionary and liberation forces can gain independence and victory only when they can replace the organized counter-revolutionary forces with their revolutionary organization and destroy the army of suppression of the masses with their own organized and armed army.

Our Party holds all the reformists and conciliators responsible for the ruthless mass murder of our people on September 8, 1978, because they were conscious of the savagery of the regime and with their own eyes witnessed the events of August 19, 1953, June 6, 1963 and February 18, 1977 and still placed our people at the mercy of the criminals of the lackey regime of the Shah without any organization or arms, and to save themselves ran away out of fear. The crimes of the Shah on September 8, 1978 have proven again the correctness of our Party's line. Our Party believes that victory over the reactionary regime of Pahlavi and its imperialist bosses, especially U.S. imperialism, is only possible through organization of the revolutionary masses under the leadership of the proletariat, formation of the people's liberation army and launching of armed struggle through to final victory against the lackey and puppet regime of the criminal Shah.

**DISGRACE AND HATRED UPON THE BUTCHER AND LACKEY REGIME OF THE SHAH!  
 DOWN WITH REFORMISM AND CONCILIATION!  
 VICTORY TO THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION!**

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To get organized and armed:  
 The only way to overthrow the bloodthirsty regime of Pahlavi.  
 Heroic oppressed people of Iran!

The era of hesitation and doubt is over. The blood of thousands of our brave brothers, sisters, mothers and fathers staining the walls of the structure of the rotten and criminal regime of the Shah is itself a testimony to the fact that this bloodthirsty regime and lackey of the imperialist murderers cannot be ousted and the lives, wealth and dignity of our people cannot be saved through peaceful demonstrations and scattered activities.

We cannot struggle and triumph without revolutionary organization and leadership in the face of a dark rule which is organized to plunder us, put us in bondage and massacre us with the support of the most vicious imperialist powers. A regime which is armed to its teeth to protect itself, the interest of imperialism, especially U.S. imperialism, and which is being

**The Conspiracy Continues**

Once more, the reactionary and imperialist-dependent regime of Pahlavi faces one of the most crisis-ridden stages in its existence. The events of the last ten months in Iran which have left tens of thousands massacred have not only brought sorrow to the people of Iran but have aroused the indignation of all the peoples of the world against the decadent and rotten regime of

the Shah. There is no publication that has not revealed the criminal activity that has taken place in Iran.

The imperialist circles around the world, and particularly U.S. imperialism, are frightened of the recent developments in Iran. The measures taken by the Shah, such as government shuffling, are not without permission from his foreign masters. The sending

of Israeli butchers to Iran and the promise to send Pakistani death commands by the lackey government of Pakistan to assist the Pahlavi regime are further evidence of this.

The general uprising of our heroic people in the past months has been so extensive that the several thousand Royal Death Commando Guards were not able to carry out their criminal tasks; as a result Israeli paid butchers were brought in for assistance. Among all those things which worry U.S. imperialism most is the resoluteness and self-sacrifice of the heroic people of Iran in their struggle against the decadent regime of Pahlavi and its imperialist supporters. The people have grasped that they have nothing to lose, and whatever they had has been robbed by the hated regime of Pahlavi and taken by the imperialists of the West and the East. For world imperialism, it is clear that Iran is a bankrupt country with a shattered economy and it knows that Iran is similar to a volcano. It is for this reason that, since Ford's administration, the question of Iran has been put on the daily agenda of U.S. imperialism. We have repeatedly announced in our Party publications that during the last visit of Kissinger to Iran, a few months before Carter's administration took over, in order to prevent an uprising by the people, in the discussions between the Shah and Kissinger it was agreed that some of the pressure and suppression should be reduced. Based on this, freedom for the National Front and the "Central Committee of the Tudeh Party" was considered. Not only this, but certain people from the National Front could participate in the government with the condition that they would defend the constitution and not touch on the question of the royal apparatus. In fact, the government was supposed to take a superficial democratic form. This the imperialists conceived as the way to prevent a general uprising which could uproot all the imperialists from Iran. This is the same policy which was implemented for Spain, Portugal, Greece, etc. Of course, at the beginning, the Shah was not in agreement with such a policy because he claims that the people of Iran are not yet fit for freedom and democracy. This is natural, because he is more aware of his own decaying and rotten regime than his imperialist masters are. He knows that the people of Iran are his enemy and he is the enemy of the people. The Shah has not forgotten his traitorous escape on August 16, 1953, and he is aware that for his imperialist masters, their own interests have priority and if necessary they will put him aside and replace him with a superficially groomed government. It is no accident that the European newspapers as, for instance, the Swiss newspaper *Zurich*, in explaining the events of the last few months and the danger of the downfall of the Shah wrote: "All efforts of the Shah are to show to the United States that he has the most obedient government. Iran, a country that receives about \$25 billion out of selling oil, at the present has more than \$6 billion of debt." The efforts and activities of the Shah have been, in the first place, to maintain the satisfaction of U.S. imperialism. The Pahlavi dynasty, after passing half a century of tests of devotion to imperialism has passed this test successfully. British imperialism started to dominate Iran when Reza Khan (father of the present Shah, — *Tr.*) was put in power through its assistance. During these 55 years, if the people of Iran faced certain defeats, the Pahlavi court had a very definite role in these. It was in this way that the royal apparatus, with the assistance of U.S. imperialism, destroyed the achievements of the struggles of the 1950s and through the coup d'état of August 19, 1953, established an unprecedented 25-year period of suppression in our country, and sold out the resources of Iran to the imperialists. The people of Iran in their uprising correctly understood that the slogans "Death to the Shah!" and "Down with the Pahlavi Dynasty!" are their just slogans. By putting these slogans forward, the peoples of Iran have shown their desire to oust the shameless Pahlavi regime and its masters. The peoples of

Iran have realized that the Pahlavi dynasty and the royal apparatus have unbreakable bonds with imperialism and that the two of them are inseparable from each other. The peoples of Iran have not forgotten that whenever their struggles have reached their height and forced imperialism to retreat, changing the government has become one of its machinations. Every new minister blamed his predecessor, and many ministers of the previous cabinets were even superficially tried. U.S. imperialism will preserve the royal apparatus and the person of Shah to the extent that its interest allows it. Our peoples remember that at the height of the anti-imperialist movement and the question of the nationalization of the oil, which was moving forward despite the sabotage of the Pahlavi regime and the daily conspiracies of his court, certain conciliators who were dependent on U.S. imperialism and had disguised themselves as pro-people elements, were attempting to cover up the Shah's dependency on his imperialist masters from the people and in this way safeguard and preserve this most central base of imperialism from the attacks of the people of Iran. In questioning the government of the time, Dr. Baghai said in 1949: "The conscious Shah-in Shah of Iran is surrounded by a bunch of flatterers and pretenders and kept away from the facts and his majesty is unaware of the situation and conditions of the country." (*Tehran Mossavar*, No. 298). During that period, there were many similar to Dr. Baghai who presented themselves as pro-people, who in fact, had no other aim but to preserve the decadent Pahlavi apparatus. Such are the slogans: "Shah must reign, and not rule", "The constitutional laws must be observed." All these incorrect slogans were put forward in that period so that they could divert the struggles of the people, who had the dependent Pahlavi regime as their target. Of course, if the struggle becomes sharper it would entangle those surrounding the Shah, on the condition that the Shah, this central representative of imperialism remains intact. But who does not know that the Shah has been in the centre of all conspiracies against the people.

Today, when the struggles of the peoples of Iran have reached a new height and our heroic people, young and old, have stood up to overthrow the rule of imperialism from Iran, and have fearlessly resisted the "security and order" forces by sacrificing tens of thousands, once more, the old melodies of "observing the constitutional law", and "throwing out flatterers from the court" can be heard. In the glorious demonstrations by the people, these grovelling elements tried through various means to prevent or change any slogans which had the content of smashing the Pahlavi headquarters of degeneracy and the strongest base of imperialism in our country. It is by no accident that the supporters of the National Front, in the demonstrations of Jaleh Square (Martyrs Square) and other places, were attempting to change the correct slogan, "Until the Death of the Traitor Shah, the Movement Will Continue" to "Until the Traitor Shah is Deposed, the Movement Will Continue".

In the demonstrations of Thursday and Friday at Javadieh, Naziabad, Koshtargah, Sad-dastgah (areas in Tehran — *Tr.*) where the Iranian revolutionaries and, at the forefront, the supporters of the Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran, put forward correct slogans and were able to prevent the usage of purely religious slogans, the masses in their thousands accepted these slogans. There are certain people who attacked the Iranian revolutionaries, and considered their slogans to be communist, and, under the pretext that we are Moslems and that we have to give only religious slogans, tried to divert the people. These people even considered the slogan, "Death to the Shah" to be a communist slogan, but experience showed that the masses of the demonstrators in these areas wholeheartedly accepted the slogans, "Death to the Shah" and "We want a democratic republic". Obviously, the reaction makes maximum usage of religious people such as Ayatollah Shariatmadari who has no

other aim but to preserve the monarchy. If the conciliators of the National Front use their own methods, Shariatmadari also enters the scene with a religious guise demanding the government observe the constitutional and Islamic laws. He is attempting to pour cold water upon the flames of hatred and vengeance of the people under a religious cloak. He has even declared that the participants of the Thursday and Friday demonstrations have no ties with them, particularly in Rezaieh and Tabriz, etc. His propagandists called upon the people to calm down, and asked them to fight for the implementation of the constitutional laws. But the heroic people of Iran don't pay attention to these vain calls. Those who attempt to present the just struggles of the peoples of Iran against imperialism and its representative, the court of Pahlavi, as a purely religious struggle are quite mistaken, because the roots of the contradiction of the people with the Pahlavi court are not found in religion but rather in the miserable living conditions of the people and the heavy burden which this apparatus has put upon their shoulders. Our peoples are so vigilant that no authority can divert them from the path they have chosen. Whosoever sides with the masses, whether religious or non-religious, is embraced by the people. During the time that Ayatollah Shariatmadari had not revealed his character, he was accepted by the people, but the moment the stand of his "highness Ayatollah" was revealed, he was blessed with many curses.

The daily development of the accuracy of the slogans is a reflection of the enormous desire of our people to overthrow the regime and oust its imperialist supporters from Iran. Everyone was witness to the fact that the slogans of the demonstrations on Thursday and Friday were completely political and accurate and did not have any religious touch, and that also the conciliatory force of the National Front, despite all its religious calls was not able to bring the peoples' movement under its control. The peoples of Iran resolutely want to smash this imperialist-dependent regime, and this desire of theirs is the product of 50 years of struggle, in which they have closely touched upon the fact that any of their goals can only be reached through annihilation of this regime. Therefore anything which has a religious or non-religious touch, if it is to be used to preserve the basis of the monarchy, is rejected by the peoples of Iran. The demonstrations of Sunday and Monday at Behesht Zahra (cemetery in Tehran — *Tr.*) are another reflection of this desire of the people. The common slogans of all the religious and non-religious speakers during these two days were for the overthrow of the regime and the ousting of its apparatus from Iran.

Now that the policy of U.S. imperialism in diverting the struggles of our peoples has faced a defeat, the cabinet of Sharif Emami has also not been able to cure anything; it is preparing a new scheme and that is to bring back "Mr. Ali Amini, alias the Oil-Ali".

Two days before the massacre of black Friday, Ardeshir Zahedi, this exposed agent of imperialism, the ambassador of the criminal Shah in Washington, contacted the Shah and Amini and, in fact, handed over to the Shah permission to commit such a massacre which was granted by the President of the U.S. to the Shah via the ambassador. Since the massacre, in his interviews with various foreign reporters, Amini declares that he does not agree with such massacres and adds that he had pointed out to the Shah before that there was only one way and that was his premiership. He said that in his cabinet certain people from the National Front were also supposed to participate, but the Shah did not accept this, and that those surrounding the Shah are a bunch of low money-lovers and flatterers. This, of course, is nothing but gaining some credit for a discredited Pahlavi apparatus. Like his ilk of the Baghai type, Ali Amini attempts to present the Shah and the monarchy to the peoples of Iran and the world as being clean, so that the bondage and slavery of the

peoples of Iran continue. Ali Amini, this old lackey of imperialism, has become the present alternative for U.S. imperialism. Who is he? Ali Amini is the man who proved his slavishness to the imperialists during the reign of Reza Shah. Ali Amini is the son of Fakhredoleh, the nephew of Mozafareh-din Shah (of the Ghajar dynasty — *Tr.*) and Amineh-doleh, the premier. He was a member of the delegation which renewed the oil contract with England in 1934, during the reign of Reza Shah. In the first cabinet of Ghavam, he had the post of vice-minister of finance and in his third cabinet he acted as vice-premier. In 1954, he held the position of the chairman of the delegation to discuss a contract with the Oil Consortium. He became premier in the middle of 1961 and was the implementor of the "Land Reform". Such is the background of this lackey of imperialism, who has risen up on the side of the people swearing at those surrounding the Shah, so that he may find a foothold among the people! But the people of Iran know this traitor as well as the others, and will throw him away like trash. The people of Iran are aware of the cause of their miseries and, by annihilating the decadent Pahlavi regime and ousting all the imperialists, will make sure that they pay for all the direct and indirect massacres they have incurred upon them. No trick will deceive our people. The crocodile tears of the Pahlavi family did not deceive the families of the victims of the earthquake. The echo of the cries of "Down with the Shah!" and "Damn the Shah!" was even louder in the area hit by an earthquake. The victims of the earthquake and the victims of the massacre by the martial law are both victims of the regime, and our people have grasped this quite well. That is why they will allow no hesitation in continuing the course of struggle to overthrow the traitorous regime and oust its imperialist masters. The support of our heroic people for the just slogans of our Party is an indication of the link between our Party and the people, and the faith our Party has in the heroic people of Iran. Our Party will not hesitate to make any sacrifices along the sacred path of the complete ousting of imperialism from Iran, and along this path it will withstand all sacrifices. Victory cannot be achieved without sacrifices.

