Iran: Continuing the Revolution

KURDS BATTLE GOV'T ATTACKS

For the last two weeks, the sounds of gunfire and explosions have echoed throughout Kurdistan, the mountainous, rough area of western Iran. The Khomeini-Bazargan government has launched its most massive and savage attacks to date on the just struggle of Iran's 4 million Kurds for political autonomy and democratic rights. At the same time the government has closed down the public headquarters of all revolutionary organizations in Iran, driving them underground once more.

These as well as other recent actions taken by the self-proclaimed “revolutionary” government—a label which the U.S. press is also glad to use in order to blur confusion about who are the real revolutionary forces in Iran—demonstrate that it has become a reactionary government which is desperately attempting to stop the masses from finishing the job they started when they overthrew the Shah's hated regime in February. Iran's rulers have basically stopped turning the force of the state against the old reactionaries and imperialism. Instead they are increasingly using these forces against those who demand continuing revolution.

The fruits of the revolution have been seized by an unstable alliance of conservative religious leaders, big and middle capitalists, landlords, government bureaucrats and military officers who fear losing their positions of privilege and power to the developing revolutionary struggle of the workers, peasants and millions of other oppressed.

In this life-and-death struggle shaking up the heroic Kurdish people are fighting at the front line.

A new wave of struggle in Kurdistan began on August 16 when 2000 armed Kurdish fighters overpowered 200 government militiamen stationed in Paveh in the southern part of Kurdistan, and took control of the town for several days.

Back in February, after the Kurds had run the Shah’s troops out of town, one of Khomeini’s “revolutionary komitahs” had been appointed to take over the city. But there was nothing revolutionary about this komiteh, for it

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N.Y. Police Murder Sparks Street Fighting

On Wednesday night, August 22, Luis Baez was savagely executed by the New York City police. Baez, a 29-year-old mentally retarded Puerto Rican man, was surrounded by five cops and shot 24 times. These murdering bastards fired at Luis from less than two feet away. And some of them even emptied their guns, reloaded and fired again. When the shooting was over, Luis was dead and the pigs were strolling and joking among themselves.

An already explosive situation blew wide open with the murder of Luis Baez. How many others had been gunned down at the hands of these butchers? And now, as the bloody details of this killing spread like wildfire through the city, each of the 24 shots that tore through Luis Baez, pounded home the same message: Puerto Rican or Black, people of minority nationalities are the extra-favorite targets of the pigs’ bullets.

The ruling class and its press ran out of time to suppress the outpouring of people’s anger. An overwhelming sense of outrage swept New York. The Baez murder was hotly debated in every neighborhood, in subways, bars and factories. WBLS, the most popular Black station in New York City, agitated around the murder all day Thursday. Station editors called the police out for what they

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The Carter administration Middle East policy in disarray? The U.S. leaning towards recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO)? In the wake of the Andrew Young UN-PLO flap there seemed to be new turmoil in the U.S. strategy for maintaining its control of the Middle East. Behind this apparent turmoil, however, which focused on Young's meeting with the PLO and the UN resolution proposed by Kuwait, there are some calculated moves by the U.S. ruling class.

The centerpiece of U.S. Middle East policy remains securing its hegemony in the region and blocking any Soviet inroads. Key to this strategy is the U.S. efforts to gain Arab recognition of Israel. The Camp David accords and the Egypt-Israel "peace pact" was a major breakthrough on this front. It has become increasingly clear to the U.S. ruling class that their strategic aims cannot be accomplished merely through absolute and unqualified support of all the demands and territorial claims of their Zionist frontmen. Some way must be found to deal with the Palestinians.

This orientation was reflected in the various statements made by the Carter administration over the past two years that the Palestinians must have "some say" in determining their own future. But this did not change for a minute the fact that the main effort of the U.S. imperialists has been to try to crush the Palestinian liberation struggle, and failing that to break it and bring it to heel, to force the Palestinian people to abandon their revolutionary goal of regaining their homeland and accepting a settlement satisfactory to the U.S. and Israel. To this end they have used both the military attacks of the Israeli army and the Palestinian camps and the sabotage and betrayal of the reactionary Arab governments.

This settlement of "the Palestinian problem" on U.S. terms is the main objective of the second stage of the Egyptian-Israeli negotiations: to arrive at a formula for some form of Palestinian "autonomy" in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Since it has been demonstrated conclusively, and is recognized by all, Israel, the U.S. and the Arab states, that the Palestinians will not go away, that the Palestinian liberation struggle has developed such strength, despite many setbacks, that it cannot be ignored, they have got to come up with something that pretends to recognize the rights of the Palestinian people.

It has become very clear that many of the Arab states are willing to go along with recognition of the Israeli state. The question is, on what terms will this recognition be granted. Precisely because of the determination of the Palestinian struggle and the support it enjoys from the masses of Arab people, the Arab rulers are forced to hold out for some "acceptable solution" to the so-called Palestinian question. For them this boils down to a Palestinian "mini-state" in the West Bank and Gaza.

The Israelis fear and remain absolutely opposed to such a settlement in such terms. They are determined that the maximum settlement be restricted to a "disengagement" zone of Palestinian "autonomy" in the West Bank and Gaza that will not be able to bring down these areas intact. The U.S. for its part, remains determined not to jeopardize its own security and its "solution" that in the future could threaten its principle interest in the region. Partition with the Palestinians "on one's terms" is unwilling to accept anything that might undermine the "unbreakable" and "unshakable" pillar of its Middle East domination. Hence it has continued to search for a way to deal with the Palestinians accepting a settlement short of statehood. Both these positions, of the Arab states and of the U.S., were to be seen in the controversy over the UN resolution put forward by Kuwait and the about-face taken by the U.S. and the Arab states in the face of the U.S. failed to win support from Israel and Egypt in recent weeks. The Kuwait resolution accepted UN resolution 242, which recognizes the right of Israel to an autonomous Palestinian homeland. But it is a far more "moderate" resolution. But they also recognized that Israel would not go along with such a resolution for the Palestinian statehood. So they tried to come up with something that would fit the U.S. resolution 242 but mute the call for a Palestinian state.

Now here is something that is particularly new. What is a newer and fuller development in the recent events is the seeming PLO acceptance of the U.S. position and its new current resolution on the Palestinian "autonomy".

Federal Court Upholds Penalty for Mixed Dating

Alexandria, Va. — "Reverse discrimination!" No, this time "freedom of religion!" is the charge being raised to cover for new attacks on Black people and to promote the fairest radical ideology.

Replacing Allen Bakke and Brian Weber as the front man this time is Alice Lee Bledsoe, "born-again" fundamentalist minister and principal of Maranwuos Christian School in Woodbridge, Virginia.

For a number of years, Bledsoe tried to give his school and church the image of Jimmy Carter's "new South." There were a few Black students and even a Black teacher, but this January, Bledsoe retaliated by his "non-discrimination"-good at the sight of one of his students; Melissa Fiedler, holding hands with one of the Black students, Rufus Bostic III. This would have to stop immediately!!! He told Bostic's sister his reasoning. "The sex drive is greater in Black men than in white men."

