PEOPLE'S DELEGATION RETURNS FROM IRAN

Three members of the Send the Shah Back, Hands Off Iran delegation of Americans, Carol Downer, Fred Hanks and Clark Kissinger have just returned from Iran. This was a mission of solidarity with the struggle of the Iranian people. While President Carter was readying his call for a day of national unity, the arrival of this politically diverse delegation back to the United States gives powerful expression to the growing number of Americans who not only refuse to be sucked into the anti-Iran, pro-U.S. hysteria, but who stand shoulder to shoulder with the struggle of the Iranian people to be free of the domination of the U.S. and its puppet, the Shah.

On December 15 the three members of the delegation were greeted at Kennedy International Airport by 40-50 people chanting "Send back the Shah, Hands off Iran" organized by the Ad Hoc Committee to Support the Delegation. Around the country organizations and individuals such as Rutgers University Professor James D. Cockcroft, civil rights lawyer William Kunstler, the Detroit Chapter of Clergy and Lay Concerned, and Conrad Lynn, have come forward to join and to build these committees in many cities. The visit of this delegation to Iran is an event of major political significance. For exactly that reason the government is very unhappy about news coverage of the delegation. Getting press has been a constant battle. Almost all the New York media—including the national TV networks—showed up for the three delegation press conferences on their return. But almost none of them, and none on the national level, covered the story.

The experience of the delegation in Iran as told by these members to the press in meetings held to-date reveals in vivid terms the bloody rule of the U.S. and the Shah over the Iranian people. Contrary to the U.S.'s attempt to play up the seizure of the embassy and hostages as a wild and fanatic action, the delegation learned first-hand of the ongoing activities of the U.S. agents inside Iran to wreck the revolution. The U.S. was actively plotting within the embassy walls and through communication with Washington, D.C., to topple the Khomeini government and bring back the Shah, or someone just like him.

The delegation also told why the Iranian people want the Shah back. They stated that it is not simply a question of making him pay for his crimes or to repay the Iranian people the billions of dollars stolen from them. As long as the Shah remains free he is able to marshal forces both within and outside the country to topple the current government and put U.S. interests back in power.

The delegation went to the U.S. embassy in Tehran, but not to see the hostages. They went to see the students and express their solidarity. The delegation left a banner of support outside the embassy wall adding to the scores of banners from Iran and other countries supporting the students' actions.

At the embassy the delegation was received by students who provided them with twenty-five pages of secret U.S. government documents unearthed inside the embassy. Documents revealed communications between embassy officials and the State Department. The top embassy official, a lawyer, fed the U.S. government with vital information. He reported back to Washington exactly what they needed to know—that the bringing of the Shah to the U.S. would bring about wide reaction inside Iran, a reaction at the U.S. thought they could use to topple Khomeini. Other documents reported back to Washington what the reaction of the Iranian people would be if Khomeini should "suddenly die." Meetings were held between U.S. agents, some who were provided with businessmens' cover, and pro-U.S. elements still inside Iran. They would discuss how and when they could step out into the open.

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Imperialist Settlement

Keeping Zimbabwe in Chains

The London negotiations on Black majority rule for Zimbabwe were brought to a close last week when the leaders of the Patriotic Front agreed to the British proposal for a ceasefire. Until the terms of the settlement, the Mugabe-Smith regime has handed over its executive offices to a British colonial governor. Lord Soames (son-in-law of Winston Churchill), and "Zimbabwe Rhodesia" has become once again "Southern Rhodesia," formally a colony of Britain until new British supervised elections can be held and power "turned over" to the newly elected government. If nothing else, little formalities provides a link-up to the exact nature of the settlement negotiated in London.

Two months after the agreed-upon ceasefire takes effect, country-wide elections are to be held. With guaranteed representation for the white minority in parliament and their continued control of the domestic economy, effective political control, including the army, will remain in the hands of the settlers and the imperialists.

The constitution, drawn up by Britain, is nothing but a non-colonial bill of goods with entrenched racist privileges for Rhodesia's white minority. It guarantees 20 out of 100 seats in parliament for whites, to be voted on by whites. It promises re-investment to white landowners for any land reclaimcd by the government and even requires the government to pay pensions to all the employees of Ian Smith's settler regime. Automatic citizenship is granted to all whites who moved to Rhodesia during Smith's rule.

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Chicago, December 18. Before a hushed courtroom of family and supporters of Ziyad Abu Eain, a Palestinian freedom fighter, Judge Olgla Jurok banged her gavel and delivered the government’s decision—"From a review of the testimony and all evidence received...the finding is made that there is evidence furnishing probable cause to believe that...the crimes of murder and causing bodily harm were committed" by Ziyad. She ordered him extradited to Israel three months ago.

