

The Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran strengthening itself

Communique of the Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran, September 21, 1978

The Workers' Advocate has received a communique of the Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran, dated September 21 of this year, which explains the role of the Party in the large-scale denunciations of and protests against the barbaric and fascist rule of the Shah which have swept Iran over the past several months. The entire communique is printed below.

Our Party, along with the various other forces, has been taking part in the actions and demonstrations which have been carried out in Iran. Despite the fact that the Party is young, it has been present and active in these struggles.

In particular, from September 7 on, the Party took the initiative and succeeded in playing the leading role in the demonstrations of several thousands of people in the Djavadie, Naziabat, Kochtarga and Sad-dastga regions.

The Party waged an intense and large-scale campaign of denunciation of the fascist regime of the Shah, especially by means of leaflets. Copies of *Toufan* (Central Organ of the Party), leaflets of the Central Committee and leaflets of the regional Party committees were disseminated in large quantities throughout Iran.

In particular, on September 4, the Communist Youth Organization of the Party disseminated its organ under the title of "Long Live the People, Down with the Shah!", in which the Communist Youth vigorously denounced the cabinet changes and explained that Emany, the new Prime Minister, is a puppet of the regime. The Communist Youth showed that the measures taken, such as the closing of a few casinos, the change of calendar or the changing of a few ministers, in fact change nothing at all, and that the people can only overthrow the Shah's bloodthirsty regime through their struggles and by the heroic sacrifice of their sons.

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sortium of 14 imperialist oil companies, which share in the extraction and plunder of oil, natural gas and other petro-chemicals. The basis of the economy of Iran under the fascist dictatorship of the Shah is the plunder of oil by foreign imperialists. Oil revenues of \$22 billion per year make up 63% of the national budget and are used to maintain the fascist apparatus of the Shah. The oil workers' strike has cut oil production from 5.7 to 1.4 million barrels per day, thus blocking the export of more than four million barrels of oil per day to the western imperialist countries and causing the Shah to lose \$60 million per day in revenues. In addition, the strike and the bombing of a natural gas pipeline by anti-fascist patriots has cut the export of natural gas to the Soviet social-imperialists who currently receive 30 billion cubic meters of natural gas per year from Iran.

The mass uprisings of the Iranian people have sent deep fear and frenzy into the hearts of the U.S. and Soviet "advisors and technicians", who share in the direction of the plunder of the natural resources of Iran. In recent weeks, more than two thousand U.S. "advisors" and several hundred Soviet "advisors" have fled Iran, fearing for their lives.

With the decree of a military government and extension of curfews, the regime of the fascist Shah Pahlavi has mounted a campaign of suppression and increased fascistization of its state apparatus. Police have been given full power to kill people on the streets after curfew and to gun down those in groups larger than two. All strikes and demonstrations have been banned during the martial law. SAVAK (the Shah's secret police force) has recruited fascist gangs to violently attack and murder the anti-fascist patriots participating in the anti-Shah demonstrations.

Israeli Zionists and U.S. "advisors" are helping man Cobra helicopter gunships which attack demonstrations and strikes, slaughtering hundreds with automatic weapon fire. During the past year more than 20,000 Iranian patriots have heroically laid down their lives in the struggle against the Shah's fascism and imperialist domination.

Along with the decree of martial law, the fascist Pahlavi has continued a campaign of political deception and demagoguery about his "democratization of Iran". As part of the martial law decree, the Shah claims that he is cracking down on corrupt government officials and business leaders. In doing so, he had 14 government officials and businessmen arrested, including the former head of SAVAK and the government Information Minister. This wave of arrests of former government officials and lackey businessmen in the Shah's ruling circles is nothing but a thinly veiled cover for the suppression of a possible coup d'etat by these officials. The Shah has also announced that he has ordered an investigation of the royal family's Pahlavi Foundation to uncover any corruption, profiteering or wrongdoing and that he is giving "amnesty" to 1000 political prisoners. This "fox guarding the henhouse" investigation by the Shah and his supposed "amnesty" for 1000 political prisoners have not fooled the Iranian anti-fascist patriots who have long experience with the Shah's political deception and demagoguery and will not forget about the tens of thousands of patriots who lie in the Shah's dungeons, or the 20,000 heroic martyrs who have fallen in the last ten months.