The heroic struggles of the working class and the working people of Iran have received quite an extensive response internationally. The international proletariat and revolutionary peoples of the world have risen up in active and unanimous support of these struggles. In many countries of Europe and America, masses of revolutionary Iranian youths have demonstrated their solidarity in a united way and occupied the Shah's embassies. They have, on the one hand, been violently attacked by the imperialist police of these countries and, on the other hand, are supported by the people. In Frankfurt (West Germany) and in Los Angeles (U.S.A.), the attack of the police was severe and at the same time the response of the students was such that many of the demonstrators and police were wounded and sent to hospital.

Communist parties and the international proletariat in all countries have resolutely supported the working class and working people of Iran and have prepared solidarity activities. The Party of Labour of Albania, and socialist Albania leading others has stood up against revisionists of all hues, defending the struggles of the working class and people of Iran, and put forward the slogan: "The Only Path to Salvation for Iran is the Path of Armed Struggle and Overthrow of This Reactionary Regime!" *Radio Tirana* in its detailed reports, along with its resolute support of the struggles of the people of Iran, has also exposed reactionaries of all hues, and in all manners declared that Albania will defend the people of Iran in the face of "the U.S. imperialists, Soviet social-imperialists and the Chinese revisionists who support the bloodthirsty regime of Iran".

Truly, the working class and people of Iran are not alone in their struggle against reaction.

If Sheikh Khaled, this "Moslem" and "keyholder to Mecca", this backward and decadent Arab Sheikh, defends the Shah and calls him pillar of Islam and calls the freedom-loving Moslem masses of Iran "communists" and "enemies of Islam", this is quite justified, because he too, like the Shah, eats at the same stall, he too is a lackey of foreigners. Islam is not the distinguishing feature for these elements. They can easily be a brother to a Zionist and an enemy of Islam, if their interests and the interests of their American masters dictate so.

If Carter, this phony hero of "humanitarianism", sends a message to the butcher Shah and formally supports him it is justified because Iran is crucial for the preservation of the bloodthirsty hegemony of the American empire and has a vital importance in maintaining the world of capital and, in principle, these gentlemen know no other task for themselves but to support reaction. Their shame will only be left for the gentlemen of the National Front who called upon the people not to demonstrate against Carter during his visit to Iran, under the pretext that he is a "freedom-lover" and a "humanitarian".

If the Soviet traitors to socialism and traitors to Lenin and Stalin sign heavy agreements with the Shah on the first day of martial law and the next day after the massacre of Jaleh Square, and because of this, after a long silence, in their first article in *Pravda* dated September 17, don't even speak about the crimes of the Shah, they are justified, because even though the Russian social-imperialists are in competition with U.S. imperialism and other imperialist powers to expand the areas under their hegemony, redivide the world and increase the exploitation of

## Long Live the Strengthening Ties of the Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran with the Masses!

The numerous and widespread demonstrations of the masses throughout Iran in spite of all the manoeuvres of the imperialists and the dark regime of the Shah are extending widely, and, with time, more radical slogans are being given. This is both a sign of the correct recognition by the masses of the rotten and bullying nature of the dependent Pahlavi regime and the uncovering of the uncompromising contradictions of the people with those who are against the people headed by the Pahlavi dynasty.

The useless attempts of the Pahlavi rule and its lackeys in diverting these demonstrations, dissipating their energy and finally trying to bring an end to the wave of dissatisfaction and the sacred vengeance of the masses, by various deceptions of "freedom" by the government of Sharif Emami, was quickly exposed as the streams were filled with the blood of the unarmed masses with the massacres of the martial law.

The proposed political slogans from our Party, the Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran, and its influence amongst the masses of the people and demonstrators and their enthusiastic reception of these slogans can testify to the people's recognition of their enemy. Our Party, by leading the demonstrations of Javadieh, Naziabad, Sad-dastgah and Koshtargah (areas in Tehran — Tr.) on Thursday, September 7 which started with 3,000 participants and then grew larger and larger; by putting forward political slogans such as "Shah, You Are a Butcher — We Won't Compromise", "Shah is the Running Dog of U.S. Imperialism", "Death to the Pahlavi Dynasty", "We Will Write with Our Blood Freedom or Death", "Abadan Catastrophe — Plot of Pahlavi" and the slogan "People's Democratic Republic", was acting on behalf of the common desire of the masses, and, for this reason, received the unanimous support of the demonstrators. The attempts of a group of provocateurs in changing these slogans, when faced with the support of these slogans by waves of crowds, were frustrated. The

peoples, when faced with the people, they are in the united front of all reaction. When their interests dictate, they will side with reaction (such as in Eritrea), they will even turn the barrage of artillery and machine gun fire upon the freedom fighters.

If the revisionist and hegemonist Chinese, the accomplices of reaction and imperialism who have been formally and practically supporting the Shah decide to send a distinguished representative such as the Chairman of the Chinese Party — "His Excellency Hua Kuo-feng" — to Iran in order to kiss the feet of the Shah when the bloodthirsty Mohammad Reza Shah's apparatus is in its critical moments, they are also justified because in their desires for participation in the exploitation and plunder of the products of labour of the working people of Iran they have no choice but to cooperate with the United States and attract the Shah and his court clowns.

But then, socialist Albania, the communist parties, the international proletariat and the people of the world are also justified in defending the heroic struggles of the people of Iran with such vigour. If from Spain to Latin America, everywhere the defence of the people of Iran and its heroic working class is the slogan of the communists of the world, it is because this is the defence of freedom, democracy and socialism. Because the revolution in Iran is part and parcel of the international socialist revolution. And the international proletariat is quite justified in defending this revolution with all its might.

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Communique No. 5 of the Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran printed in this issue for our readers was distributed widely in the areas mentioned above, on the night of the demonstrations. The efforts of our comrades in proposing these slogans at the very large demonstration of Gheyтарыeh on the same day, although at first resisted by other forces, were later accepted, and with the great effort of Party comrades, these slogans become popular alongside other slogans. It was by learning from the efforts of those who tried to cause splits in the ranks of demonstrators at Gheyтарыeh that a group of people's forces and supporters of the Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran widely distributed the Explanatory Communique at the bloody demonstration of the black Friday on September 8, at the Jaleh Square (Martyrs' Square). At the demonstration of the bloody Friday, our Party comrades were able to lead a section of the huge demonstration and, by putting forward clear slogans, linked with other sections at the square. Our comrades, consciously and with the support of the demonstrating masses, prevented confrontation with groups and elements who joined the ranks of the demonstrators giving non-political slogans, and thus prevented secondary issues from changing the goal of the demonstration. The secret of this success was the grasp by the masses of their own real and objective problems and their all-sided support for slogans which put forward their problems.

The demonstration of the unarmed masses at Jaleh Square was drowned in blood without mercy by the armed agents of the regime and the enforcers of the martial law; once more experience proved the wishful thinking of a bunch of reformists begging the King's court for "freedom" was futile.

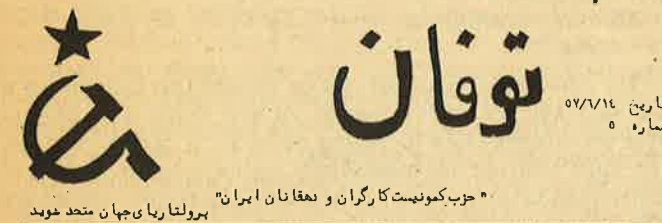
After the massacre at the Martyrs' Square by the henchmen of this regime, the most bloodthirsty and barbarous regime of all times, Communique No. 6 of the Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran, "Call to the Heroic People of Iran",

summing up the lessons of this massacre, was widely distributed throughout Tehran.

The activities of the communists organized in the Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran and their affiliated Communist Youth in linking themselves with the masses, doing political work amongst them, participating in their struggle and efforts in leading these struggles, are increasing and daily becoming more widespread. On Saturday, September 9, thousands and thousands of leaflets from the Party and its affiliated Communist Youth were distributed in the west and

## To the Comrades of Javadieh, Koshtargah and Sad-dastgah

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"حزب کمونیست کارگران و دهقانان ایران" - پرولتاریا ی جهان متحد شوید

Your vigorous demonstration yesterday (during the Fitr religious holiday) was an exposure of the unlimited force of the youth who will at last overthrow this regime and bury it in the garbage heap of history. The people's glorious demonstrations in the last few months have clearly shown that whenever the masses arise, the downfall of the regime is certain. But let us see what was the problem that such glorious demonstrations, along with the demonstration of 100,000 people starting at Masjid Ghaba and hundreds of other small and large demonstrations which shook the regime, have still not been able to destroy it. The Shah with his army (the main section of which will join the ranks of the people through a mass combat) will become humiliatingly powerless when confronted by millions of people who will be armed and who will act in an organized manner. The whole people have risen, this is only the beginning of the uprising. The

## Explanatory Communique of September 8, 1978

We know that in every demonstration people's demands are put forward through their slogans and the people have over and over again demanded the overthrow of the lackey regime of the Shah, and on this path have not hesitated to sacrifice their best sons and daughters. They have demanded a society where there is no exploitation of man by man, and this was also one of the demands of the resolution of the glorious demonstrations in Tehran.

Unfortunately, in the morning, these slogans were questioned by some groups and these brothers and sisters objected to them as communist slogans, while all these slogans were read before in a resolution by a representative of the people. We must know that social justice has no meaning as long as exploitation remains. Thus, as the resolution mentioned, a state must be built under which the workers, peasants and all the working people of Iran are free. The freedom of the working masses is the main slogan of every people's democratic revolution. Then why is it that friends object to the slogan of freedom and call it communist and bring it up at the end of the resolution? The main point is that for 50 years the dictatorship has shed the blood of our people and has imposed the worst and most wretched living conditions upon the peoples of Iran. Now that the peoples of Iran have risen up to bring an end to the shameful and anti-people rule of the Pahlavi

southwest areas of Tehran. Linking with the masses is increasingly preparing the condition for the unshakable trust of the masses for the only communist organization of Iran. Complete faith of our Party in the indestructible strength of the people and its correct and resolute stand has itself created this trust. The support of the masses of demonstrators for the slogans of the Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran itself testifies to this trust. The day will come when the seeds of this trust will run deep roots amongst the masses.

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blood shed by our loved ones must never be used as a scapegoat by a group of self-interested conciliators. Your slogan yesterday, Shah You Are a Butcher, We Won't Compromise! was one of the best slogans of the demonstration as well as Shah the Running Dog of U.S. Imperialism!, Death to the Pahlavi Dynasty!, We Write with our Blood Freedom or Death! or Abadan Catastrophe — Plot of Pahlavi! But from now on it will be better if the demonstrations take place in a more organized manner, with closer ranks and louder voice.

Comrades of Javadieh, try to join these demonstrations and control them to the best of your ability, respect the order of the demonstration, avoid useless running which causes the dispersal of the line of the demonstration, direct the demonstration towards crowded areas. (It was not correct to pass by the City Park and the Varzesh Avenue.) Lead the slogans of the demonstration to the direction which shows that genuine freedom when there exists no exploitation of man by man can only come about through revolutionary struggle and not through a change in the government or parliament . . .

**GLORY TO THE PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT!**

**DOWN WITH THE TRAITOROUS PAHLAVI REGIME!**

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regime, isn't it better that all the exploited unite in one rank in order to bring an end to this traitorous and lackey regime? Are splittist slogans not reactionary? Isn't it an assistance to the enemy to throw a freedom-lover out of the ranks of a demonstration? Have we forgotten the heroic Mojahed, Ali Meehan Doust, who told the kangaroo courts of the Shah that the regime wants to cause a split between us and the communists? Or have we forgotten the voice of the heroic Mojahed, Mehdi Rezai who said, the same bullet that rips our body also rips the body of the communists? Or remember, this statement by the martyr Khosro Golsorkhi who said, I am a Marxist and I highly respect the tenets of Islam. Thus comrades, be vigilant so that no disorder enters our united ranks and let us continue till the total destruction of the Pahlavi regime.