Who is this dangerous "criminal," that the Judge and the vultures from the State Department and Israeli Consulate are so anxious to extradite? Ziyad is a 19-year-old Palestinian who has been accused by the Israeli government of supposedly planting a bomb in the marketplace in Tiberias, Israel on May 14, 1979. But during the course of his kangaroo court trial (see RW, No.22) it became abundantly clear that the U.S. government was thirsting for his conviction because Ziyad is a living example of the Palestinian people’s uncompromising resistance to the forcible occupation of their homeland by the Israeli Zionists.

The judge suppressed any kind of evidence that would exonerate Ziyad, including a recent statement from another Palestinian who admitted he had only "confessed" to Ziyad’s implication in the bombing while he was under torture in an Israeli prison. The court refused to allow testimony that would expose the Zionists’ occupation of Palestine and their systematic terrorization of the Palestinian people. They even blocked the mayor of Hbron (a city on the West Bank) from giving his testimony. But what the U.S. imperialists say about extraditing the Shah of Iran, who even they admit is a mass murderer? "Deport the Shah? That would be a violation of international law," they cry in mock horror to the millions of Iranians and others around the world who have been forcibly deported to the millions of Iranians and others around the world who have been forcibly deported from their homeland.

To the U.S., the crime of Ziyad and the Palestinian people is unforgivable, for they have dared to wage a relentless struggle to reclaim their homeland which is stolen from them. And himself grew up in a refugee camp near Ramallah on the West Bank, which is part of the territory seized by Israel during the 1967 war. There Palestinians are forced to live like concentration camp prisoners in their own land, under the brutal heel of Israeli military occupation and terrorism. Many of those who weren’t forced into exile in 1967 have been forced into crowded, miserable refugee tent camps, and it is here that the heart of Palestinian resistance throbs. The Palestinians have been stripped of any political rights, including that of citizenship—legally they are classified as "permanent residents" with severe travel restrictions and Israeli rule is enforced through naked terror. Torture is widespread and systematic, with different torture techniques in different torture centers throughout the occupied territories specializing in "refined techniques"—such as electric shock and sexual assault.

With the decision to extradite Ziyad, the U.S. is making clear its continued and firm support and cooperation with Israel, one of the main protectors of U.S. interests in the Middle East. And both the U.S. and Israel are issuing a warning to the Palestinian people: "Don’t even think about resisting. If we don’t get you in Israel, we are prepared to come and pluck you from wherever you go." Outside the courtroom the U.S. Army is crowning, "This will show that this country will not be a haven for terrorists." But earlier in the courthouse the family and supporters had given their response to the verdict: Ziyad who has his foot in the air as his sister exploded with rage denouncing the court and leading room-shaking shouts of: "Long live Palestine! Down with Imperialism! Down with Zionism!"
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Actions Hit Secret Service

For months now there has been an orchestrated effort to set up Bob Avakian for the kill as a "terrorist"—an effort which has now taken a leap with the latest Secret Service attack. The August 19 L.A. Times article on Bob, with its fabricated "quotation" about supposedly "killing Mr. Carter" was not alone. There was a "ominous" common theme in some reporters' questions of Bob right after the appearance of the Times article. The theme: aren't you a crazy assassin out to kill the President and other leaders of the country? Below is an example. It was a talk show in St. Louis on September 4, approximately two weeks after the Times article. It took place on a major news radio station in St. Louis, KSDK.

DJ: What do they think of you?
B.A.: They hate us and they fear us because they know that we represent the future of revolution in this country and that we don't compromise and we don't do what they do which is try to get people to buy for a few paltry reforms and accept this system and use the people's anger as pressure to bargain our way into privileged positions; which is what they want to do. Like I said, just to finish this off, they get a problem though. They're trying to serve two masters at the same time—the Soviet capitalists and the U.S. capitalists—at a time when those two masters are preparing to go to war with each other, much as they talk about peace. Not a handful of people, no matter how well intentioned or, as I said, even genuinely heroic.

DJ: Bob, if President Carter was walking down outside here, walking down the street, and you had a gun, would you shoot him?
B.A.: No. And, you know, a lot of times reporters try to get us into that, whether with good or bad intentions. It's not important to them what the people are thinking. It's millions of the oppressed. That's what makes up a revolution. Millions of people consciously fighting to change the world and take the destiny of society and the future into their hands. Not a handful of people, no matter how well intentioned or, as I said, even genuinely heroic.

DJ: What's your Party's position on that group?
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DJ: How's your Party's position on that group?
B.A.: He's a snivelling boot licker to be the Moscow controlled version of the Party, who runs this country and who run this country are not going to give up what they got. Look at it. For every person who's living in the north side of this town, or in St. Louis, or even the working class people in the south side who are living in misery and everything else and are working their lives away for every million of them, there's a handful of people sitting up in tall buildings, roomed by any government agency of a totally rotten in this society whether it's the government attack, to drag every one of them in.