When the girl refused to follow this reactionary's "counseling," the principal called her lawyer, and Melissa Fiedler and her father planned to fight this outrage, Bledsoe expelled Melissa's family. The Fiedlers have continued to press their case against the school.

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L.A. Times--Runs Oil Con-Game
On Members

The country's auto workers were offered a ride down a dead-end street August 22, as United Auto Workers president Bob Avakian orchestrated a "write-in" campaign, supposedly to "save the energy ripoff." While it could never do that, it did manage to stop some of the auto assembly lines, but only after tactics of Black Panther fame had gone on long enough for UAW members to sign a few cards addressed to Jimmy Carter at the White House.

The postcards read, "I am fed up with a rip-off by the oil companies and OPEC, and the lack of an effective energy program. When Congress returned in May, I asked that the following measures be taken:

1. Assure the basic needs for gasoline, heating oil, natural gas and electricity; give workers the right to organize; and stop a strong windfall profits tax;
2. Turn over the petroleum industry to a public corporation to produce oil and gas on Federal lands to provide desperately needed energy; and
3. Write in our candidates of choice in the November election.

The write-in was described as the first step in a broad national campaign for "UAW Energy Protection, "Progressive Alliance, a social-democratic organization of labor, business, and consumers groups also headed by Doug Fraser. These activities are to culminate in a Big Oil Protest Day on Oct."

The energy crisis is itself a write-in phenomenon; people who are worried about the oil crisis are putting pressure on Congress for a program of economic and social reform that will make it possible to use the nation's energy resources for the good of all Americans.

The reporter refused to cooperate in the story, as he was only writing about the "energy crisis" and the "write-in" campaign. The reporter did not want to discuss the fact that the UAW brought in the oil companies' representatives to discuss their program as an alternative. It was, in fact, the UAW the energy crisis. The UAW is a con-game, using the oil crisis to gain support for its own goals, which are not necessarily aligned with the needs of the American people.

Even the Big Three auto giant were in basic agreement with Fraser's line. Their only objection was that it was too radical. They knew it wasn't aimed at them. It wasn't even aimed at the President or Congress. The real target was the UAW members themselves. The purpose of the write-in was to make a statement against the government's policies and to turn the growing discontent of the workers into an asset, rather than a threat, to the government.

The energy crisis is not new. The media have often played this role in the past. According to the FBI's own documents, their COINTELPRO program actively used friendly and cooperative groups in the press media to attack the Revolutionary Union, founder of the RCP. No current documents on the RCP are available even under the Freedom of Information Act because to release them would be a "dangerous security breach" according to government sources (L.A. Times, Aug. 31).

If the Times eventually prints a small retraction, they will have done their service well. They will, with their "innocents," have helped create the impression that the RCP is a bunch of Squarky Fromme-type idiots--not a serious revolutionary Party.

At a press conference on August 29, the RCP publicly announced it was demanding a printed retraction from the L.A. Times, and was proceeding to sue the newspaper for libel. In addition, it was being filed in federal court to enjoin the federal government from proceeding against Bob Avakian on the basis of the fabricated quote.

The question of how to come to a negotiated settlement is not one that could be met at reasonable prices. While they may not be willing to accept a settlement, they will have done their service well. They will, with their "innocents," have helped create the impression that the RCP is a bunch of Squarky Fromme-type idiots--not a serious revolutionary Party.

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"To All Those Who
Refuse To Live and
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The largest oil spill in history is presently covering over 40,000 square miles in the Gulf of Mexico and is still growing. On June 13, Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex), Mexico's nationalized oil company, blew out 150 feet below water off the shore of Mexico and began spewing 30,000 barrels/day of crude oil. Even Red Adair, the top U.S. expert on controlling blowouts, was unable to cap this one after three weeks, though they have managed to slow down the flow to 10,000 barrels/day. Predictions are it will not be capped until October or later. Meanwhile millions of dollars worth of damage has already been done along the coast of Mexico and south Texas.

Throughout June and most of July, the spill was given little attention in the U.S. press mainly because at that time it was Mexico's problem. However, as it became apparent that the oil was seeping into U.S. territory, the media and various politicians quickly gave it their attention and in the process began splattering out their own brand of pollution: anti-Mexican slander. Daily reports from the southern beaches of Texas became front page news in Texas. Tar balls that regularly wash up on the shore from the numerous U.S. oil tankers in the area were suddenly labeled the first sign of the Mexican menace. The Mexican oil was "attacking U.S. beaches," the biggest threat since the sensational killer bee.

In editorials and cartoons the slick was compared with illegal aliens—"another disgusting residue seeping in from an inferior country." One syndicated cartoon showed a Mexican laughing across the border while a U.S. citizen, informed of the spill, is not complaining because he's getting Mexican oil at a discount. Texas Attorney General Manley Young even filed an international law suit against Mexico even before the slick hit Texas. Eight U.S. government publicly demanded that Mexico pay for the damages, and when, according to the U.S. demands and outrage at this "un-nighboringly" behavior washed out, the severity of the slick is of hypocrisy for the U.S.—the number 1 polluter in the world, as well as other Pemex operations, from the start. Pemex's technology, equipment and training schools are overwhelmingly import ed and operated by U.S. corporations like Brown and Root, Kellogg, and Bechtel, and supervised by American technical advisors. The U.S. imperialists have laid out millions in loans for the privilege of siphoning off Mexican oil and in anticipation of draining off the oil's share.

The second largest oil spill in history, from the super tanker Amoco Cadiz, covered the coast of France with U.S. oil in 1978, and the U.S. hardly blinked an eye. Although some laws suits were filed against the ship's owners, the U.S. wag­ ged out of any responsibility. Mexican officials, 구성 the U.S. demands for liability, have cited numerous in­cidents in which the U.S. has polluted Mexico in one case of 15,000,000 worth of damage was done in Baja California, when farmers were unable to irrigate in the British navy, holding a series of posts that finally culminated in his becoming First Sea Lord, or head of the Royal Navy, in the mid-'40s. In the late '40s, he was the last British Viceroy to the British colony of India, presiding over the granting of formal in­dependence to India and Pakistan in 1947. What this meant was the passage of these countries from British to Indian colonies, but continuing neo-colonies, still subject to imperialist domination and exploitation—a system buried by the fact that even after formal "in­dependence," Mountbatten stayed on as India's first Governor General, a post he held until June 1948. The fact that the British colonizers were already caught in neo-colonial relations is vividly il­lustrated by the fact that the Indian government ordered a week of official mourning, with flags at half mast, in honor of the imperialist who had "granted" India supposed inde­pendence 12 years ago.

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The "Exploding Lord" in better days: Mountbatten gives rousing pep-talk to England's imperial troops from atop rum barrel in Rangoon, Burma, 1946.

LORD EXPLODES

"Lord Louis Mountbatten of Britain was killed August 27 when his fishing yacht was blown apart by a bomb off the coast of Ireland. He was praised by the bourgeois press as "one of the noblest of this Earth's warrior-statesmen"—the ruling-class way of saying that he had a long career as a royal instrument of British imperialism.