**TOWARDS A FREE AND PROGRESSIVE IRAN!**

**DOWN WITH IMPERIALISM AND ITS RUNNING DOG THE TRAITOROUS SHAH!**

**HAIL THE MARTYRS OF OUR PATH!**

(On Monday 8:00 a.m. participate in the glorious demonstration for freedom of political prisoners.)

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## Call to the Heroic People of Iran

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پرولتاریا را ی جهان متحد نمود

The criminal regime of Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, this American bootlicking dog, relentlessly opened fire on the innocent and unarmed masses and filled the streets with the blood of our beloved who stood for freedom of Iran. Today thousands are drowned in their blood and hundreds of thousands cry for the loss of their loved ones. In 11 cities of Iran martial law is officially enforced and in all of Iran it is enforced unofficially and the phoney mask of "freedom" has fallen off the ugly face of the regime. As we have declared over and over again that we mustn't be fooled by these phoney "freedoms", today also we point out that we should not have paid such a price to prove the viciousness of the regime. The experience of the conciliationist leadership of the years 1960 to 1963 resulted in the death of 15,000 on June 6, 1963. Has no lesson been learned from all those massacres and all the crimes of the regime that again there is talk of a monarchical system and constitutional law, which can only mean the continuation of the monarchy? Again one hears the melody of the parliament and elections and ignorance towards the 15,000 who were killed on June 6, 1963.

Heroic people of Iran,

The criminal Shah of Iran, the hated regime of Pahlavi, the regime of the comprador-bourgeoisie and feudalists, does not have the economic base to prepare conditions for democratic

freedom in Iran. The essence of the rule of the comprador bourgeoisie is dictatorship and thirst for blood. If we take the peaceful means in the fore of such a regime, we have surely abandoned all respect for the blood of our martyrs. If June 6, 1963 has not made us conscious then at least we can become conscious today, that this wretched regime can only be overthrown through the people's war. We must immediately gather together in a united front and arm ourselves, and begin the partisan war. Only through this method can we achieve all our demands.

*To admit one's weakness in front of the oppressor is sheer stupidity.*

*The tears (melting fat) from a barbecue only intensify the fire.*

The Moslem friends must also be vigilant that their enemy is the Shah and not the communists. At least today in front of our eyes we witnessed how the regime opened fire on both of us. We too must confront this bloodthirsty regime together. Splits and differences between us can only benefit the regime and no one else.

Expel all conciliationists from our ranks.

Expel all supporters of the peaceful road from our midst.

Between us and the regime is a sea of blood, we must arise with arms.

We must organize to raise fist against fist and arms against arms.

Till the victory of revolution.

Down with U.S. imperialism and its running dog the Shah.

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## A Few Points Concerning the Analysis of the Characteristics of the Present Movement

During the glorious demonstrations that took place at the height of the movement of our oppressed peoples, all patriotic and freedom-loving forces participated. Obviously, because of the spontaneity of the movement, the religious touch was the dominating touch in the movement. But this did not prevent other forces besides religious forces, that is, all anti-imperialist forces who were against the lackey dictatorial regime of the Shah, democratic, bourgeois-liberal, and the revolutionary working class from participating. This is particularly clear when one observes the slogans in the demonstrations. Side by side with slogans such as: "Hosseini is our movement, Khomeini is our leader", "Independence, freedom, Islamic government", "Shameless! Have some shame! Abandon the monarchy!", "Shah, we will kill you", there were also slogans saying: "Until the Death of the Traitor Shah, the Movement Continues", "We Demand Freedom for the Political Prisoners", "Death to the Traitor Shah, Running Dog of U.S. Imperialism", "Unity, Struggle, Victory", "Shah, You Are a Butcher, We Will Not Compromise", "Death to the Pahlavi Dynasty", "We have Written with our Blood: Either Death or Freedom", etc. What was outstanding was the political consciousness of the broad majority of the masses. Many times, it was observed that backward or suspicious elements tried to provoke and split the ranks of the masses. For instance, these elements attempted to appeal to the religious sentiment of the masses and turn their glorious demonstrations which were against imperialism, against

the lackey regime of the Shah, into groups of mourning and religious activity. They tried to prevent women without veils from participating in the demonstrations and even treated them in a rude manner. They would treat progressive masses who carried political slogans antagonistically, under the hoax that the slogans were "communist". These elements even considered the slogan "Death to the Traitor Shah" as a communist slogan and opposed it. But the masses of the people, by resisting these suspicious elements, and defending the progressive masses, demonstrated that the revolutionary unity of our people is invincible. Women wearing veils, saying "our movement is national and not religious", surrounded their sisters who weren't wearing any veils and protected them from the suspicious elements. Freedom-loving people from the bazaar defended those who were giving progressive slogans against the nefarious attacks of those who, under the pretext of religion, were trying to put off the just demands of the masses. They also surrounded and protected the progressive forces. Our comrades with their revolutionary farsightedness were able to recognize the schemes of the enemies of the liberation movement of the masses in time and prevent the masses from falling into their traps. We call upon all democratic and nationalist forces, and particularly the freedom-loving and anti-imperialist progressive clergy to rise up with us, in unity against those who, under any pretext, are aiming to sow animosity in the ranks of the masses of the people, and condemn these dirty schemes that definitely stem from the dark

court of Pahlavi, and by all means are in its service, and in this critical historical situation work for strengthening the ranks of all revolutionary, anti-imperialist and anti-lackey regime forces.

The participation of the heroic women of Iran in the religious demonstrations of the oppressed peoples smashed all the fairy tales of the regime of the coup d'etat concerning "liberation of women". When our heroic women sensed the danger of gunfire upon their heroic brothers, they left their lines and holding each others' hands encircled the men, so that maybe the soldiers would not shoot under shame. But the barbarous bloodthirsty soldiers of the regime of the coup d'etat shamelessly opened fire and shed the blood of many of our heroic women.

The number of martyrs of September 8 is unlimited. The butcher regime of the coup d'etat, in the most barbarous manner, buried many of the martyrs, and even the injured, in mass graves. The martyrs' street was filled with severed limbs. There was so much blood on the streets that one could not walk without slipping. The helicopters of the puppet army of the Shah opened fire upon the people and even killed many bystanders and residents of the area in their homes. The barbarous regime of the coup d'etat besides guns and machine guns, used an enormous amount of artillery fire to suppress the glorious demonstrations of our people. Besides the people of Tehran, many people from the cities around Tehran, for instance, Karaj, Ghom, and Ghazvin, were on their way to participate in the glorious demonstrations of September 8, but the anti-people forces of the criminal army of the lackey Shah closed all roads leading to Tehran and opened fire upon the caravans coming to Tehran, making martyrs out of many of our oppressed and heroic compatriots. The lackey regime of the traitorous Shah has many times proven its animal nature, and by learning from the nefarious crimes of the regime on June 6, 1963 and August 19, 1953, etc., the forces who lead sections of the people have the responsibility of protecting the masses; this is how our comrades

acted, and by organizing and correctly leading the demonstrations whenever possible they avoided unequal confrontation that would definitely end up with horrible massacres.

The orders for the massacre were given directly by Carter, and delivered to the Shah by Ardeshir Zahedi (the Shah's ambassador in Washington — *Tr.*), this home-bred lackey of criminal U.S. imperialism. Not satisfied by this, and not having faith in the special forces of the Shah which were directly trained by the U.S., imperialism even exported numerous soldiers from Israel, Singapore, etc. These were the forces that, along with the special forces of the Shah (Rangers, Green Berets, Guards, etc.), fired in the most barbarous manner upon our people. Of course, the puppet army of the Shah was not able to run away intact from the anger of our people. Various patriotic elements of the army not only refused to open fire upon their heroic brothers and sisters, but rather dealt with many lackey officers and mercenary foreign forces and gave them what they deserved for their nefarious and dastardly activity.

At the present time, a situation of hatred and revenge against the criminal lackey regime of the Shah dominates Iran, and the rumours of "arming" and "organizing" can be heard. Of course, U.S. imperialism, this creator of the barbarous regime of the coup d'etat, is trying to take "control" of the situation, and shift its burden upon the shoulders of our people with the assistance of lackeys such as Sharif Emami and possibly Amini. But our oppressed and heroic people have become well aware of the rotten and filthy nature of their real enemies, and the day will come when they thoroughly oust the reformists and conciliators from amongst their ranks and smash the apparatus of force and intimidation of the butcher regime of the lackey Shah and all the lackeys of imperialism once and for all in Iran, and achieve their demands for freedom.

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## Long Live the Nation! Disgrace and Hatred upon the Shah!

The article below consists of excerpts from a leaflet that was distributed widely in Tehran by the Communist Youth affiliated with the Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran.

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The peoples of Iran have unanimously risen up and are heroically following the sacred task against the criminal Shah and his masters. The sound of the machine gun was buried amongst the angry cries of the people, and every martyr gave fresh blood to the sons and daughters of our land. The Shah, seeing the end of his traitorous life, is using another trick as ordered by his masters and is trying to fool the people and suppress their struggle by changing his servants and prime ministers. But everyone knows that the new Prime Minister is another lackey of the criminal Shah. Changing the calendar and closing a few casinos has not and will not bring any changes in the lives of our people. Promises and lies, mass murders, treachery and crime by the regime and its agents are continuing.

How can people, who write with their own blood, "Death to the Shah" and "Death to Imperialism", in their struggle, gain freedom under the filthy regime of the Shah? Which freedom? How can the Shah and his family, who have hoarded the best agricultural lands and are watering them with the blood of the peasants, dare to speak about defending the peasants? When the criminal anti-national army, on the order of the Shah, murders thousands of workers of our country, what kind of law is this that claims that the Shah defends the workers? Those people who think that by "changing the government" and "struggling against the absolute role" the people can be misled and the Shah and his family can be protected are mistaken.

Our people demand the sentencing of the Shah and removal of the decadent Pahlavi regime, and want a developed, free and

progressive Iran. Our working people must have their own army just as the reaction and imperialism have their own army and general staff. The working masses of Iran know their path and realize that under the leadership of their Party, the Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran, they will reach victory and will build a developed, free and progressive Iran.

**DOWN WITH THE FASCIST SHAH, THE RUNNING DOG OF THE U.S.!**

**DOWN WITH INTERNATIONAL REACTION AND IMPERIALISM!**

## Unity and Organization Are the Toilers' Alternative

One of the most oppressive regimes of the world has been ruling Iran for 50 years. The balance-sheet of our society for the last 50 years is, on the one hand, full of the crimes and treacheries of the regime which has given our peoples' vast wealth to foreign imperialists to plunder and, on the other hand, shows the resistance and bravery of a people who have over and over again rebelled against the imposed bestial and medieval conditions of life.

Our people have never paused for a moment in their struggles against the butcher regime, particularly after the despicable coup d'état of August 19, 1953, and the heightening of Mohammad Reza Shah's crimes. Our people, held in captivity, have added bloody pages to the book of bravery of the world's peoples with their struggles, be they scattered on the farms, in the factories, universities, bazaars, etc., or half-organized as on June 6, 1963 and February 18, 1977, etc.

Our people's rebellion in the last few years, particularly in the last few months, has shown that the objective conditions for revolution are completely ripe. Our people do not doubt for one second that the price for freedom is donation of blood. But it is unfortunate that our people's repeated rebellions have been crushed many times by a regime which is one of the most rotten and decadent regimes of the world. The weakness and lack of discipline of the administration, the economic and social anarchy of this regime are common knowledge. More importantly, the regime is protected by an army whose only noticeable feature is its unconditional surrender to foreign invaders and its complete lack of fighting credibility. Everybody knows the chronic discontent and the deep contradictions in the armed forces. The elements who are organized in the ranks of the army have joined the army not because of their love of the fatherland, but because of desperation, poverty, fear of unemployment, or the provocation of others or unresolvable personal hang-ups. It should be remembered that the forces which bestially crushed the brave revolt of our people in Tabriz belonged to army units which had to go to Magadishu, the capital of Somalia, to support the Ziadbareh regime. All of the officers and higher-ranking officials of these units went into hiding when they heard the news of their dispatch to Somalia; they avoided appearing in the garrison under various pretexts, or else they hid in distant corners of the garrison! That is the spirit of the officers and ranking officials of this puppet army!! But the very same unit regained its rotten unity when it received the news that it was responsible for establishing an order of terror and suppression in Tabriz. With the killing of the scattered and unarmed people they once again proved that the "braveness" of the armed forces reveals itself only when confronted by *unarmed and unorganized people!*

Although it is possible to maintain the reign of terror by the force of bayonets, today, the regime's rotten armed forces, especially the army alone, cannot guarantee the despised regime's survival under all circumstances. What is keeping the

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despised coup d'état regime alive, more than the rotten army, is the lack of unity and organization of the people. The treacherous Shah's regime tries to maintain this state through its deceitful and splittist policies.