During the past several months, Carter and the U.S. government have gone out of their way to heap praise on the fascist maneuvers of the Shah. Shortly after the September 7th and 8th demonstrations in Teheran where the Shah's fascist army and police murdered more than 3,500 anti-fascists, Carter personally telephoned the Shah to congratulate him for a job well done and assure him of continued U.S. support in his programs of "democratization" and "human rights" in Iran. After the Shah decreed martial law

In their leaflets, the Communist Youth write, among other things: "At the present time, our army is led by 60,000 U.S. military advisors and all the oil and the other natural resources are plundered and stolen by the Americans and the other imperialists. Our gas is stolen by the Soviet social-imperialists. At the same time, we see the Chinese arriving on the scene, also wanting their share of the Iranian 'pie'. All these forces are combining their efforts to spread the belief that freedom exists in Iran! But the changes in various ministries in Iran resemble the situation in Spain where, after the death of the dictator Franco, they tried to put forward his successor, the reactionary Juan Carlos, as a supporter of freedom and democracy. But the Spanish people never believed in this masquerade; in the same way, the Iranian people will never believe in it either!"

Further on, they state: "In Iran, there is a large-scale economic crisis; in more than 200 factories, the workers are on strike and are rising up."

The Communist Youth are clarifying the situation by explaining, and issuing slogans which state that democracy under this regime is impossible. The Communist Youth are calling for the destruction of this regime and the convening of a people's tribunal to judge the Shah and his family. The leaflets of the Communist Youth explain: "The conscious workers in Iran have seen their road forward and know that under the leadership of their Party, the Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran, they will go forward to victory, and that only this Party will enable them to build their army to achieve victory."

As a result of the work of the Party, wherever it was present the masses abandoned the religious slogans and took up the radical slogans of the Party and in several cities, the Party was able to be the main influence in the political climate of the city.

and installed the military government, the State Department issued a statement applauding the military dictatorship. On November 1, Carter sent the Shah a message declaring: "We wish the Shah our best and hope the present disturbances can soon be resolved. We're thankful for his move toward democracy. We know it's opposed by some who resist democratic principles. But his progressive administration is very valuable, I think, to the entire Western world." These facts further reveal that when Carter says he desires "human rights" he means nothing but Hitlerite fascism. This shows that the "democratization and modernization" fraud of the Shah is part of Carter's so-called "human rights" campaign. This further demonstrates that the Iranian people are rising up against U.S. imperialist domination and the Shah's fascist rule, and it is not a question of some "Moslem fanatics" rebelling against "democratization and civil reforms" and for the "right of women to wear veils", as the lying capitalist press tells the American people.



Since the Shah came to power in 1953 through a CIA-led coup, the U.S. imperialists have been the main backers and props behind the hated regime of Pahlavi. This support is continued today with more than 60,000 U.S. military and economic "advisors" leading and controlling the Shah's 300,000 man army. In the last two years alone, the U.S. has provided the Shah with more than \$9 billion worth of military equipment including F-15 jets and Cobra helicopter gunships. The "freedom" and "democracy" that Carter speaks of is the freedom for the Shah to slaughter the Iranian people, the freedom for the U.S. imperialists to plunder the natural resources and exploit the people of Iran. With his demagoguery supposedly in support of "democracy" and "human rights" in Iran, Carter would now like to prepare conditions for replacing the Shah with a new, and therefore less exposed and less hated, U.S. puppet. But with the Iranian masses rising up in revolt, Carter has not dared to take such a step.