And it was as an imperialist symbol that he was killed by the Provisional wing of the Irish Republican Army (IRA), which is fighting against British imperialism in Ireland from the domination of British imperialism. While terrorism and political assassination are not the cor­rect strategy for revolutionary struggles, we shed no tears for Mountbatten. There can be no doubt that the struggle in northern Ireland is one for national liberation from British imperialism, and that Lord Mountbatten was an eminently fitting symbol of that im­perialism.

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Oppositionists Run Amuck at MECHA Convention

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The groundwork for their spectacles has been laid in April when the South Bay San Jose chapter of MECHA, achapter totally-dominated by these revisionists, passed the same resolution. According to the chapter's newsletter, the CMPL, as well as the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade and the Committee to Defend the Houston Rebellion, "have showed to be in unity with the work of MECHA..." and "disrupt our activity..." After slandering the Houston Rebellion by portraying it as a peaceful protest, the South Bay newsletter spells out the real "unity" that the RCP is disrupting.

On March 24th, three little League revisionists joined with some more self-admitted reformers to organize a "Chicano spiritual walk" under the overall theme of "love the people, don't hate the enemy," funded by the San Jose city council. The walk featured banners of the Virgin of Guadalupe, the group of people against the Chicano police and the community for two days, conscious opposition to the advanced policies like the Tudeh. There were also scenes of Chicano students and police officers working together (according to the caption under one of the pictures in the newsletter). When revolutionaries appeared on the scene calling on people to fun the flames like those set in the Houston Rebellion and defend the arrested servant lackies of foreigners and Soviet aggressors in its blazing fire. The workers, peasants, shopkeepers, progressive clergy, Shiite and Sunni (Moslems), all revolutionaries, communists and true patriots are courageously struggling to overthrow the bloody and tyrannical Soviet imperialism in their homeland. The decision and bloody role of the Soviet imperialist dependent clique's days are numbered.

The puppet regime of the coup in Kabul, which is deceitfully claiming to be the result of a revolution, is desperately trying to justify its countless crimes and the sellout of the country by portraying the mass uprisings and the armed struggles of the heroic Afghan people as U.S. imperialist intrigues and plots. The Moscow propaganda and the Soviet newspapers have all focused their attention on twisting the indisputable facts about Afghanistan, seeking ways and means to spread news about the National Liberation movement in Afghanistan. The reason is clear. The expansionist and charlatan Moscow clique, who wear the cloaks of the Russian Tsars and betrayed the working class in the Soviet Union, are today facing the loss of their interests and their puppets. In Iran, the servants of the Soviet policies like the Tudeh Party have risen up to aid their shameless Afghan cohorts in Kabul by spreading lies about the uprisings of the people of Afghanistan in order to destroy the anti-imperialist and anti-social imperialist solidarity of the Iranian and Afghan peoples.

An article entitled "To Cloud the Relationship Between Iran and Afghanistan Is Not In The Interest of the Iranian Revolution" (People, the organ of the Central Committee of the Tudeh Party, No. 10, 1979) stated, "Since the victory of the revolution in Afghanistan a year ago, the government of the Democratic

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...MECHA and the Chicano movement. The statewide MECHA organization placed not one worker in any capacity with the RCP or its affiliate groups. MECHA's art Chicano student organizations located on a number of college and high school campuses. They gained a great deal of recognition during the late '60s and early '70s as militant fighters against the oppression of the Chicano people. The participation in the Los Angeles Chicano Moratorium and the fight for Chicano studies programs and open admissions to colleges and universities. In the mass upsurge of oppressed nationalities and students that characterized the period, MECHA's often played an important role in advancing the struggles.

Soviet missiles on parade in Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan.

Afghan guerrilla using captured Soviet weapon.
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maintained most of the repressive policies of the Shah's regime. The Kurds' language and culture were banned in the schools, TV and radio. Central government forces were stationed within Kurdistan which attempted to bully the people and aided landlords who wanted to grab back "their" land from newly formed peasant associations. In recent months, there were numerous demonstrations in Paveh against the komiteh, demanding Kurdish rule over the town.

Government Strikes With U.S. Planes

The central government reacted immediately to the news from Paveh by sending in F-4 Phantom jets and U.S. Bell helicopter gunships to bomb and strafe the town. But the Kurds dug in deeper in the surrounding hills and shot down a jet and a gunship. After sending reinforcements to Paveh, Defense Minister Gen. Taghi Riahi complained that "due to the region's ruggedness and the fact that mountain passes leading to the region are in control of Kurds, these units have not been able to reach these yet."

Open resistance was erupting in the ranks of many army units stationed in Kurdistan about whether they should fight the Kurds or not. In a show of solidarity with the struggle in Paveh, thousands of people staged a sit-in in Sanandaj, the provincial capital, surrounding the garrison to prevent the army from moving out or sending arms north. As the rebellion in Kurdistan grew in size, Khomeini declared himself commander-in-chief of the armed forces and "supreme religious leader" of Iran. Khomeini blasted the military for not showing enough "revolutionary zeal" in crushing the Kurds and ordered a nationwide mobilization of army units and "revolutionary guards" (the government's Islamic militia). The state radio canceled its regular programs to drum up anti-Kurdish hysteria and recruit volunteers to fight in Paveh.

Right-wing fascists (theological pro-Khomeini thugs) named after the fascist party set up in Spain under Gen. Francisco Franco's rule, held a rally in Tehran demanding suppression of the Kurds and death for the Kurdish progressive religious leader, Sheikh Erzindon Hosseini, who Khomeini had called a "corrupt element" the day before. At the height of the fighting in Paveh, in response to the government's sanctions that the Kurdish fighters are "separatists" and "agents of America and SAVAK," Hosseini answered, "We say again to the masses of Iran that the Kurdish people will fight for their basic rights in a united Iran and will not stop the fight even for a moment." He placed the responsibility for the fighting squarely on the government, charging that it is "moving towards a new dictatorship" and that remnants of the Shah's regime are still active in the government.

Within days, a large force of "revolutionary guards" and non-Kurdish army units converged on Paveh. Eighteen revolutionary fighters who were captured when the government forces recaptured Paveh were quickly tried by special "revolutionary courts" and executed for "waging war on God and his representatives."

The battle then shifted to Saqqez, a strategically located town of 40,000 north of Sanandaj. Using captured T-62 tanks, rifles, mortars and submachine guns, 200 Kurds were keeping the army garrison on the edge of town under siege. A relief column from Sanandaj was ambushed on its way to Saqqez, leaving 15 government soldiers dead, including the commander of the 29th Infantry Division. Then, after three days of intense fighting, a column of tanks and artillery supported by helicopter gunships fought its way into Saqqez, while the Kurdish fighters again melted away into the hills.