In general, the armed forces and demagogical policies constitute the two main pillars of reactionary and rotten regimes the world over. There is no such regime in the world which does not rely on them. Nevertheless, one finds differences in the rotten regime's deceptive and splittist policies in relation with the historic conditions of different societies. Hitler called his regime the "Third Reich" and promised the German people that they would enjoy the benefits of life for a thousand years. After the severe political and economic crisis resulting from the disgraceful defeat of the American army which was armed to the teeth in Indochina, the two criminals of the Indochina war, Johnson and Nixon, promised the American people the "New Society". The Kremlin revisionists and instigators of coups d'état have also promised the toilers of the Soviet Union that they would reach "communist society" by 1980. And the puppet Shah, according to his nature, promised our people the arrival of the "great society".

The deceitful policies of the reactionaries and puppets are aimed at two things. Firstly, to hide the true face of the regime, whose mission is to savagely exploit the toilers. The rotten and reactionary regimes present all their laws of plunder, their anti-people actions and programmes under the pretext that they have been planned with the "people's interests" in mind and not those of a handful of exploiters. Let us consider the Shah's land reforms. These "reforms" were enacted for the purpose of ruining the national economy and for the imperialists' complete plunder of Iran. But the traitorous puppet regime of the Shah is doing its utmost propaganda that "the land reform has made the peasants the owners of land and that the peasants are now determining their own destiny!"

The second purpose of the deceitful policies is to portray our people's lives, which are full of hardship, as comfortable, and their hell as heaven. Keeping them in hope of a better tomorrow, these policies try to prevent them from taking up any actions which would be contrary to the interests of the exploiters. At the height of inflation and high prices the traitorous puppet regime of the Shah commissioned an organization called "Committee to Defend the Consumers", which was supposedly to support the consumers' interests and to stop the uncontrolled price rises. This committee raised a lot of noise and promised the people that it would punish the people selling at high prices. In practice, it closed a few small and unimportant shops, and that was all it did (even this occurred according to their predetermined programmes). In fact, the "Committee to Defend the Consumer" was not created for the defence of the people's buying power but for other reasons. The state's aim in treating the famous "Committee to Defend the Consumer" and in staging its show of publicity was to keep our indebted and fed-

up people preoccupied with the hope that the skyrocketing prices might level off or even come down. The aim has been to divert the people's attention from the daily increasing prices and to keep them waiting in the hope of a better future. But there was practically not one day when the prices did not rise at incredible rates and reach astronomical limits. Today, Iran is one of the most expensive countries in the world, while the daily income of a worker is 21 Toumans and pensions are hardly ever 600 Toumans. According to the manipulated government statistics last year's rate of inflation was declared to be 25.1 percent (but it must be 100 percent).

In addition to the puppet Shah's policy of deception, his policy of creating disunity plays an important role in guarding this despised regime. The Pahlavi family has inherited the slogan "divide and rule" from its old British masters and is still using this rotten weapon today under the guidance of American advisors.

Since long ago the reaction in Iran has used the weapon of creating disunity and hatred among various Iranian nationalities, thus opposing the toilers of our fatherland. The traitorous regime of the Shah is trying to expand the differences it has created among various nationalities. Part of this policy is to attribute racist "particularities" and obscenities to various Iranian nationalities such as the Azaris, the Northerners, the Kurds, the Belutchese, the Lores, etc. The criminal coup d'état regime brings particularly filthy stories, under the pretext of "facetiae" about each of the nationalities into circulation. In view of the growing class contradictions in the society, the criminal regime is distributing these filthy stories by various means, such as recorded tapes. The regime is trying to bring these mockeries and hatred of nationalities into circulation in the factories and into the ranks of the workers, and has sometimes even been successful in this regard. Sometimes, in some workshops, workers from different nationalities do not mix and look at each other with contempt. But the toilers have no choice other than *to unite* in order to resist the poverty and terror imposed by the despised coup d'état regime. As the workers' struggles have shown, the workers of different nationalities will participate shoulder to shoulder in strikes, and contrary to the fascist propaganda of the filthy regime, they find their unity in these struggles.

Despite the fascist propaganda of the Shah about the "great society" and "the superior race of the Aryans", all propaganda machines are trying to denigrate Iran and Iranians, particularly our country's toilers. Slandering remarks such as, "we are all thieves", "Iranians are not human beings", "nothing can be done for these people", "Iranians are lazy", are being spread by the ruling classes and other propagandists of the royal court.

However, the most important means which the coup d'état regime is trying to use to paralyze the invincible forces of the masses of the people is the spreading of fear and the propaganda of political distrust. The rotten coup d'état regime tries to create mistrust among the masses by dispatching its SAVAK running dogs among the people.

The filthy regime does not solely rely on the "forces" of SAVAK for its policy of creating disunity. It also tries by various means to create differences between the progressive forces which oppose him, by converting secondary issues into main contradictions between these forces.

An example of such splittist policy is the fomenting of religious and anti-communist feelings among certain forces of the people. Iranian society is at the stage of a national and democratic revolution. The Iranian peoples have their common enemies. As their activity in the movement at its height all across the country has shown, all peoples' forces regardless of their class and ideological background have risen united against the bloodthirsty regime of the coup d'état and whenever the question of resistance against imperialism has arisen. They are not

diverted from making every effort in order to achieve their independence and human rights. The despised regime is aware of the immense force which is resting among the peoples of Iran and it knows that if this force is organized it will not be able to resist it for a moment. That is why it is resorting to its old and dirty trick of "divide and rule". The despised regime, exploiting the religious feelings of some groups of the masses of our people, is attempting to divert the attention of the forces of toilers and freedom-seeking people from their struggle against the regime to a struggle against the true sons and daughters of the people, the communists and all other progressive, anti-imperialist and democratic elements which have non-religious tendencies. The regime is trying to convert the class war, which is at its height at the present time, into a religious war, in order to isolate the progressive and anti-imperialist forces and to stretch its completely criminal and treacherous existence.

Unfortunately certain religious fanatics among the opponents of the coup d'état regime have accepted the treacherous, imperialist stooge Shah's invitation and are effectively aiding the regime by calling on their followers to fight against the "Marxists". They have even gone as far as to order their followers, among whom are some backward students, to cease all contact with the "Marxists" and openly declare that "we are in holy war with the Marxists". A struggle between the religious fanatics and the progressive and patriotic forces and elements under the pretext that those people are not religious would delight the puppet Shah and give him the satisfaction of his splittist policy.

Of course, we do not deny the existence of ideological differences within the ranks of the people. The people are divided into different social classes, each of which has its own particular class interests; ideological differences stem from the contradictions of the class interests and consequently from the economic contradictions among the people. But the important issue here is that under the present conditions, which is the important contradiction, the contradiction which places the people united against the puppet regime and its imperialist masters or the contradictions among the people?

As the repeated revolts of the people during the dark rule of the Pahlavis have shown, the contradiction between our people and the puppet regime and its imperialist masters is the main contradiction in Iranian society. The other contradictions will be resolved after the above contradiction has been resolved.

Not paying enough importance to the main contradiction of Iranian society or bringing up any issues which would sharpen the contradictions among the people and would make the secondary issues into main contradictions would only weaken the peoples' ranks and effectively serve the lackey reaction in Iran.

The splittist policies of the dark regime reflect in various ways the traitorous Shah's fear of unity among the people of Iran, since their unity would spell the end to this rotten regime.

The revolutionary experience of the peoples of the world, especially the heroic peoples of Indochina, has shown how much the imperialists and the reactionaries are afraid of the determination of a united and organized people to struggle for their liberation, despite the imperialists' massive destructive and savage military forces and despite all their material means. That is why the lackey reaction is spending all its efforts to prevent the unity of the Iranian people and any possible grounds for such unity.

The struggle against, and the exposure of the dark regime's splittist policies helps the deepening of the consciousness and unity of the people.

The unity of the people, in the last analysis, is the means; and if there is no goal to justify this unity, the justification for its existence will disappear. The primary reason for the unity of the

Iranian toiling masses is to serve the revolution for national liberation of Iran, the expulsion of the imperialists and their henchmen from Iran, and the building of a liberated and progressive society for the toilers.

The revolution for the national liberation of Iran will only be victorious when the Iranian people create the proper organization of heroic resistance to the criminal regime. In fact, it can be said that organization is the material expression of the unity of the Iranian peoples. Organization helps to strengthen and broaden the unity of the people, and a united people can withstand any force, as big and terrorizing as it may appear, and march towards victory.

## 25 Years of Treason

Twenty-five years have passed since the outrageous coup d'état of August 19, 1953, 25 years of blatant crime, murder, plunder and aggression upon the rights of the peoples of Iran. The whole of this period of 25 years has been filled with the execution of freedom fighters and the historical treacheries of the Pahlavi family, headed by Mohammad Reza Shah. August 19, 1953 is the beginning of a period when U.S. imperialism established the domination of one of its most faithful running dogs upon the lives, property and dignity of the people of our motherland. August 19 is the beginning of a period when the achievements of the struggles of the peoples of Iran against British imperialism which ended with its expulsion from our motherland and the nationalization of oil are all trampled underfoot by the traitorous Mohammad Reza Shah, with the support of U.S. imperialism. Mohammad Reza Shah, this house-bred lackey of imperialism, was crowned by British imperialism, replacing his bullying and sold-out father, Reza Khan. Reza Khan himself was also placed in power through a coup d'état with the assistance of the British. This is how treason and serving imperialism becomes hereditary in the Pahlavi family. It is by no accident that the balance-sheet of Mohammad Reza Shah's activity is dark and filled with crime, treachery and murder in the same manner as his "crowned father". The Pahlavi family recognizes no other tasks in Iran except to preserve the interests of imperialism. It is for this reason that since the beginning of his reign, Mohammad Reza Shah has never failed to reveal his animosity towards the people of Iran. He still "praises" his own and his army's crimes in suppressing the peoples of Azarbaijan and Kurdistan. He also considers his animosity towards the working class and its Party as one of his "achievements".

During the period after World War II and the victory of the people of the world over Hitlerite fascism, imperialism was faced with the struggles of the people for liberation all over the world. In order to save its face in this critical situation it was forced to tactically retreat and wait for a more suitable situation. This is part of the nature of imperialism — to resort to any deceitful means in order to maintain its hegemonic position upon the world. In Iran, imperialism found its base and stronghold in the Pahlavi court. The decadent Pahlavi court is the hiding place from which the hyena of imperialism has been able to place our motherland under its aggression and plunder for more than half a century. The anti-imperialist struggles of the peoples of Iran, whether before 1941 or after, have always been treacherously attacked and suppressed by this nest of evil.

The anti-imperialist struggles of the peoples of Iran, from September 1941 to August 19, 1953 are reflected in the nationalization of the oil industry and the expulsion of the dominant British imperialism from Iran. During this period, the working class of Iran under the leadership of its Party, the Tudeh Party of Iran (which had not yet become revisionist) did have a correct understanding of imperialism and the hated Pahlavi

Fortunately, with the reconstruction of the Party of the working class, the Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran, the time is more than ever ripe for the reconstruction and consolidation of the unity of our toiling people. The Party of the working class is the banner around which the peoples of Iran will rally to form revolutionary trade union and military organization and to find their unity in the struggle against the rotten reaction in Iran, to build a society suitable for liberated human beings, to live upon the ruins of the despised Pahlavi regime!

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court and always strove to reveal the facts about the court and its supporters to the people. The working class of Iran was conscious of the fact that U.S. imperialism was interested in welcoming a partner in the plunder of our resources and the labour of our working people and that was the reason for its fierce contention with British imperialism. The majority of our working masses wanted to wholeheartedly engage in a fierce and uncompromising struggle against imperialism and its base, the Pahlavi court, and in this path they did resolutely struggle against the schemes of imperialism and its Iranian lackeys. The glorious uprising of July 21, 1952, which defeated the traitorous schemes of the royal court in removing Dr. Mossadegh from premiership, is one of the examples of the glorious struggles of the broad masses of our people who rose up in an organized and monolithic manner and assisted the Party of the working class to smash the treacheries of imperialism. July 21, 1952 was a day when the Iranian reaction headed by the Pahlavi court was defeated, and if it were not for the conservativeness of the National Front, the possibility existed that this day would mark the beginning of wiping out the Pahlavi dynasty forever.