It is not only the U.S. and other western imperialists who support the Shah, exploit the Iranian masses, and share in the plunder of Iran's natural resources. The Soviet social-imperialists, "the natural allies of the world's people", are working directly with the Shah in developing a steel mill complex, a massive electric power generating station, and are building the northern one-third of the Trans-Iranian gas pipeline (part of the Soviet-Iran pipeline network which now transmits 17 billion cubic meters of natural gas per year to Eastern Europe and Western Europe.) The Soviet social-imperialists have not limited their contention with the U.S. and other imperialists to the areas of plunder of raw materials and the fight for markets, but they also supply the fascist Shah with military equipment for the suppression of the Iranian people's struggle. Recently, a large number of armored cars were sold by the Soviet social-imperialists to the Shah for use in attacking the demonstrations and strikes. In addition to the Soviet social-imperialists, the Chinese "three worlders" led by Hua Kuo-feng and Teng Hsiao-ping have also gone out of their way to support the Shah. During the recent uprisings, the Chinese revisionist leader Hua Kuo-feng visited

On the evening of September 7, in Tehran, the "29 Bahman Committee" distributed its leaflet No. 5 in all parts of one community, pointing out to the popular masses the orientation to be taken in the demonstrations the following day. On this day, during the demonstrations, our supporters were able to avert the great danger of clashing with the religious people, which could have given rise to a tragic battle.



On Friday, September 8, at Jale Square (Meydane Jale), another demonstration took place. In this demonstration, a second leaflet was distributed in which the Party issued a call to the religious people: Communists and religious people, we are all anti-fascists, we should not fight among ourselves.

In the course of this demonstration, the Party held the political leadership for a short period of time. Slogans which were anti-imperialist, and against the exploitation of man by man were shouted and taken up by the people. This demonstration, like many others, ended in a massacre. The Party's third leaflet was disseminated after the big massacre which involved over 3,500 deaths in Tehran. (At the Behchestezhra Cemetery, the comrades were able to see the numbers of over 3,500 officially killed.)

Our comrades saw 11 officers openly shot for refus-

Iran and told the Shah that China had a lot to learn from Iran and that Iran is much more advanced than China (in selling out to imperialism -- ed.). Clearly the new revisionist leaders of China view Iran as a juicy piece of meat which they also would like to bite into.

The present uprisings, strikes and demonstrations of the Iranian people clearly show their deep yearnings for true national independence and social liberation. It is only through the armed struggle, led by the proletariat with the Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran at its head, that the Shah's fascism, the old social order and the domination of Iran by imperialism can be ended.

This is why the Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran calls upon the working class and people of Iran to strengthen the ranks of the Party, the vanguard detachment of the Iranian proletariat, in order to prepare for the armed struggle for the overthrow of the hated Pahlavi regime and to drive all the imperialists out of Iran. End.

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the workers continued their strike.

Since that time Fords have continued to float their "offer" of "further substantial improvements in wages in return for cooperation to reduce problems", i.e., a so-called "productivity deal". The workers are continuing in their resolute opposition to all such deceptive schemes designed to avoid meeting their just demands.

The workers are demanding increased pay in order partially to restore their real wages which have been drastically cut by the combination of wage restraint and inflation. With the increased opposition to wage restraint the capitalists have tried more and more to push "productivity deals" in order to continue cutting real wages in another form.

Previously the capitalists refused to pay more (in money terms) for the labor power expended by the workers; now they will pay more (in money terms) -- but only for more expenditure of labor power. There is no change in the policy, just a change in the method of carrying it out. In the vain hope of covering this up, Ford management says: "We are not looking for speedups or cutbacks, just help in tackling stoppages and restrictive practices" (!). It just so happens that these stoppages and "restrictive practices" are defenses of the workers against "speedups or cutbacks"! With this deceptive statement, Ford management reveals precisely their aim of further intensifying labor -- speeding up, cutting breaks, reducing safety precautions, etc. -- under the pretext of increasing "productivity" and "efficiency".