Fighting Intensifies

According to the latest reports, the whole road north of Saqqez up to the Kurdish stronghold of Mehabad was in the hands of armed guerrillas who were digging in on both sides of the road. At press time, there are clearly the makings of a major battle in the area around Mehabad, one of Kurdistan's main cities and a traditional center of Kurdish resistance. Though some forces started up efforts to arrange a cease-fire and a permanent settlement, the situation by the end of August, the Kurdish revolutionary fighters have shown no signs of backing down before this virtual invasion of Kurdistan. The central government has demonstrated its attitude towards the Kurdish rebels by continuing to execute captured guerrillas (bringing the current total to 200) and by trying to force them to surrender.

With the struggle in Kurdistan continuing to heat up, Khomeini further tore the veil off his so-called "revolutionary Islamic Republic" by declaring his new government was preparing to move the public headquarters of all revolutionary and progressive organizations. According to a representative of the League of Fighting Women, their Tehran headquarters was shut down last week by "revolutionary guards." Under the new censorship law, 22 more previously legal publications were closed down, including the Fedayan's newspaper. Iran's revolutionary Islamic Leninist forces had already been publishing their newspapers underground for over a year when, clearly, they are enabling a new reactionary move of the government.

Khomeini's Role

Now that he has openly taken the reins of government, commander-in-chief Khomeini's attitude towards the Kurdish people and outlawing of the revolutionary and democratic press is costing him dearly. While he continues to have a large following, his support is starting to fall away as rapidly as it grew last year. A year ago, Ayatollah Khomeini became a rallying point for the struggle against the Shah's fascist regime because he was uncompromising in demanding that the Shah must be overthrown and because he took a strong stand against U.S. imperialism's support for the regime.

However, a major reason for his waning popularity was the relative weakness of the Marxist-Leninists and revolutionary forces in the mass movement at that time. In fact, Khomeini never led the Iranian people's revolutionary forces toward a united front, but rather at most approved and publicized the actions taken by the masses themselves. And even while he stood with the people's struggle against the Shah, Khomeini's fundamentalist Islamic ideology only allowed him to view the goals of the revolution in an extremely narrow and ultimately reactionary way. As he rode the crest of the mighty Iranian revolution to power in early 1979 and proceeded to make himself with the national bourgeoisie and important sections of the landlord class, Khomeini's previous democratic, anti-imperialist positions were far within two months transformed into their opposite. From executing reactionary murderers for the Shah's regime—and even their master in the deep-sea keeping, not mobilizing the masses—he has taken to killing revolutionaries, particularly the Kurds.

While the new "revolutionary" government has had some contradictions with the imperialists, it cannot decisively break the grip of imperialism and take the country on a capitalist basis because its own class interests call for building the economy on a capitalist basis. This places the government squarely in opposition to the demands of millions of impoverished Iranian peasants for land. And it means falling back on foreign investment, technicians and "aid" to make industry "profitable."

In industry after industry, the government is trying to get the old factory owners, many of whom fled the country during the revolution, to come...
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back and take management posts again in "their" companies. And because of the depth of the economic crisis faced by the state, the looters could begin to solve, and because of the growing mass-struggle, the Kurdish government, the Khomeini-Bazargan government has begun to turn more and more over its own master for the U.S. imperialists.

Moves Toward U.S.A.

At the end of August, the government newspaper of Khomeini, 24th of Freyab, published an article by Yazdi announcing that it was holding discussions with the U.S. military about guarantees for Israeli military aid to the Iranian armed forces. As the special rapporteur for the United Nations, the Khomeini-Bazargan government has been to turn more and more over its own master for the U.S. imperialists.

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dresses which had been provocative during the demonstration. They were burning and yelling "Long live communism—Death to Islam." They had been chanting this and other slogans in their efforts to instigate fighting between the Left forces and Moslem forces that were opposed to the current regime. One said, "I fought on both sides today," and then shouted "David Shah (long live the Shah). We can use this to help bring back the Shah." During the mass المالية were discouraged that the Khomeini-Bazargan government and the forces it backed, who had opposed the Shah, had become to reactionary so soon, but even stronger was their determination to carry forward the revolution in new circumstances. The Marxist-Leninist forces, whose numbers and influence had grown 100 times during the last two years, had increased and prepared by these attacks, knowing that only with communist leadership could the working class and masses of peasants successfully lead the revolution forward. And far from weakening the Left, the attacks of the reactionaries were driving many people closer to their side. "I hope the communists take over," one woman wearing a chador said, "they're the only ones that can do something about making a real revolution."

As many suspected, this demonstration became the spark for a series of well-planned attacks on revolutionary organizations. The Fedayees building was shut down; offices of revolutionary student groups such as Vanguard Students and Fighting Students were attacked and burned. Interestingly enough at this time, the revisionist pro-Soviet Union Tudeh Party headquarters were untouched, as revolutionaries saw members of this reactionaries and treacherous group leading the falangists to the location of the office of the Fighting Students. The government and the reaction were trying to violate and stamp out any breath of resistance to their regime. But in the course of Iran's continuing revolution, communist forces have grown much too much, have deepened their roots among the masses too much, and have increased their political and ideological understanding too greatly to be easily stamp out. The revolution in Iran is a revolutionary revolution and there is much sharper struggle ahead.
Austin Brown Berets Shoot Up Anti-Policeman Rally

Austin, Texas—The penalty 41-year-old Grill Couch paid for being Black was to be strangled to death by two plainclothes pigs on the streets of Austin on August 1. The murder took place in broad daylight in full view of people on the street who watched in outrage. One eyewitness described what happened: “One of the pigs held the Black man by the arm and another had him by the throat. I saw the guy go limp—he wasn’t struggling.” A uniformed cop arrived on the scene, and while handcuffing the dead man remarked that, “There isn’t anything wrong with him,” and laughed. “It was too cold,” remarked a bystander. This crime has struck the “serenity” of this university town with its reputation for being “laid back and mellow.” People from the Black and Chicano sections of town were outraged at this latest police murder, and many wanted to do something about it. As usual, police spokesmen have been falling all over each other trying to justify this death. “There is no evidence to indicate that the officer’s strangelhold was fatal. The officers probably acted with a good faith ‘right of arrest’,” insisted the Chief of Police, even though the county medical examiner ruled death by “neck compression I” during struggle between Couch and the cops.

The Broadside recount the widespread outrage among the people of Austin, the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade (RCYB) began to go out among the people with revolutionary agitation pointing to the source of this killing. Especially in the run-up projects on the mainly Black east side, people began to unite with the people of the Brigade. Realizing the possibility of trouble around the case, the cops moved to stop RCYB activities. Three RCYBers were hustled while leafleting in downtown Austin, the charges ranging from treason, barricade and punishment to unlawful soliciting of funds since the leaflet had a statement urging people to contribute to the RCYB’s million dollar drive. At the same time, two local vendetta (sell-out) organizations stepped into the action to cool things out and channel people’s anger into a dead end. The local Brown Berets (there are many organizations called Brown Berets around the country, the same as the Rockwellite, a Chicano organization that, despite its militant front and claim to be the defenders of the Chicano people, has worked hand in hand with the city’s rulers for a long time, one was.