On this historic day, the army that had attacked the demonstrators in large cities and had martyred great numbers of the zealous sons and daughters of our people, when confronted with the great torrent of the united and militant masses, was forced to retreat, particularly, when many of the patriotic officers stood on the side of the people. The victory of the July 21st uprising showed that the defeat of reaction and the royal court was only possible when all the freedom-loving and national forces were united. The outcome of this uprising was a definite blow to the decadent Pahlavi court and imperialism. Ghavam Saltaneh was removed from premiership and Dr. Mossadegh, the leader of the National Front, was reinstated as the leader of the government along with vast powers and authority. At this historical time, the national bourgeoisie had taken power with the assistance of the whole nation and particularly the most organized of its forces of the period, the working class under the leadership of the Tudeh Party. The national bourgeoisie was supposed to fulfill the demands of the majority of the people, who wanted the trial and punishment of those who were responsible for the massacre of July 21st, and the smashing of the apparatus of the Pahlavi court, this nest of decadence and treachery against the people. But the bourgeoisie, true to its nature, became dizzy when faced with the protest movement of the masses of the people; and was particularly frightened by the daily strengthening of the revolutionary forces of the proletariat of Iran. From this moment on, conciliation with world imperialism was the main path chosen by the national bourgeoisie. The punishment of those responsible for the crimes committed on July 21st was forgotten; and even Ghavam Saltaneh himself, this agent of British imperialism, went under the protection of the leaders of the National Front, and the demand of the people for confiscation of his properties was left with no response from the

government of Mossadegh. Instead, everywhere, the protest demonstrations of the people against the various schemes of imperialism were drowned in blood at the order of the government of Mossadegh. Instead, fascist and infamous parties and groups such as the Pan-Iranist Party, the Sumka Party and the Working People's Party (known as the murderer's party of Dr. Mozaffar Baghai), etc., which had no other aim but to strengthen fascist and professional knifeflinging groups and which were manipulated by the royal court and imperialism, were given full sway. In fact, the government of the National Front believed that in the struggle against British imperialism one could rely on U.S. imperialism. According to Dr. Mossadegh, the government of the U.S.A. was a freedom-loving government, and the representatives of U.S. imperialism such as Truman, Harriman, and McGee (whom Mossadegh used to call his brother), could be assistance to the anti-colonial struggles of the people of Iran. Contrary to this, Dr. Mossadegh feared the world proletarian front to such an extent that in the parliament, the victory of the Chinese revolution was called a catastrophe for humanity.

Imperialism and its faithful servant the Shah, severely defeated by the struggles of the people, particularly at the uprising of July 21st, and forced to lose certain positions, did not, for a moment, stop plotting against the movement of the broad masses of the people of Iran, and especially the government of Mossadegh — this achievement of the anti-imperialist struggles of our peoples. The Pahlavi court and imperialism, encouraged by the hesitation of Mossadegh in fully supporting the anti-imperialist movement of our people, used the occasion when Mossadegh's government was tolerating the activities of anti-national groups, and entered the battlefield against our peoples, more resolute than before. The royal court went as far as giving medallions and prizes to those who were responsible for the crimes of July 21st. The government of Mossadegh ignored even these activities of the court, only demanded the observance of law and stuck to its slogan that the "Shah must reign and not rule". U.S. imperialism formally entered the battlefield by sending General Schwartzkoff, one of the known agents of the espionage agency, CIA, to Iran. Our working people, who recognized imperialism quite well, organized glorious demonstrations against the coming of the representatives of the U.S., in Tehran and other cities. But these demonstrations were also severely suppressed by the government of Mossadegh every time, and the demand of the whole people of Iran for removal of American military advisors from the army of Iran did not receive any response.

In this way, imperialism was left to almost freehandedly carry on the plots for smashing the national government; and the situation was such that it did not have any fear of even revealing its schemes. The President of the United States of America, Eisenhower, on August 6, 1953, (13 days before the shameless coup d'état of August 19) shamelessly pointed out in a press conference, "It is necessary for the U.S. government to prevent the expansion of the influence of communism among Asian countries, such as Iran, and take necessary measures. Already certain decisions for the implementation of this work has been taken. Sooner or later we have to limit the expansion of communism in Asia and we are determined to do so."

The plots of imperialism against the freedom and independence of our nation did not remain hidden from the eyes of those who had a clear picture of the situation; the newspaper *Towards the Future*, the organ of the Tudeh Party of Iran on October 6, 1952 (10 months before the coup d'état) wrote: "those who were frightened by the humiliating defeat of July 21st have now set up another anti-national system in order to reach their goals. One of these people is Major-General Zahedi," and two days later reported that "with the assistance of spies such as

Baghai and certain chiefs of the army, General Zahedi wants to implement a dreadful scheme . . ." It also declared that the plots of U.S. imperialism against the national government had reached a more serious level and the severance of relations with the British government must be side by side with the severance of relations with U.S. imperialism. As we know, none of these proposals was accepted by the government of the National Front, and U.S. imperialism easily got a free hand in setting up the coup d'état of August 16 and August 19, 1953.

The coup d'état of August 16, 1953 was implemented by Colonel Nassiri, the Chief of the royal guards. But the coup organizers, who wanted to arrest Mossadegh, were themselves arrested by the anti-imperialist forces of the army, early in the morning. Unfortunately, the Shah was able to escape from Iran and Nassiri was left unpunished.

On these historical days, the masses of the people who could sense the danger of imperialism organized great demonstrations everywhere. Our peoples were demanding an end to the shameful government of the Shah, and expressed their desires by toppling the statues of the Shah. But the government of the National Front, instead of attacking the stronghold of the enemies of the nation and the motherland, ordered the suppression of the demonstrations of the people and banned all demonstrations. The National Front which had always assumed the role of a fire-extinguisher against the struggles of the people, and feared these struggles, this time too, instead of leading the masses to overthrow the Pahlavi apparatus of the monarchy, stepped in to save the Shah and the court. After the escape of the Shah, under orders from Mossadegh, a royal council was established and the Shah, who was in Italy, was invited to come back to Iran and to the throne. But imperialism is too greedy to bear the presence of a national bourgeois as its partner, in its plunder of our national wealth. In addition, British imperialism didn't have any trust in the government of the national bourgeoisie and particularly feared that Iran would become a model for other peoples of the world. The decision was made, and Ashraf (sister of the Shah — Tr.), this prostitute of the court, along with Allen Dulles, the chief of the CIA and Lloyd Henderson, the U.S. ambassador to Iran in Switzerland, were plotting to overthrow the government of Mossadegh and smash the movement of the masses of the people of Iran. In Tehran, General Schwartzkoff was put in charge of implementing the evil scheme of the CIA, and he was personally engaged in gathering professional criminals who assisted General Zahedi in implementing the scheme on August 19, 1953.

Unfortunately, on August 19, Mossadegh still refused to cooperate with the Tudeh Party to smash the coup d'état and in response to the Tudeh Party which was demanding distribution of arms among the people, he said, "I have control of the situation." Even when the Tudeh Party, in the face of the danger threatening the national government, asked for "permission" to deal with the situation alone, still Mossadegh opposed this, and, even when the elements of the coup d'état were smashing the door to his house, he was still saying: "I have control of the situation." Unfortunately, the Executive Committee of the Tudeh Party in Tehran, in which the opportunist gang of Dr. Yazdi and company had the majority, due to the nature of this majority were not able to grasp these critical historical moments. After the coup d'état, still the antagonistic plots of Eskandary, Radmanesh, and Yazdi types, who were all after their narrow group and personal interests, brought such a division in the ranks of the Party that they were never able to stand up against the severe blows of reaction. With the emergence of Khrushchovite revisionism, the same elements happily greeted it and suddenly dropped the lofty banner of the working class of Iran and chose the road of betrayal to the ideals of the proletariat of Iran and the world.

The bourgeoisie of Iran, true to its nature, was not able to resolutely lead the anti-imperialist struggles of the peoples of Iran. This was the task of the Party of the working class of Iran: to always be prepared to lead the revolution to the final victory, take up this leadership at appropriate times in the face of the vacillations of the national bourgeoisie, lead the militant masses in their forefront, and resolutely march to smash the plots of counter-revolution, and march towards victory for the masses of the people, defending the achievements of their struggles.

The coup d'état of August 19, 1953, did not face any serious resistance, and brought the Shah back to power, and through him, the political, military and economic independence of our motherland was surrendered to U.S. imperialism, turning our country into an economic and military appendage of it. After suppressing the militant organizations of the masses, the Shah has turned Iran into a centre for imperialist plots against the struggling peoples of the Middle East, and Africa. But the peoples cannot be kept suppressed forever. The masses of the people of Iran aspire to liberate themselves from the clutches of colonialism and exploitation, they demand freedom and

## Freedom! What Freedom?

The government of the traitorous Shah has made a lot of noise about "democracy". The despised Pahlavi regime, this agent of imperialism, wants us to believe that democracy and freedom of speech, and even "freedom of assembly" can exist and are necessary in Iran. One wonders only why, in spite of all this noise about freedom of assembly and the necessity for the activity of various political groups, the existence of the decreed "Rastakhiz Party" is emphasized everywhere in the propaganda and between the lines in the published material. "Freedom of speech" and "freedom of criticism" can only be attained on the basis of the "all embracing party", the "Rastakhiz Party".

More important than this is that everywhere the despised regime is crushing the smallest demand of the people for freedom in the most barbaric way. The traitorous Shah's regime, this docile servant of U.S. imperialism, is arresting and imprisoning people everywhere, and savagely murdering them. What kind of freedom is this!

Today, the puppet regimes of imperialism, like that of the traitorous Mohammad Reza Shah, are trying everywhere, with the support and leadership of the imperialists, to create myths to replace the social facts; the true social relationships are always replaced by false ones. Thus in Iran too, under the rule of the traitorous lackey Pahlavi regime, for more than 50 years, the people have been given nothing but myths, lies, and deception by the despised Pahlavi dynasty. Under the pressure from the heroic Iranian people's resistance, all these deceptions are appearing today in a new disguise. This is why the newspapers are doing such propaganda with big headlines: "freedom of speech and writing" and "extension of freedom".

Everybody knows that the freedom of speech and writing is that type of lie which becomes more acceptable the bigger it becomes. The servile media are publishing, as always, censored and biased news, and the propaganda of the government and the imperialists. There is no mention in the newspapers of the criticism and statements of individuals and elements and groups who are opposed to the regime of the coup d'état. Political events and the recent resistance of the people have received wide coverage throughout the world and have destroyed all of the Shah's shameless propaganda about Iran. But these events are not properly and fully publicized; only an analysis of the regime of the coup d'état is printed in order to discredit some events.

The despised regime of the coup d'état openly declared its treacherous aims through the speech of one of its servants in the "Inquiry Commission About Iran's Problems". The newspaper

independence and will never stop their struggle in the course of achieving their ideals. The struggles of the masses can only achieve victory under the leadership of the proletariat with its Party at the forefront. Today, 25 years after the shameful coup d'état of August 19, with the unprecedented uprisings of the broad masses of the people of Iran, once more the question of the overthrow of the regime of the Shah and the smashing of the apparatus of the lackeys of imperialism has been put on the daily agenda. Let us rely on the lessons of the past struggles of the national liberation movement of Iran, and by learning from the causes of the unfortunate defeats of this movement, united and monolithically, under the leadership of the Party of the working class of Iran, the Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran, expose the plots of the imperialists and their agents, arouse an ever vaster number of masses in order to overthrow this regime of plunder and exploitation and the tool of imperialism and all plunderers in Iran, so that we are able to overcome the historical and natural vacillations of the national bourgeoisie in time, and achieve the revolution of Iran.

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*Keyhan* of June 21 quotes one of the "responsible" people from this commission as saying: "All political organizations which are capable of widening the political sphere and compensating for the shortcomings of the past on the *principles of Rastakhiz Party* are welcomed" (our emphasis — *Ed.*). The despised regime of the coup d'état shows in the above speech that it has not changed its "principles" in the slightest degree, because it is too rotten and too dependent to be able to do such a thing. In fact, the articles which carry the big headlines of "freedom", "freedom of speech" and "freedom of assembly" have no other objective than to deceive the reader who loves revolution and hates this political domination of "Rastakhiz". In particular, there is not the smallest change or indication of freedom in the society and in the relations between the people and the reactionary ruling circles which are dependent on imperialism, and in general, one should not have such expectations. The lying propaganda of the Shah's mass media is intended to deceive the people but it does not deceive all people from all classes. It does not deceive the people who do not have a daily piece of bread, who are deprived of the most elementary sanitation and health care, who lack the money to buy their children a pair of shoes and warm clothes for the winter, and the people who are under pressure of all sorts of fears, fear of hunger, of being homeless, of taxes, of gendarmes and the police, of persecution and torture and, lastly, fear of an uncertain and dark future which under the rotten Pahlavi rule promises nothing but misery for them — the people who are routinely subjected to such severe hardships that they die a hundred deaths every day. Indeed, for such people the myths about "freedom" and "democracy" will never be deceiving. Contrary to the imagination of some "intellectuals", the masses of the people have not and cannot have an abstract and isolated concept of freedom. For the masses of the people freedom and democracy mean the immediate eradication of oppression, a complete end to the imperialist plunder of the nation, and an end to the despised rule of the Pahlavi family, the big landlords and the comprador bourgeoisie (capitalists dependent on imperialism) over the life and integrity of the honest and brave people of Iran. As long as the people cannot determine their own destiny and take command of their own life, there can be no talk of freedom and democracy. Thus, the regime's hoax about freedom and democracy is nothing but a mirage and is unacceptable to the people. The hoax is not meant for the masses of the people but for those elements and groups who are

conciliators and vacillators; it is meant to deceive a handful of "intellectuals" and those who have an abstract concept of freedom which is separate from the political and economic conditions of the whole imperialist system.