With the further increased intensity of labor, the worker will each day expend more energy, more brain and muscle power, will exhaust a greater proportion of his or her effective working life. This demands an increase in real wages simply in order to provide increased food, rest and other necessities with which to restore the workers' energies for the next day, in order to compensate for the reduction in effective working life, and so on. Moreover, a greater than proportional increase is required because of the disproportionate exhaustion produced by driving the workers beyond the normal pace of working.

The capitalist can increase the rate of exploitation by increasing the length of the working day. But he can also achieve the same end by keeping the working day constant while intensifying the speed of working during the day. In effect this simply means cramming a longer working day into a shorter one by accelerating the pace. Workers are not going to work extra hours

ing to obey orders. On Jale Square, they saw a soldier kill his commanding officer and hand his weapons over to the people! Five soldiers committed suicide in front of the people and three soldiers killed their commanding officers with their rifles and ran off. One general was lynched by the people.

Over these three days, at least 10,000 people were killed and 20,000 wounded. Naturally, in the course of such actions, some of our comrades and close sympathizers were killed. By their sacrifice, they showed the active role and the devotion of the communists.

In the north of the country, more than 30 persons from the same city, young Party sympathizers, were arrested.

The people were able to see that the advisors and trainers of the army were Israelis (who, for example, fired on the people from helicopters). "Commandos of Death" were sent from Israel to Iran and participated in the massacres of the population. In many areas of Tehran, where barricades were erected, where there was a high level of resistance against the army, the army fired their cannons and reduced the whole area to ruins. A portion of the barricades was erected at the initiative of our comrades.

The regime was able to murder a large number of its opponents in the streets, for, over the last eight months, as a result of the "mini-democratization", many of them had revealed themselves, and the regime knew them.

In Iran, the people's struggle will not cease. Neither the demagoguery nor the massacres have broken their heroic struggle. In this trial, our Party is strengthening itself.

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End.

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without pay if these are added on to the end of the normal working day, but through their hoax of "productivity deals" the capitalists hope to force the workers to work extra hours without pay by cramming them "unnoticed" into the existing day.

In short, the attempt to impose "productivity deals" is simply an attempt to continue to achieve the same effects as "wage restraint" under another form. The monopoly capitalists (and their government) are attempting to maintain and increase their profits despite the effects of the crisis of the monopoly capitalist system by forcing down the real wages of the working class. Whether it is in the form of "wage restraint" or "productivity deals" it is aimed at making the workers pay for the crisis. The struggle of the Ford and other workers is directly aimed against this.

The labor aristocrats in no way oppose the principle of "productivity deals". Just as before they did not oppose but supported the principle of wage restraint as being "necessary" to "curb inflation", so today, when the workers through their militant struggles have made it impossible for them to directly advocate wage restraint any longer, now they are preparing to accept "productivity dealing" in order to continue their role of attempting to hold down and liquidate the workers' just struggles. In this nefarious activity they are being assisted by all brands of opportunists. The latter put forward such hoaxes as that "productivity dealing" is or can be a "facesaver" for the government, or that "productivity dealing" is bad because workers allegedly "win gains without struggle", and so on and so forth. Either they openly support the principle of "productivity dealing" or, whilst "opposing" it, completely mystify the nature and purpose of this attack by the monopoly capitalist class. It is essential to oppose "productivity deals" as being part and parcel of the overall attempt by the monopoly capitalist class to make the workers pay for the crisis.

As the crisis of the monopoly capitalist system develops, the monopoly capitalist class is striving by all means to shift the burden onto the workers' shoulders, to maintain and increase its profits at the expense of the increasing impoverishment of the working class. The working class is militantly fighting back against these attacks.

Support the militant struggles of the Ford and other workers against wage restraint, "productivity deals" and for their full demands!

Fight back against all attempts to make the working class pay for the crisis! End.