They, along with another reformist group, the Black Citizens Task Force, began having daily vigils calling for removal of the police chief and city manager, creation of a citizens’ review board and disbanding of the police association. They were trying to cool things out and channel people’s anger into a dead-end.

But they really showed their true colors when the Brown Berets viciously attacked a rally called by the RCYB at a park on the east side on Sunday, August 6 that was to feature Travis Morales, one of the Moody Park 3, as a speaker. At the rally was about 20 Brown Berets armed with baseball bats and guns attacked the rally, throwing over people’s heads, holding a gun to the face of a RCYB member’s head, and smashing people’s car windows. They went out looking for Travis Morales. All the while, half a dozen pigs cars sat by watching, as these punks did their dirty work.

These Brown Berets, who like to pose as champions of the poor and oppressed, went on a rampage, attacking everyone in sight. Some carbohydrates of legal observers pulled up and were immediately set on by the bat-wielding pigs. A Briggsdale member was thrown off a bridge by a group of the Brown Berets, and handguns were fired, the bullets flying right over people’s heads. A reporter from the Austin Daily was also beaten by the Berets.

Afterwards, they set up a pickup line downtown, saying they wanted “Communists and the CIA” out of Austin and that they attacked the march because they knew the police wouldn’t. And this is exactly the case. They didn’t want to add fuel to the people’s anger, so they sat back and let the Brown Berets do the job.

The people of Austin have gotten a valentine of Black pigs of all colors and can even wear brown berets and put out a nice-sounding rap yet still be directly serving the interests of this country. The Brown Berets have shown that, like the police, they are there to protect those fear the most is the growing struggle of the masses of people of all nations, and they will do anything to smash it.

Citizens for Energy, Freedom & Nuclear Reaction

Take a stand, Americans! Don’t fall prey to the ridiculous notion that nuclear power is the answer to anything in some way detrimental to society! This was the basic theme of, you, a people’s movement to destroy the nuclear plants.

The Citizens for Energy and Freedom was born, funded by Rockwell money. Air Benjamin, a member of the group and, incidentally, director of plant operations at Rocky Flats, stated its purpose: “We’ve taken on the role of putting the pro-side of the nuclear debate to the public so the public can decide the real facts about the nuclear energy part and the nuclear weapons part.” But Rockwell hasn’t been alone in this commitment to all-sidedness! Joining with it has been the United Steel Workers Union at the Rocky Flats plant as well as “other nuclear energy supporters” according to the press. The union organized the rally and Rockwell financed it. And, it appears that more than half the crowd were among the agitators, including many workers at the weapons plant, have been infected by something besides radioactivity because the crowd was estimated at over 8,000.

The rally’s message was that nukes are good for the country, good for the economy and good for you. The keynote speaker was none other than Peter Brennan, former Secretary of Labor under Nixon, who led the famous “hard hat” attack on anti-war demonstrators in the 60s. As the crowd cheered and appropriately waved beads of American flags, Brennan noted that the “kooks” who demonstrate against nukes “want everyone to go along with their fantasies.” He worried the people not to let “the kooks take your jobs away.”

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China Official Urges "Raid" On U.S. Revolution

On August 18, an unusually high-level delegation from China arrived in Hawaii to begin a month-long tour of the U.S. The delegation was invited by the U.S. China People's Friendship Association, an organization originally formed to promote socialism China under Mao's leadership, but which is now nothing but a travel agency and lobbying group for the new revisionist rulers of China.

Delegation leader, Wang Bingnan, gave an interview to the Honolulu Star Bulletin that was almost as revealing as it was disgusting. Wang said that, "Not only were the young people of China poisoned (by the so-called Gang of Four), but also, it appears, were some foreigners." So, this leading revisionist dropped previous claims that the Four were "isolated from the masses" and admitted they had influence over an entire generation in China!

Wang also chose the interview to give some "advice" to the U.S. ruling class. The Star Bulletin writes, "Groups like the RCP, Wang said, have an "erroneous view" of modern China, adding that such groups might benefit from the "campaign of disinfection" begun in China after the Gang of Four was "finished" in 1977. "And how were the Gang of Four "disinfected"? By arresting them and holding them in solitary confinement for three years now, while unleashing a reign of terror against revolutionaries throughout China, who wanted to carry the revolution forward along the road charted by Mao Tsetung before his death. Coming at a time when Bob Avakian and 16 other members of the Party are facing 24 years in jail for opposing Teng Hsiao-ping's visit to the U.S. last February, and when the Chinese government is spreading rumors that it plans to try the Four and perhaps even execute them, it is obvious what Wang was calling for. Is it possible that Wang is demanding the head of Comrade Avakian and other U.S. Maoists in return for China's continued "friendship" with the U.S. ruling class? In any event, Wang's interview certainly belies the claim of the U.S. government that the prosecution of the Mao Tsetung Defendants has nothing to do with politics.

The response of the RCP was quick in coming. Two days later aerry banquet for the Chinese delegation attended by millionaires and top politicians in Hawaii, was thrown into disarray when supporters of the RCP stood up and announced the Chinese revisionists' attempt to "disinfect China of revolutionaries." In San Francisco, 25 supporters of the Party confronted the delegation and issued a challenge in English and Chinese for a public debate over what is going on in China.

An interesting sidelight shows just how deep opposition to the Chinese revisionist leaders goes. While in San Francisco's Chinatown, the delegation was drinking it up with the mayor of San Francisco. As they were leaving, they were confronted by a young woman lawyer who had visited China several years ago (before the revisionist takeover) on a delegation from the U.S.-China People's Friendship Association. She recognized the interpreter as the same people who had interpreted for her delegation. She told them, "I'm no longer with the Friendship Association!" and the Chinese replied, "Yes, we know." But as the revisionist delegation was boarding the bus this woman called out, "I just wanted you to know that I support Mao Tsetung and I know people all over the world who do and we know what you're doing in China!"

7 Jailed From '77 Auto Wildcat

Trenton, Michigan—A week in jail for fighting the company's attempts to force workers to slave in temperatures exceeding 130°. That's justice! That's capitalist justice! The Trenton 7, seven auto workers from Chrysler's Trenton, Michigan engine plant, have served their one-week jail sentence. A few hours later Judge John Feikens had found them guilty of criminal contempt of the strike-breaking injunction he issued during the Trenton wildcat of August 1977. A heat walk-out that shut down the Trenton plant. Eight auto workers stand and fight at that time. In his "finitured" in 1977. "As normally" after a strike or wildcat, any injunctions issued are thrown out, or at most cited receive petty fines. But these are not "normal" times for the rulers here, and in the case of the Trenton it gives the capitalists a chance to drive this message home. Detroit papers splashed the wildcat news on the front page. Mark Stepp, head of the UAW's Chrysler department, was quoted as giving the following warning to the workers: "If the workers had only followed the grievance procedure..." They wanted to be sure everyone got the message—"It's not nice to mess with us and we are prepared to punish you if you do." With Chrysler, the auto industry, and the capitalist system as a whole facing a deepening crisis, the companies are beginning to increase their use of tear gas and smoke to keep the workers off the job. They wanted to "keep their" workers in line and ready to accept worsening conditions and an intensified exploitation at the plants. More, they want us politically in line for the war and upheaval that the deepening crisis, the companies are preparing to punish you if you do. "With Chrysler, the auto industry, and the capitalist system as a whole facing a deepening crisis, the companies are beginning to increase their use of tear gas and smoke to keep the workers off the job. They wanted to "keep their" workers in line and ready to accept worsening conditions and an intensified exploitation at the plants. More, they want us politically in line for the war and upheaval that the deepening crisis, the companies are preparing to punish you if you do.