The puppet Pahlavi regime, this running dog of imperialism, particularly U.S. imperialism, is operating in the entire imperialist system and is making use of the imperialists' experience in suppressing the peoples. We know that imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism are gripped by a severe crisis and that the contradictions in the camp of imperialism have intensified to such a degree that they have become fatal for imperialism. The peoples of the world have resolutely risen against the camp of imperialism and are fighting a life-and-death struggle against it. In other words, the validity of Lenin's and Stalin's theories about imperialism and its crisis has once more been proven. The main issue is not, where do the contradictions between the imperialists, particularly the two superpowers — the U.S. and Soviet Union — lead to. Lenin and Stalin wisely predicted the victory of the proletariat and the peoples over the camp of imperialism. This is inevitable. But it would be wrong to believe that the victory of the proletariat and the peoples over imperialism is easily achievable, as imperialism employs a thousand-and-one deceptions. The imperialists, faced with the struggle of the masses of the peoples of the world on the one hand, and the sharpening of the contradictions between themselves on the other, see no choice but to play a skit in order to hide their reorganization of the imperialist system. We see that the U.S., French, British, West German, and Canadian imperialists are giving unlimited and all-round support to the fascist, reactionary and racist governments of Rhodesia, South Africa, and Israel and at the same time are encouraging them to compromise with a group of Africans and Arabs. This compromise in no way endangers the interest of the Western imperialists; the only change is that the black scarecrows of imperialism take over power. This, of course, is the same old policy in a new cloak.

In Iran, too, where the imperialists and the puppet regime, this running dog of U.S. imperialism, have been under the pressure of the heroic Iranian masses, they had no choice but to regroup their forces for an all-out attack against the people. Thus, the puppet regime of the Shah, this lackey of U.S. imperialism, is, repeatedly and according to its normal practice, trying to deceive the oppressed people. However, history has shown, particularly in the initial period of the Constitutional Revolution, that the

resistance of the masses of the people will throw the enemy camp into a crisis and disunity. This crisis does not mean that they will surrender to the people, but rather that they look for new methods to oppose the people, to give their anti-people fight new shapes to replace the old ones. With respect to the people, however, they will always remain united. Sheikh Fazollah Noori played such a role against the Constitutional Movement.

The traitorous Shah is not alone in his venture to create deceptive schemes; those who live on his crumbs, like the traitors of the Central Committee of the Tudeh Party and the supporters of the anti-people theory of the "three worlds", are assisting him in his dirty work. Both of these evil forces are engaged in the facelifting of the puppet regime of the Shah. Each of them is using its own methods, basing itself on the "legal foundations" which are dictated by the interests of their masters. The "Central Committee" finds "positive aspects" in the royal "revolutions" and the other group describes the puppet Shah's policies as "independent and national". Each of them receives its share according to the degree it strives to consolidate the imperialist system of plunder. Overjoyed by receiving a share of the plunder, they ridicule our people's aspiration for liberation and devote their full energy to the diversion of the Iranian people's liberation struggles. The anti-people theory of "three worlds", like the Khrushchovite "theory of peaceful coexistence" is an imperialist "expansionist theory". Our oppressed people are well aware of the nature of these "theories" and they put them on equal footing with Carter's "human rights" campaign. Our people will not be deceived and diverted from the sacred path of revolution by "freedom based on legal foundations" like the "19-point revolution" (referring to the Shah's reforms — *Tr.*) even if it is supported by the Chinese or the Soviets. The heroic people of Iran are well aware that genuine democracy can only be achieved through the violent overthrow of Pahlavi's dark reaction and the expulsion of all imperialists from our fatherland, following the path of people's democratic revolution and the establishment of people's democratic dictatorship, under the leadership of the working class. Let us expose more than ever the nature of all the Shah's deceitful policies! Let us increase the ranks of the Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran, the only genuine general staff of the Iranian proletariat! Let us organize armed struggle for the overthrow of the despised Pahlavi regime and the complete expulsion of the imperialists!

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## The Conspiracies of the Peking Leadership Against Socialist Albania

A statement released in the bulletin of the *Albanian Telegraphic Agency* on July 12, 1978, announced to the world that on July 7, the government of the People's Republic of China declared its decision to immediately stop all its military and non-military aid and credits to Albania, to leave unfinished the construction of a series of important projects, and to completely withdraw all Chinese specialists working in Albania.

This event constitutes the beginning of a new stage in the conspiracies of the revisionist leaders in Peking, in their attempt to render a blow to the communists of the world and particularly to bring the glorious Party of Labour of Albania to its knees. It is not a new phenomenon that the revisionists resort to a variety of military, economic and political pressures and blackmail to intimidate the genuine communist parties and to impose their opportunist stands upon the communist movement in the world. The people of the world remember well how, at the height of the differences between the Marxist-Leninists and the revisionists in the international communist and workers' movement,

Khrushchov and his Kremlin followers used such degenerate and anti-communist means. The Albanian people have not forgotten those days when, prior to the 1960 Moscow Conference, at a time when Albania had suffered a dry spell, Khrushchov hideously issued the order to stop the shipment of wheat to Albania.

In those days, the revisionist Khrushchov was contemplating that he could thereby bring the glorious Party of Labour and the heroic people of Albania to their knees. He arrogantly hinted that he would prefer the Russian wheat in the silos to be used as feed for the mice rather than give it to the "ungracious" Albanians! Khrushchov and the Soviet revisionists thought at that time that they could buy the loyalty of the Party of Labour of Albania with a few tons of wheat! How utterly wrong they were!

Marxism-Leninism is a fact. It is the science of the victory of the proletariat and the toilers over capital and imperialism. The bourgeoisie and imperialism have always tried to negate its truth by all means, and to prevent its spread by a variety of



means. Sweet promises and various rewards on one side, and threats and conspiracies on the other! Reaction did not hesitate to use these means in order to crush Marxism and Marxists and will not hesitate to use them against Leninism and Leninists. When Khrushchov stopped Soviet military and economic aid to Albania he thought that either Albania would be forced to her knees and would have to give up her revolutionary stand in defence of Marxism-Leninism and in defence of the interest of the international proletariat, the toilers and oppressed peoples of the world, or Albania would always remain a backward and bankrupt country. But Khrushchov and the revisionist leaders of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union were blind and they could not see the power of the PLA and socialist Albania which rested solely in their reliance on Marxism-Leninism and reliance on the people. Albania has always remained faithful to its revolutionary stand and ignored the "aid" of the Soviet revisionists. Today, the economy of the revisionist Soviet Union is gripped by a crisis and by the chronic ailments of capitalism, like inflation, unemployment, anarchy of production, and waste of the productive forces. The masses of the toilers are suffering from various social pressures and economic shortages, while in socialist Albania, where the socialist economy has matured, there is no indication of either the present severe crisis of the world imperialist system nor of any of the other chronic ailments of the capitalist economy. Socialist planning has rapidly increased the productive forces. The masses of the toilers are daily carrying out the tasks of building socialism in Albania. In those days the PLA always defended Marxism-Leninism against Khrushchovite revisionism and defended the interests of the international proletariat and the oppressed peoples of the world against imperialism and social-imperialism. The PLA did this and will continue to do this, despite all of the difficulties which arose from Khrushchov's conspiracies. In its mission, the PLA has enjoyed and will continue to enjoy the support of the genuine communist parties and Marxist-Leninists and revolutionaries of the world.

Today, too, the Chinese government's unilateral stoppage of aid and various credits, military and non-military, the abandoning of projects under construction uncompleted, and the recalling of all Chinese specialists, is carried out by the Chinese leaders in the vain attempt to bring the glorious PLA and the heroic Albanian people to their knees. With their evil actions, the new Chinese revisionists are trying to force heroic Albania to abandon Marxism-Leninism and to conciliate with the new revisionist "three worlds" theory. They are unaware of the fact that nothing can force communists to give up ideological struggle or barter the sacred principles and ideals of the proletariat and proletarian internationalism. The communists all over the world, with the glorious PLA in the forefront, will increasingly continue, with even greater determination, their struggle against opportunism and revisionism of all hues, Titoite revisionism, Khrushchovite revisionism, sham "Eurocommunism" and . . . the revisionists of the "three worlds" theory.

The communists of the world and their heroic parties have gained much experience in the struggle against Khrushchovite

revisionism. They saved the international communist movement from this new revisionist attack with much greater success than that of the sixties. The majority of the communist parties and Marxist-Leninist organizations defended the purity of Marxism-Leninism with great determination against this attack by imperialism and the bourgeoisie. They heroically and firmly maintained their proletarian class stand and defended the interests of the oppressed toilers and peoples.

The Albanian communists, the PLA with Comrade Enver Hoxha as the First Secretary of its glorious Central Committee, this great teacher of the world proletariat and truthful disciple of Lenin and Stalin, had predicted the occurrence of such conditions and conspiracies by the Chinese revisionists and their satellites with great foresight. It was for this reason that the Seventh Congress of the Party of Labour passed wise guidelines in the winter of 1976. Thus, socialist Albania made preparations for fighting the complete encirclement by the imperialists, arming the Albanian people, so that they could build socialism and work towards the creation of a communist world, under the conditions of complete encirclement by bourgeois and revisionist countries. Albania, this shining beacon of socialism, has today become the only firm fortress of proletarian revolution and the sacred ideal of independence and liberation.

As the statement by the Albanian government and Party points out, the revisionist leaders in Peking have, "with this arbitrary and unilateral action", . . . taken "a conscious and premeditated step towards the deterioration of relations between the two countries and to damage the economy of socialist Albania and its defence potential. This hostile action fills the Albanian people with profound indignation and anger." However, "the pressure, and blackmail to bring our Party and people to their knees have not had and will never have any success". "The pressure and blockades cannot suffocate the voice of socialist Albania, will never force the Albanian people to renounce their correct Marxist-Leninist stand and will never lead them away from the struggle against imperialism and the revisionists of all shades."

The conspiracies of the Chinese revisionists will neither make socialist Albania give in, nor will they intimidate the communists and revolutionaries of the world. The same destiny is awaiting the revisionist leaders in Peking as that of Khrushchov and his ilk. The waste bin of history is awaiting all of them! Socialist Albania, relying on the heroic Albanian people and the unconditional and complete support of communists and revolutionaries all over the world, will remain the shining beacon of freedom, peace and socialism. The sharpening of the class and national struggles all over the world, the strengthening of the communist parties and the national liberation movements in various countries and the existence and consolidation of the socialist camp all clearly indicate the weakening and dying of imperialism, social-imperialism and the revisionists. The future belongs to the proletariat and the peoples. Marxism-Leninism will win!

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## Hua Kuo-feng's Trip to Iran

The trip of Hua Kuo-feng, the Chairman of the Communist Party and government of People's China, to Iran is taking place at a time when our working and oppressed people with the heroic working class at the head have organized mourning in the memory of thousands of martyrs who have been killed during the past period of less than a year. This trip is taking place at a time when the masses of heroic working people of our country with unprecedented bravery stand rigid in front of the tanks, artillery and machine guns of Mohammad Reza Shah, this agent of

imperialism, and his evil apparatus, and demand the overthrow of the shameless Pahlavi dynasty and the end of imperialist influence in Iran. This trip takes place at a time when world imperialism, shaken by the revolutionary struggles of the heroic peoples of Iran, is attempting to maintain the bloody claws of itself and its regime of dependent reactionary classes upon the destiny of our motherland and through thousands of deceptions and superficial changes deceive our people.

Hua Kuo-feng's trip was in support of the Shah's regime, at a

time when the criminal Pahlavi regime has shed the blood of thousands of sons and daughters of our people in a short time and has ruthlessly burned hundreds of people alive in its wild revengeful fire in Abadan. This trip takes place at a time when the Shah, this running dog of U.S. imperialism, is on his knees and, like his mirror-image Mohammad Ali Mirza Ghajar, gives promises of "freedom" to our people. It takes place at a time when even the imperialist supporters of the Shah whose own interests are endangered and are desperately trying to stabilize the decadent and dependent regime of reactionary classes, do not dare to openly defend this rotten regime.

Obviously the question comes up: Why does the leadership of "socialist" China decide to openly defend the fascism of Pahlavi and the yoke of imperialism, especially U.S. imperialism, in such a critical situation and even intentionally lengthen Hua Kuo-feng's visit to Iran? To clarify this question we have to look at the past and examine it from various sides.

In his interview a few months ago with reporters, the Shah declared: "At the present we have good relations with the socialist countries of the Soviet Union and China and they support us; then what remains for the left to oppose us?" By inviting the Chairman of the Chinese government who is wearing a socialist mask, the Shah actually wants to make a manoeuvre against the Iranian revolutionaries, and by glorifying the support of this so-called socialist leader, cause confusion amongst our revolutionary sons and daughters about his filthy regime. Of course, it is clear that Iranian revolutionaries and our people have a lot of respect and love for leaders of socialist countries, but bitter experience has taught our people to respect a government as long as it is in the camp of world revolution, and that any time it turns its back to this great camp, it will be hated and scorned. That is how the Soviet government was loved and respected and wholeheartedly supported at the time of Lenin and Stalin by our working people. Because the Soviet Union at that time was the revolutionary and socialist Soviet Union, it unwaveringly supported the struggle of workers and peoples for freedom and national and class liberation. But following the betrayal of Khrushchov and other leaders of the Soviet Union, of the ideals of the working class and peoples of the world, the Soviet government was placed on the side of the enemies of our working people and is therefore hated by the masses of our working people.

Also, at one time the Iranian people considered the Chinese government as part of the socialist camp, and wholeheartedly supported it. But the whole Iranian people have been aware for awhile, that the government of People's China is not within the ranks of the world's peoples. Our people have gained bitter experience in this case. For seven years our people have witnessed being stabbed in the back by the Party and government of People's China. We will never forget that in 1971, People's China invited Ashraf, the corrupt sister of the Shah, this known agent of the American CIA and the biggest international heroin smuggler; and the Premier of China at that time, Chou En-lai, in a ceremony given for Ashraf, called her his "old friend" and spoke at length in praise of the regime of the coup d'etat and its qualities and the "anti-imperialist struggles" of the Pahlavi apparatus. It was from then on that Iranian officials one after another went to China and their friendship strengthened daily. Our people will never forget how, one after another, Chinese officials during their trips to Iran did not hesitate to "express their gratitude" and flattery towards the ruthless regime of the Shah, this bloodthirsty enemy of the Iranian people. They continued on this path with such speed that they even tried to pose the murderous regime as "friend" and "sympathizer" of the Iranian nation. We cannot pinpoint any of these numerous trips of the Chinese official delegations where they did not speak of the "progress and development" of Iran under the "attention of his

highness" (such shamelessness!) Our people will not forget that, while the hot bullets of the lackeys of the Shah ripped through the breast of valiant sons and daughters of the peoples of Iran and those of the Gulf area, the Peking leaders assessed the billions of dollars worth of military equipment paid to U.S. imperialism from the peoples' pocket for the massacre of the masses of the area — as efforts for defending the sovereignty of Iran, and in a charlatan manner considered the arms policy of the dependent regime of Iran "positive", "national" and "independent".

On the other hand, since 1960, the attitude of the Communist Party of China towards Iranian communists has never been an internationalist attitude. Iran's communist movement has not had the "affections" of the Communist Party of China for a long time.

What was important for the communists of Iran was: defence of Marxism-Leninism, relentless struggle against revisionism and imperialism. No conspiracy could block the sacred path in which they were marching.

At the beginning we assumed that the Communist Party of China was making mistakes in analyzing the conditions of Iran and the international situation. Because of this we considered it our internationalist duty to participate in discussions and express our opinion regarding the different questions by numerous letters to the Communist Party of China and Mao Tsetung personally, to clarify the incorrect foreign policy of China regarding Iran and the Persian Gulf region. All our efforts were left without any response, as this was the usual method of the Chinese. Replies were never made to any of our letters, requests and questions. Taking all these actions of the Chinese into account, we still believed that these were problems of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the department responsible for relations with the sister parties of the Communist Party of China. Therefore, we never agreed at any moment to abandon our duty towards the working class and the people of Iran and our internationalist duties.

Iranian communists had realized long ago that there are incorrect policies in the Communist Party of China. Therefore they never accepted the counter-revolutionary line of the Communist Party of China. This is the reason for the "lack of affection" of these gentlemen toward the Iranian communists, both at the time of their activity under the leadership of the Marxist-Leninist Organization of Toufan and today under the leadership of the reconstituted Party of the heroic working class of Iran. The communists concluded and confirmed at the First Congress of our Party that the Communist Party of China had interfered in the Marxist-Leninist movement of Iran since long ago, and had conspired within the organization of communists of Iran. This policy and attitude has nothing in common with proletarian internationalism. For this reason, we do not find the present actions of the Communist Party of China against the communist movement and peoples of the world, including the Iranian people, surprising. The present actions of the Communist Party of China did not appear overnight, they were the development of the anti-Marxist-Leninist thoughts and views of the Chinese leaders from previous years.

It is obvious that the Communist Party of China openly took the path of collaboration with imperialism and betrayal of the people's movement throughout the world, since the beginning of the 70s. In 1974, by promoting the so-called "three worlds" theory, under the guise that this "hundred percent Marxist" theory is an analysis of class struggle on a world scale that has been designed by Mao Tsetung himself, the Communist Party of China openly and continuously placed itself at the side of imperialism, its running dogs and dark reaction, and even sanctioned and shared their criminal activities against the

peoples of the world. They do not know that genuine communists not only do not accept any anti-Marxist-Leninist theory which recommends class collaboration and sacrifices the interest of the masses for the rapacious interests of imperialism and their running dogs, but will also wage struggle against it, even if this theory carries the name of Mao Tsetung.

In fact, the road taken up by the Peking leaders is the road that will make an aggressive and hegemonist superpower out of China side by side with the two superpowers, the U.S. and the Soviet Union, which have been opposing the interests and the most basic rights of the world's people. By taking up the policy of collaboration and conciliation with imperialism, reaction and revisionism, China wants to have a share in the plunder of the oppressed nations of the world.

It is not surprising today, if the Chinese revisionists, in their contention with Soviet social-imperialism to impose their hegemony in Southeast Asia do not refrain from attacking the borders of Vietnam. It is not surprising if the government and Communist Party of China, following their hegemonistic policy and deeds, sever all their relations with the Party of Labour and government of socialist Albania, which has firmly upheld the banner in defence of the purity of Marxism-Leninism, and if they start an economic blockade of the People's Socialist Republic of

## Workers' Strikes

The practice of fining the workers became common years ago at the majority of large factories in Iran. Fining is a fascist method by which the capitalists can rob the workers of their last penny. This method not only increases the poverty of the workers and fills the pocket of the capitalist, but is, as well, a tool in the hands of the employers, who, by dividing the money received from fines between the managers and the higher-level employees of the factory, act to incite these managers to serve their bosses better and put the workers under pressure. The result of this is the all-sided attack on the interests of the workers and the increasing pressure on them — those who are the producers of the fabulous wealth of the capitalists. This type of pressure and suppression exists in all the factories of Iran and has always been confronted with the militant resistance of the workers. The strikes at the Fabric Factory of Behshahr and the Machine Tool Factory of Tabriz are two examples of this type of workers' resistance in the last months.

### Fabric Factory of Behshahr

At the Fabric Factory of Behshahr, 1,804 workers work on different shifts. The main shareholders of this factory are Khosroshahi (a Minister), Colonel Malek, Ghasemi (one of the big capitalists of Tehran), Ashrafi (representative of Behshahr) and Koulai (general manager of a sugar cube factory).

In this factory, since some time ago, in order to cause splits among the workers, the company directors demagogically promised them that the collected fines would be divided every year amongst the workers. At the end of spring 1978, the workers demanded their share of the fines. But as usual, since the collected fines had gone into the pockets of the directors of the factory (as an example two of the directors had received 17,000 Toumans (\$2,400 — *Tr.*) from this amount), nothing was left to be shared amongst the workers. The company directors fired three dissatisfied workers during June and July. On July 22, as ordered by the director of the factory, Fazeli, all the eight doors of the knitting division of the factory were locked during the day. The workers spent the dayshift in a compulsory, prison-like condition in an environment filled with dust and no fresh air. But with the arrival of the evening shift, after getting no result from their complaints to the administration, all the workers decided to stop work and go on strike. Confronted with the united

Albania. The attitude of the Communist Party of China towards socialist Albania is the same attitude that revisionist Khrushchov and his clique held in the past towards heroic Albania.

We consider Hua Kuo-feng's trip to Iran and his support for one of the wildest running dogs of imperialism like the Shah of Iran, whose background has been one of treachery and ruthlessness towards the working class and the working people of Iran, to be the result of their hegemonistic and collaborationist policy with U.S. imperialism for the redivision of the world and request for their share of the plunder of the people.

For supporting the Shah, you deserve the "glory" of standing next to the dark reaction of Saudi Arabia. We have chosen the camp of labour, the camp of the working people, the camp of revolution and socialism. We struggle for the achievement of people's revolution and inauguration of the construction of socialism in our motherland, and for the strengthening of the unity of the camp of international communism, proletarian internationalism and world revolution. Your path is the path of Khrushchov and all the renegades to the cause of the working class and working people, the road to the graveyard of history, and our path is the path of the proletariat, the path of socialism and the path of the bright future for the peoples of the world.

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objections of the workers, the employers had no choice but to retreat, and ordered the doors to be opened, whereas during the day the workers had approached them individually and did not get any response.

In order to put the knitting workers under more pressure, the employers had for a long time not provided spools, etc. At the spinning division there were 36,000 to 37,000 spindles, 5,000 to 6,000 of which are shut off. All these caused the reduction of workers' salaries, because the salary of senior workers was 33 Toumans (\$5 — *Tr.*) and the new workers between 21 and 27 toumans (\$3 to \$4 — *Tr.*). The workers who need more money to make their living have to work overtime. With the absence of spools and spindles this is not possible. The employers, to increase production and profit from the workers' labour and in appearance "to prevent" the lowering of workers' wages, raised the speed of the spinning wheels from 26 to 36. This obviously causes increasing fatigue for the workers.

On July 29, the dayshift workers of the knitting division, fed up with the conditions imposed on them by the employers and demanding wage increases, stopped work and all together went to the factory directors to raise their demands. Two months ago the workers had raised their demands through the government unions or individually with Koulai, the general manager, and Fazeli, the president of the factory, and did not receive any response. This time the workers had the experience of the previous time and knew that if they work together and act in a united way, they will definitely get results.

Fazeli's guards who wanted to keep the workers back were punished by them. The workers discussed their demands with Fazeli, the president of the factory. Fazeli asked the Chief of Police of Behshahr, who is also responsible for Behshahr's SAVAK, for help. The police chief tried to "advise" the workers, but when these tricks did not work, the general manager of the factory, Koulai, was asked to come from Tehran to a meeting held at "Workers' House" on July 29. Another meeting was held on August 2 with the participation of the governor and 100 workers, which soon exposed the tricks of the state apparatus to all the workers, almost all of whom firmly stuck to their demands.

Some of the points raised in the 9-point demand of the workers were as follows:

— Workers' wages were based on 380 points (33 Toumans for

senior workers and 21 to 27 Toumans for new workers) and this amount was not enough for their subsistence. The workers objected to this condition and wanted their wages to be based on 280 points.

— Before the factory was turned over to the private sector, after 30 years' work, the retirement pension would reach 20,050 Toumans (\$2,892 — *Tr.*) and the workers had to live on this amount for the rest of their life. Now with insurance and other problems, this retirement pension reached 12,000 Toumans (this too is another trick of the capitalists, who want to rob the workers and give them less pay. A while ago, four women and two men who had worked more than 38 years in the factory had to leave because of illness and old age. The directors of the factory even refrained from paying the 12,000 Toumans. Finally, the workers' strike forced the directors to pay this amount to the old workers.) At this time as well, the workers requested the payment of retirement pension when leaving work at the factory.

— Equal payment of special profit to all the workers. (Special profit is another method of putting the workers under pressure. Special profit is actually part of the workers' wages kept by the employer and is used for propaganda purposes as well as a means of blackmail against the workers. At the Fabric Factory of Behshahr, just as in many other factories, a large part of the workers' share is deducted for all kinds of reasons. The senior workers who become ill or those who are fired not only receive no profit but even have to pay something to the factory. We should also mention that at least one-fifth of the workers are constantly travelling back and forth to the hospital because of the bad living conditions. Since for every day's absence, one day's wage is deducted from their profit, obviously these workers not only receive no profit but end up owing the factory.)

— Providing lunch room and a locker room.

— Changing Fazeli, the president of the factory.

On Saturday, August 12, there was an all-out strike, especially in objection to the method of payment of profit, and the workers stopped working. The workers, while objecting to the amount of profit, pointed out that they will not return to work as long as no action was taken on their 9-point demand. All the workers gathered in the factory area and refused to return to their sections. The police chief did not get any result from his interference. The head of the work bureau of the province threatened on Saturday and Sunday to close down the factory. But the workers militantly asked that their demands be implemented or they would not return to work. On Sunday and Monday, the Governor, Governor General and others from the

## The Movement Continues

In the revolutionary situation in Iran, the factories, the universities, schools, streets of the cities and the fields in the countryside have all become arenas for revolutionary fire, vigour and fervour for the overthrow of the rule of imperialism and reaction and the annihilation of the Pahlavi family.