"Away with all pests"

Mao Tsetung

Hunger Strike at Walpole Prison

Monday, August 27, Walpole Prison, Massachusetts. Miguel Santiago, one of the prisoners in the segregation unit; the notorious 10 Block, was served his lunch tray. He threw it back at the guard and was dragged from his cell, beaten and kicked. Now he's in the hospital.

While this beating was going on, one of the 10 Block managers called the cell for the local police. They came up and threw Miguel in a cell. The guards were waiting for him with a stockade. Miguel has been suffering with the frustration and rage of the prisoners. Earlier this month (see RW; August 10), prisoners in Block 9 seized 5 hostages, including the prison superintendant. Last week, 18 men in 10 Block started a hunger strike in protest of their being locked up behind steel doors with only a six-inch space for "ventilation," with the guards randomly shutting off their water and lights. Miguel had been without lights for three days.

Sunday, one visitor saw the guards at the prison collecting up all books and reading materials in a garbage bag. The men have no cigarettes or matches, and have no canteen privileges.

After the beating of Miguel, 12 more 10 Block prisoners joined the hunger strike—almost the entire segregation unit. 10 Block is where the Massachusetts prison system puts its "troublemakers"—men who have fought back against the system, its guards, and other thugs.

A series of war existings between prisoners and the guards and administration is daily becoming open struggle. These brothers are waging a defiant battle, and the more the pigs lock up, torture, and rape away, the clearer it becomes that the men have nothing to lose in fighting back. Every attack is like throwing gasoline on a fire.
IN THE STREETS WITH IRAN'S REVOLUTIONARY WORKER

Bob Saibel, a revolutionary activist and writer, has just returned from a two-month stay in Iran. He was a first-hand witness to the work and ideas of the people of Iran from Tehran to Kurdestan. He is now writing a book based on his trip which will appear in the Revolutionary Worker. It is an inside view of the storm of protest that followed the press censorship law passed by the Khomeini-Bazargan regime a few weeks ago, when 100,000 people took to the streets in Tehran on August 12.

When we got to the demonstration on Sunday, the battle was already beginning. The mood of the people was one of total outrage that the attacks from the government had gone too far, and that the fruits of the revolution were not going to be easily snatched from them. They were determined to go to battle and not cave in to reaction. As usual the right-wing Fajlaganis or Heshbolahi (Party of God) had gotten there early and were gathering near the gate of Tehran University, marching and chanting, "Death to Communism! Death to Ayandegan (the newspaper just closed down by the government)!"

They were there to disrupt the rally and to try to create reactionary contradictions among the people. "There is no party but God's party and its leader is Khomeini," they chanted. They had come with two truckloads of rocks.

But the people were also gathering in the streets and inside Tehran University and beginning to form up to march to the Prime Minister’s office. Soon over 50,000 progressive people and revolutionaries we were in the streets near the university, determined to hold the demonstration. The crowd burned with anger remembering the thousands who had shed their blood and sacrificed so much to topple the fascist Shah, and now all the hard won victories were being snatched away.

Since the February inscription the masses have had a yearning for understanding. There has been a profusion of progressive and left literature, pamphlets and books to newspapers and movies. But the Khomeini-Bazargan government could not tolerate this for very long. The ideas spread by these publications threatened their rule.

The leftists I had been talking with knew that for some time the government had been preparing a reactionary press law that would give them virtually complete control over any and all publications. And it came. "Article 20: Any person who through the media of the press insults or disparages Islam or any other official religion in the country will face an imprisonment term of 6 months to 2 years. Article 21: In cases where an article is published which has no basis in fact and can damage or disparage the reputation of religious leaders, both the writer of the article or the manager of the publications are liable and can face an imprisonment term of one to three years. Article 22: Any publication which insults the leader of the Islamic Revolution of Iran will be closed down from one to six months."

Then it happened. Ayandegan was seized by "Revolutionary Guards" and over 40 progressive writers and editors were jailed. The government’s excuse? That Ayandegan was "opposed to the interests of the Islamic society and the government of the Islamic Republic," that it has "published diversionary ideologies and cooperated with elements opposed to the Islamic Republic" and that it "attempted to create dissent and disunity among Moslem groups." All this for fighting to continue the revolution. Everyone knows those charges were a sham. If the government wanted to look for and weed out SAVAK, CIA agents and Israeli intelligence, they should have cleaned out their own government and armed forces first.

Ayandegan had by far the biggest circulation of any paper in Iran, about four to five hundred thousand a day. Being one that fought to expose imperialism and reaction and push the revolution forward, it consistently told the truth about the struggles of the oppressed nationalities, such as the Kurds, and exposed imperialist elements in the armed forces. Ayandegan was one of the only papers to support and report on the strike of Air Force homopers (officers), aimed at driving pro-imperialist elements from the armed forces.

As one small incident shows, hundreds of thousands of people depended on Ayandegan and newspapers like it for a progressive analysis of the daily events. When one young newspaper seller was attacked for selling Ayandegan, Ahangar, Pegamemroz, as well as other left and democratic newspapers, he responded with, "I’ve sold hundreds of these in a single day, but of the twenty Jomhuri Islami [the official newspaper of Khomeini’s Islamic Republican Party—RAW] newspapers I have, I still have 12 left.

(Above) A street in Tehran blanketed by revolutionary Marxist and progressive literature which had been flourishing since the February insurrection. The Khomeini-Bazargan government could not tolerate this for very long.

(Right) Mojahedeen headquarters now occupied by reactionaries who seized it in the recent wave of attacks on the Left.
The day after Ayandegan was closed down, there was immediate outrage among the masses. On the spot, a demonstration of 5,000 people gathered to defend Ayandegan and the progressive writers that were arrested. Soon afterwards, the demonstration today was called by a democratic front. And with the new demonstration of 100,000 people gathered in front of the university, trying to prevent the march from even happening. But people were determined that it should. In order to stop the police and the reactionaries, the government possesed, it was clear that the class struggle would escalate and that it would be a sharp battle to hold this demonstration.

Fighting As Demonstration Starts

At six, when the march started, the battle began. The falangists were 400 to 500 strong. They were in the street in front of the University, trying to prevent the march from even happening. But people were determined that it should. In order to stop the police and the reactionaries, the government possesed, it was clear that the class struggle would escalate and that it would be a sharp battle to hold this demonstration.

The fighting started. Thousands in waves of struggle, back and forth, first the revolutionaries charging forward, then being temporarily driven back by the bricks and stones, knives and sticks of the reactionaries. But the people were determined to take this attack head on. One revolutionary woman on top of a car kicked one of the falangists in the face, charging everyone around her to break through. The atmosphere was charged. Whenever a small group gathered, it was like a magnet drawing people in. The fighting was so intense that it was like a magnet drawing people in. The atmosphere was charged. Whenever a small group gathered, it was like a magnet drawing people in. The fighting was so intense that it was.

Fires Burning All Over

Suddenly, fires were burning all over, piles of rubbish in the street were on fire, people were holding burning newspapers in their hands and the air was filled with smoke. But the march went on. On the corner near the Prime Minister's office, these reactionaries tried to prevent the demonstration from reaching its objectives, but hundreds formed a barricade and fought till for; that rock for rock with them, utilizing anything they could pick up off the street from paving stones to rocks to bricks, and protecting themselves with cardboard shields. Some elements in the demonstration said, "We don't want to fight with them," but the anger and determination ran too high and the rocks flew back and forth for over half an hour.

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Stench of U.S. Influence

Throughout the battle, the presence of U.S. imperialism was unmistakable. The falangist gangs stink of U.S. influence, bearing a clear red copy, with Islamic slogans, of the gangs unleashed by the U.S. prior to the Shah's coup in 1953, and similar to the pro-Shah gangs of pre-revolution days. These gangs are also closely connected with the "Revolutionary Guards!" and the Islamic Republican Party, among whose leaders are the notoriously pro-U.S. foreign minister Ibrahim Yazdi and the reactionary director of radio and TV, Ghobadkhani. Because Yazdi speaks Farsi [main language in Iran-RF] with a Texas accent and because of his obvious pro-U.S. leaning (many are convinced he's a CIA agent), progressive people have creatively developed an old slogan making it "Yazdi go home!"

The government is riddled with pro-U.S., even pro-Shah, elements. The pro-Shah elements have been taking advantage of the current situation and actively working to attack the revolution, trying to bring the Shah back. After the demonstration, a friend of ours had to take someone that was hurt to the police station. At the station he saw 50 off-duty policemen in their street continued on page 9.
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time, his full life to his instruments or would he have to fit in and do something else?

Rob: That's a question that will confront everybody when you're trying to build a completely different society that isn't about dividing the people into queen bees and drones, the question is, do we take it easy and determine how can we make a contribution to building the new society and get others to join us in that. If they have developed certain abilities and skill, then it's up to them to take it up how can they make the best contribution is where they should be made. It's up to them to decide on that.

In other words, if a person has talent and ability or knowledge that he needs to use, he doesn't necessarily have to work as a worker part of his time.

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Another man may lose an eye because Copley Hospital refused to do more than bandage his head. A police doctor, whom they asked to remove the bullet, said, "We have no rights..."

These ideas were tossed back and forth in casual conversation as six friends sat on the lawn eating pizza and talking in front of the YMCA hotel where four of these Black Power members had been arrested. Suddenly the midnight quiet of the restaurant was broken as a shotgun blast ripped through the front. Before they could take cover a second round tore into the men's faces and chests. Four of the men managed to make their way to a shell in a house down the street, where the police had put two crows behind a car. The events that followed were like an instant replay of the words just uttered, as the mask of American democracy and justice was torn away by this terrorist attack by racist dogs in sheets and blue uniforms.

One by one crows were clearly in captivity. They were immediately released and told that a sniper had been shot from the bar. The crows were trampled underfoot by the police on the streets. They had been wounded six men. Yet 15 minutes passed before they managed to transport the Black Power victims to the hospital, where even then they parked at the corner and left the men behind while the attacker got away.

From the street the wounded men saw the police cars and a helicopter. A lot and pick up a white man who had exited from a double-locked side door (in which he had an easy access to). It was only after the van packed up, bayed by the front of the building where the wounded men still crouched behind a car, that they teared across the street and fled. The police kept them from fear from this sniper, as they brazenly packed up to the windows where the shots had been fired.

The only pretense of an investigation by the police was to go to the station for "suspicion and search" and search the car and room—the Black man who had called the police to report the shooting. But they refused to search the rest of the room of the victim, a black man, the tenants at that hour of the morning. Their concern did not carry over to the rest of their victims, as these uniformed dogs flasty refused to transport the wounded men to the hospital. The entire police response was judged seriously enough to require surgery.

**MECHA**

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ed. The only literature permitted, aside from MECHA newsletters, were the Caltex smears and RCPYC and the RCBY and Committee (including one of the Moody Park 3, Travis Morales) came to the site of the conference to distribute both the South Bay MECHA newsletter and published the bill organizations. They came to struggle with the students there over the two opposing lines and were said to "force its way in and disrupt the conference.

Apparently any political struggle would disrupt their tidy little schemes for the elections. The Black cops—forcing almost entirely of members of the League—but black in their little "suspect" and search the car and room, the Black man who had called the police to report the shooting. But they refused to search the rest of the room of the victim, a black man, the tenants at that hour of the morning. Their concern did not carry over to the rest of their victims, as these uniformed dogs flasty refused to transport the wounded men to the hospital. The entire police response was judged seriously enough to require surgery.

But as events show, it's not just the Klan tearing its redneck in Aurora; it's the whole power structure of the city. The police terrorize Blacks and keep them in "their place." The Klan-hearted scum in Black Power organizations to stop the systematic brutality in Aurora's Black community. Only three months ago a 26-year-old Black man, Lewis Jones, was riddled with six police bullets during a scuffle with his own police. Later the murdering pig was publicly praised for "saving the life" of Lewis' brother! Recent harassment prompted a Baptist minister to comment, "When a Black man walks down the street, the police slow down and the cops start talking into their radios."

In the face of this, the men who were shot have no illusions that the dog who sprayed them with shotgun pellets will be apprehended by the authorities. One victim said, "How can you expect the pigs to solve the problem? They are part of the problem."
Republic of Afghanistan has made successive major concessions on the national social and economic life and reviving national spirit and national rights and freedoms. And that “it is natural that these steps, and especially efforts on large scale, which are often followed by vast numbers of landless peasants or peasants with very little land would allow the old feudal and other oppressors to return and reconstitute the old feudal and other oppressor classes.”

Though the government of Mohammad Zahir Shah and his feudal allies who were leading the armed uprising of the Afghan people as the work of “war imperialism,” the Afghan regime of Mohammad Zahir Shah and its policy of suppressing the revolutionary and criminal acts of the people, with the help of the puppet government in Kabul, had no longer required their assistance. Hishectic policy of developing cooperation with U.S. imperialist, his trip to Saudi Arabia, his visit with Egypt’s Sadat and the Shah of Iran will fail after developing cooperation with other U.S. puppet regimes in the region, was viewed by the Kremlin as an attempt to pull Afghanistan into the camp of American imperialism.

Even though the Soviet Union had developed cooperation with the puppet government of the Shah, the Soviet Union was not able to bring Afghanistan totally within its sphere of influence. Moreover, Afghanistan was unable to execute their plan of “Asian Peace Accord” which was prepared in order to influence by forcing the Asian countries to sign a security political, economic and military accords against the hegemonic plans of the United States.