The heroic working class of our motherland, having found the general staff of its advanced detachment after many years of spontaneous struggles, not only participates in the general democratic movement of the people, but also advances its particular class struggle against capitalism. At present, there are strikes at more than 200 factories in Iran. Due to lack of space in this *Supplement to Toufan*, we will only present some examples of these strikes: The following two strikes have taken place in two plants belonging to a capitalist named Haj Barkhordar. This bloodthirsty capitalist owns 50 factories.

The workers of the Alborz plant on the Aramgah Road (in Tehran — *Tr.*) went on strike in September, and due to their heroic resistance were able to achieve their demands. Their demands were: 1) to receive 1,500 Rials (\$25 — *Tr.*) monthly for

city of Sari held a conference regarding the situation at the Fabric Factory of Behshahr. Also, in order to stay away from work on Saturday night, Fazeli used the excuse of having a heart attack. The Fabric Factory of Behshahr was completely closed until Tuesday.

### The Machine Tool Factory of Tabriz

The Machine Tool Factory of Tabriz is one of the factories in which many strikes have taken place during the year. Here too, like the workers of other factories, the workers have to fight the employers and supporters of the regime for their basic demands. The directors of Tabriz Tool Factory, by making the special "rate factors" the issue, tried to find a relation between the workers' wages and special profits, and in this way avoid paying the profits. The workers of the machine tool and lift truck sections, to show their grievance, stopped work at the beginning of August, and threatened to continue to strike if their demands were not met. Immediately, the Governor of Eastern Azerbaijan, Major General Shafeghat, the vice-governor and Ghasemlou, the general manager of the factory, met, and on August 12, promised to meet the workers' demands within one week, and asked the workers to return to work until the final decisions. The workers replied that if by the set date their demands were not met they will continue the strike even more vigorously.

### Tabriz Slaughterhouse

The workers of Tabriz Slaughterhouse are amongst those workers who have no insurance or retirement pension. Their wages are even lower than those of the factories. For a long time, they were asking for increased wages and the same benefits as other workers. Finally, on July 15, all the workers stopped work, and the threats of the employers and SAVAK, who with one another's assistance were putting the workers under pressure, failed on July 18 and the workers continued their strike.

What is important to note here is that the workers with all their flesh and blood grasp that there can be no resistance in front of the employers without a strong organization. The workers learned in these struggles that without a workers' association led by their genuine representatives, there can be no victory in their struggle for the achievement of their demands. The Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran is duty-bound to persist in building the genuine and fighting associations of the workers throughout Iran.

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cost of living, 2) to increase "lunch pay" from 20 Rials (35¢) to 50 Rials (87¢). Of course, the workers demanded hot food, but the management preferred to increase the lunch pay by 30 Rials and not give them hot food! In the Alborz plant, the women workers are the majority and they played a decisive role in the strike.

In the middle of September, another of Haj Barkhordar's plants (the Toshiba plant) was struck. The workers' demands are for an increase in pay and increase in their share of the profit-sharing plan of the plant from an amount equivalent to 45 days of wages to three months worth of wages. Women workers are also very active in this strike.

The wave of the present strikes has also embraced the civil servants. After the several strikes of post and telephone offices and the ministry of hydro-electric power, etc., from the 21st of September, the civil servants of the Bureau of Social Insurance have also gone on strike for better salaries and working conditions.

Since September 18, the workers of the Sahriar Industrial Combines have gone on an unlimited strike for their particular

demands. Right away, the oil workers also joined them in solidarity. At the present time, more than 100,000 heroic workers of Khouestan are on strike. On August 25, revolutionary and militant students of the Faculty of Science and Industry issued a very militant leaflet in the course of their ongoing struggle, and in an all-round manner exposed the barbarous and rotten regime of Pahlavi as a lackey of U.S. imperialism. Besides university students, high school students and youth are extremely active and participate in the mass struggles. On September 21, the classmates of one of the girl students of the Khojasteh school who was killed in a demonstration organized a memorial for her in the classroom. The slogan of general strike of all schools has

## The Latest Events

The butcher Shah has once more stained his hands with the blood of sons and daughters of our people. The events mentioned here for our readers are only some of the recent events reported to our monthly paper by our comrades who participated in and witnessed these events.

### Tehran

... The great demonstrations of Thursday, September 7 which were supposed to take place in the area of Gheitarieh of Shemiran (area in Tehran — *Tr.*) were confronted with police attack from the very beginning. Police tried to prevent the crowd from gathering by throwing tear gas at them. But people's vigilance and their struggle to gather reached such a height that the police lost control and were forced to retreat. But they prepared themselves as much as they could for the next day, September 8, to prevent people from gathering and the march. At 8:00 a.m. the next day groups of 500 to 2,000 people who had gathered around the Jaleh Square, when noticing the army's complete preparation, started to organize their ranks. At this time our heroic women decided to participate in the forefront of the ranks. First, because they wanted to, and second, because they thought these savage beasts would have some consideration towards them. Although the men insisted to dissuade them, they did not agree to change their decision. Therefore, 500 women lined up in the front and a row of youth surrounded them and people were continuously joining the gathering. These executioners gave the dispersal order. All the women at this point sat down and in order to win some sympathy from the army indicated that the only way through was over their dead bodies. But these ruthless murderers opened fire on the people, killing at least 100 brave women in one instant, who drowned in their blood. The people retreated slightly. These executioners then entered the Jaleh Square (Martyrs' Square) from the side streets and opened fire on the people, and hundreds who were killed by the regime's commandos fell to the ground. The unequal war had started. The number of martyrs of Friday, September 8 was at least 3,000. The people who had gone to Behesht Zahra (a cemetery in Tehran — *Tr.*) to look for bodies of their relatives even estimated 6,000 dead. One of the war reporters of the regime's paper, *Etelaat*, who had gone to the Martyrs' Square fainted when he returned to *Etelaat's* office. Later on he said: He saw bodies that were set on fire and he saw veiled women who had died while sitting down, all leaning against each other. One soldier did not obey his commander's orders and instead killed his commander along with other soldiers. During the firing the queue of people waiting at the local bakery were also killed.

At 10:00 a.m., at Shahreza Ave. near Fozieh Square six people driving a white Peykan were fired upon by the armed agents and only one of them escaped death. On the first night of the martial law, the residents of Martyr's Ave. all stayed outside their houses and did not go home. They were telling the security agents: We lost our loved ones, why don't you kill us too? People attacked

frightened the regime of the coup d'etat which despite all its filthy schemes of all hues, has not been able to paralyze the great force of the youth and stop them from struggling against imperialism, fascism and reaction.

It won't be long before the powerful waves of mass struggles along with the growing influence of the Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran amongst the workers and the class struggle under the leadership of the advanced general staff of the working class will build a democratic and people's Iran upon the ruins of this decadent, bloodthirsty and slavish system.

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various government and comprador capitalist centres while carrying the dead. The Jaleh store and the Electricity Company were set on fire. The executioners continued to fire upon the demonstrators. All the residents of this area had left their doors open and in every house there were at least 20 wounded people. There were only two doctors in the area who were helping the wounded with primitive tools. The women were filling bottles with kerosene in their houses and the youth were attacking the army with these bottles in groups. These activities continued in areas of Jaleh Ave., Ayati, Nezamabad, Gorgan, Fozieh, New Tehran, Khorshid, Kerman, Ray, Bouzar Jomehry, Shoush, Khararan and Sar Cheshmeh as bloody battles continued, and in every corner more bodies were seen. On the night of the martial law the regime was able to remove some of the bodies from the streets. The next day Behesht Zahra (cemetery in Tehran — *Tr.*) was overcrowded. Thousands of people had gathered there, even though it was announced that gatherings of more than three people were unlawful and the slogan of "Death to the Traitorous Shah" was echoed in the air. On Saturday at Galoobandak armed struggle broke out with the army, and a number of armed forces were killed.

On Sunday four police stations were destroyed and all the arms were taken by the people. At the Shoush Square demonstration on Tuesday September 10, a movie theatre and a bank were set on fire. There were demonstrations all around Tehran and the Merchants of Bazaar had closed their shops. The slogans given by the people in this area were "Until the Death of the Traitor Shah, the Movement Continues!", "Shameless, Have Some Shame! Abandon the Monarchy!", "Long Live the Memory of our Martyrs!", and also the slogan "People's Democratic Government". Here, supporters of the National Front and Shariat Madari tried to change the slogan "Until the Death of the Traitor Shah, the Movement Continues!" to "Until the Shah's removal, the movement continues", but the people did not accept this slogan.

On Friday, in the city of Karaj, mass murders occurred where more than hundreds of people were killed, but the correct figures are not available. On this day most government and comprador capitalist institutions were destroyed by the people.

### Ahwaz and Abadan

On Saturday, August 5, youth giving the slogans **Death to the Regime of the Shah!, Death to the Government of Oppression!**, were gathering at Hoseinieh Azam and the Abasieh area of Ahwaz at 8:30 p.m. The police attacked and fighting continued through the night. At 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, once more the youth gathered at Hoseinieh from all corners of the city and fighting broke out again with the police. On Friday, August 11, more than 20,000 residents of the city who had organized a demonstration were faced with a police attack including tear gas. At this time, the demonstrators split into groups of a few thousand and attacked the banks of Simetry Ave., including the

Bank of Tehran, Pars Bank, Bank Melli, as well as movie theatres such as Shahr Farang, Caroon Theatre, etc. On this night the armed police killed more than 20 people. Another person was killed and many wounded at Khaghani Ave. On this night SAVAK agents attacked smaller stores and broke their windows, including Sasan barbershop and Sharifi's Store, in order to dissuade the people from supporting the demonstrators. As well, when Abadan's Rex theatre was set on fire on August 19, between 800 and 900 people were attending the 900 seat theatre. The army units from Ahwaz and Koram Abad with tanks and artillery were all ordered to go to Abadan. But the people of Abadan with the youth at the head organized such a demonstration the next day that the army did not dare enter the Abadan cemetery. Tens of thousands were giving slogans against the criminal Pahlavi regime. On August 21, and the following days, thousands continued the fighting with the army, and like brothers and sisters in other parts of Iran, left many martyrs.

### Kordestan, Mehabad, Sanandaj, Khoram Abad

In Mehabad, after the funeral of Azia Yousefi, police made a political arrest of 30 people. Seventeen of them were kept in prison and given the death sentence. There are two young girls among those convicted.

There are 22 political prisoners in the city of Sanandaj, 20 of whom are Kurds. The prisoners living in the worst conditions went on a hunger strike and the police in return sent them to solitary confinement. The prisoners in these cells have no washrooms. These prisoners were not allowed to meet their relatives. The relatives of these prisoners organized a demonstration with 500 people in order to find out some news about their health, but were viciously attacked by the police. The police, however, faced the attack of the whole town population and many were killed and others injured.

On Friday, August 11, the people of Khoram Abad organized a glorious demonstration against the Pahlavi regime and many government buildings and banks were attacked. In the fighting with the police, some people were injured and many were

arrested.

### Rezaiyeh

On Thursday, August 17, the people of Rezaiyeh, young and old, all went to the Bazarbash Mosque. The preachers of the mosque, most of whom were supporters of Shariatmadari, tried to calm the masses with their words and prevent them from demonstrating. But when the mosque closed the people divided into groups of 100 to 150 and demonstrated in different parts of the city. In the Asgarkhan area, the only bank of Saderat was set on fire. A fierce fight broke out there with the police. During the same night and the next day, 14 people were arrested and still remain in prison. On Friday, August 18, the people again gathered at Bazarbash Mosque and in the same night, while fierce fighting broke out with the police, they were able to set the Christal Theatre on fire. A wave of arrests started on August 21.

The news of demonstrations and massacres by the regime was heard in more than 15 cities and provinces, including Mashad, Tabriz, Quom, Sari, Babol, Babolsar, Gorgan, Shiraz, Kerman, etc. All were evidence of the vicious crimes of the hated Pahlavi regime. What is important to note here is that the regime has started individual assassinations. For example, in Tabriz, the SAVAK kidnapped a youth named Ismail Pakzad who was a simple employee of the Mihan Tour Co. and was active at the February 18 demonstrations. His body was later found in the Shahgoli area of Tabriz. Or in Mianeh, a student named Akbar Asgharzadeh was tortured by the SAVAK to such a degree that he still remains in hospital. Using these methods, the sell-out regime is dreaming in vain to stop the people's struggles. This decadent regime should know that the people of Iran are determined to continue their struggle until the regime is overthrown and its imperialist supporters are ousted. They will not rest from any efforts until a government of people's democratic republic is established, because this is their only liberating path.

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