This, in turn, forced the Soviet Union to began to take away the internal affairs of the new government of Afghanistan. The puppet government of the Shah was overthrown by the local armed forces and mercenaries, and was born with the KGB and the Intelligence Service acting as midwife.

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Two Decades of Soviet Expansion

The reactionary coup of Noor Mohammad Taraki and his cohorts was the direct result of two decades of East-West expansionist policies of Soviet social-imperialism, which was the guaranteed seizure of power by the Khurshechk-Brezhnev clique in the Soviet Union and the Janet Pahlavi government against the interest of world revolution, strong tendencies grew among the reactionaries, in order to normalize relations with the Soviet Union and again begin the period of friendship.

Such was the case in Afghanistan. The feudal government of Mohammad Zahir Shah, while deeply dependent on U.S. imperialism and the Western bloc, was deeply involved in the protection of the success of anti-communists and reactionaries in Afghanistan. The local puppet governments, the Shah’s “partners,” “friends” and “brothers” and attempted to devote a part of the Afghan economy in the economic relations with them. They invited Khurshechk to visit Afghanistan.

The puppet government of Russia which was making all an attempt to revive the colonial policies of Tsarist Russia, immediately armed the feudal army of Zahir Shah and used them as artillery and supplies. In return, the Afghan puppet government and the puppet neighboring governments were permitted to explore and sell natural gas for one million dollars for 20 years. That is how the Russian puppet government began its penetration and stabilization in the country.

Following the natural gas deal, the Zahir Shah government signed a 20-year treaty with the Soviet government for the control of agriculture. The Soviet Union also intended to develop the Zahir Shah government’s approval to build the Salnaet-cross-country gas pipeline.

Economically, strategically and militarily to the newly arisen Soviet imperialism, self-defense by sympathetic governments in Afghanistan as experts and military advisors. At the same time, they gained influence in political and military fields.

About this time, a company of Afghan traders and agents of the Imperial Court—like Noor Mohammad Taraki and Babrak Karmel—working for Britain and the United States, and Babrak Karmel, the famous lickspit of the Imperial Court—began getting active. They were the so-called the "People’s Party." This party immediately exposed its true nature. It was the result of the penetration by the Afghan revisionists and reactionary forces that moved towards the Tudeh Party, the Afghan Imperial Court, the powerful local autocratic and religious sects, and mercenaries, and was born with the ideological intellectual forces and mercenaries, and was born with the ideological intellectual forces acting as midwife.

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A coup d ’etat in 1973 was led by Mohammad Amin of Afghanistan to his masters in Moscow and has an established unprecedented regime in Afghanistan. This is the entire content of the so-called “revolution” that the Soviet KGB and Soviet agents in different countries, such as the Afghan Imperial Party in Iran, are praising so much.

The courageous Afghan people have been struggling from the start against Taraki and the vast plundering and inhuman regime of the Soviet Union. Every day all of Afghanistan is an arena of workers and peasants’ massive strikes against the Soviet imperialism from their homeland and to overthrow the fascist totalitarian Taraki regime.

**Armed Uprisings**

Exactly one year after the coup d’etat, the armed uprisings of the heroic people of the country and the surrounding villages revealed the true nature of Taraki and his Soviet masters’ rotten “revolution.” Ten of thousands of people from Haraat and the surrounding villages rose and attacked the government buildings and military centers of the city with fists, axes, and bare hands. They destroyed weapons and guns. The people attacked the Soviet tanks with their bare hands and mutinied over 300 army members who were mostly Russian.

The office of the social-fascist ruling party was quickly taken over and its officers killed. The massive onslaught forced the retreat of the Taraki rulers to sanctuary. They then took over the communications centers, government deposits and distributed the guns among the people. With anti-Soviet and anti-puppet resistance, they demanded the country be freed from the reactionary authoritarian-social-imperialism, the freedom of political prisoners, and the overthrow of the fascist dictatorial regime of the puppet government.

The butcher regime, immensely frightened by the Haraat uprising, stood on the verge of death. A company of Afghan pilots refused to commit this genocide and mounted on the planes and bombed the city of Haraat and its surroundings. Over 500 people were killed and wounded in this massacre. The people of Haraat and other people throughout Afghanistan flared up in rage and hatred. In this situation, the Taraki regime was crushed. Its ground is still continuing.

Afghanistan: The rectionary Taraki clique and the Soviet agent in Iran and other countries tries are attempting to connect the new revolutionary movement in Afghanistan to the activities of U.S. imperialism. By raising examples of some reactionaries and agents dependent on the Western imperialist countries, the revisionists and Soviet lackeys, attack and stigmatize anti-imperialist struggles of the workers, peasants and masses of Afghanistan and justify the crimes of the Soviet imperialist aggressors. They bring out a simple copy of Mohammed Moslemin (“Moslem Brothers”), who are calling these mass uprisings a “magnificent demonstration” of the people trying to place themselves at the head of the movement and direct it away from its aims.

But the activities of such groups as Mohammad Reza Shah’s “white revolution,” are faced with extreme resistance from the Afghan people, and are minus the religious tendencies of the people of Afghanistan, and in the midst of the people, challenges of the people’s struggle, is complete from the imperialists, the reactionaries, the revolutionary masses, patriots and progressive clergy.

In 1973, after the Haraat uprising and many other political and armed struggles of the Afghan masses, the puppet government and other foreign dependent elements had no role whatsoever. This fact is a serious blow to the vitality of the Afghan Soviet lackeys and foreign agents.

At the moment there are more than 50,000 people in Afghanistan in the hands of U.S. imperialism. It is evident that they are some Moslem clergy of Shire Sect and other some have been forced to leave the country and now are running in the puppet government.

The puppet government’s “land reform,” which is a form of land reform, is in fact a white revolution, is faced with immense resistance from the peasant masses. The distribution is that the peasants join the government-sponsored agricultural cooperatives, and any capitalist touches the peasant’s property is not willing to be forced by the government to accept the rule of anti-revolutionary bureaucracy.

In order to defeat the peoples’ uprisings and create discord and contradiction in the masses, the puppet government of Mohammad Shah, and religious texts, the Taraki government uses a deviate tactics of religious and national chauvinism. For example, the regime propagandists try to utmost to turn the Pashtun nationally against the Moslem Afghans and the Afghan Moslem sect against the Shite sect.

The Soviets and their local lackeys continue mass execution of defenseless people, destroying their homes, bombings, education and demonstrations, and the current Iranian government expelled the Afghan refugees. The Afghan refugees rejected their return to their homeland, the Taraki government expelled all of them to other countries. Without the right and necessary elements among them. How can this great genocide of innocent people continue?

The growing resistance and uprisings by the masses, and the rule of a few treacherous elements and the open agressions of Soviet imperialism against Afghanistan and people who shoke the pillars of all reactionaries in the region, especially U.S. imperialism and western imperialist revolution, will no doubt remain the great bastion of the Afghan people in their great struggle for the liberation of their country and political freedom.

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