And they think it's the best of all worlds. And they believe that people out here are rabble and filth and everything else and only good to work for them when they can work 'em and not away when they can't. Or put them uniform and have them come back mainlined or suck in a body bag. That's the way you look at us and they never will get off at all.

And they will never step out of the way peacefully and say, "Oh, we're sorry. We didn't realize we committed all those crimes. We didn't realize our capitalist system was holding back the development of society. We didn't know that over one out of ten of the people in this country, even according to this agency continues its "investigation" of Bob Avakian based on the concocted—and even partly retracted—L.A. Times quote, a web of lies and slander, as well as harassment and straight out threats, has been woven from coast to coast. The success of this present campaign of the Secret Service depends greatly on how secret it remains. Increasing numbers of people are now mobilized to beat back the latest government attack, to drag every move of the enemy out of the closet.

In this big and important actions were held around the country this week, particularly in Washington, D.C. On Friday, December 14, two hours after the judge in Los Angeles denied the T.R.O., the fence surrounds the White House was posted with the notice to Jimmy Carter, the political superPCS of this whole campaign—as well as the entire ruling class.—"Keep your Bloody Hands Off Bob Avakian." As people on the street began to stop and listen to agitators, the police moved in.

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Radio Railroad of Bob Avakian

The Talk-Show Trap
Bolivian Peasants Blockade La Paz

By the thousands, with their families and children, Bolivian peasants blockaded all roads leading to major cities, especially La Paz, the capital. For 2 weeks until December 13, no food reached market. Urban workers in 4 northern cities in La Paz struck in support of the peasants. Small shopkeepers shut down. Housewives and children demonstrated with empty shopping bags and pots.

Crowds stoned government buildings and offices in La Paz and Copacabana. By December 13, President Lybia Guiller backed down on some of her new harsh economic measures. Bolivia is on the verge of bankruptcy and owes $3.5 billion in foreign debts, mostly to the U.S. The U.S. has already threatened to put a $250 a day freeze on Bolivia's gold reserves and from helicopters. Seven government troops were also killed. The day after the killing, an automobile showroom in downtown San Salvador was burned down in retaliation for the killings. The ruling five man civilian-military junta, which was installed with U.S. backing on October 15, claimed it was the “democracy” the Salvadoran people needed. This “democratic government” has since murdered hundreds of people for opposing it. At press time rumors are being circulated that the government is going to permit a march and a rally and instead throw tear gas into the crowd, police, slashed by axe-wielding demonstrators. The clash, which lasted 8 hours, took place after a rally of over 10,000 people on December 10th, UN human rights day and opening day of the plenary session of the ruling Kuomintang Party (KMT), when the police refused to permit a march and a rally and instead threw tear gas into the crowd, the demonstrators stormed police lines armed with 4-foot wooden sticks, torches, bricks and axes.

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Iranian People Firm Against U.S. Shah Maneuvers

The dirty bird has flown his gilded cage at one U.S. Airforce facility, only to alight at another. At what the U.S. considers simply another more spacious U.S. base that goes by the name of Panama. The U.S. government declared that with the Shah's half their hands were clean. "It's up to Iran now," said the Christian Science Monitor headline the day after. But even while the U.S. continued its charade as the injured party under attack by the "Iranian barbarians" more signs of the U.S.'s fifty intrigues against the Iranian people came to light with the assassination of Mohammed Mofateh, a close associate of Khomeini. Although the U.S. disclaimed any role in the assassination, the murder comes at a time when the U.S. is getting more desperate to force Khomeini to cave in and sell out the Iranian people by forcing or hoodwinking the students into releasing the Embassy hostages. Whether or not the gunman pulling the trigger was directly on the U.S. payroll, this murderous treachery was intended to strengthen the most reactionary elements within Iran's government, to isolate Khomeini, and to intimidate the people. But in spite of pressure maneuvers from this assassination to the Shah's exit, it's still Iran's 35 million people that must be reckoned with.

While Carter had earlier vowed that he, his good friend, the butcher Shah, would leave only when he was good and ready to leave, there were signs of relief in the U.S. ruling circles that they had found a suitable country to safeguard their Shah. Although one of the butcher's aides had previously complained that Panama was "too humid" for his master, the plain fact was that the Shah potato was too hot to stay inside official U.S. borders. Panama was just about their last hope. One U.S. official admitted that without Panama "we would have been stuck with him, because there really didn't appear anywhere else for him to go..." But the Iranian people were not fooled. The students in the Embassy made clear that this maneuver changed nothing—the Shah was still the U.S. man and they had to return him. The U.S. didn't want to let go of their Shah at all, but the Shah's nesting in America had become a liability, as it has become more apparent to the American people that the Shah had been and still is U.S. property. Even more crucial in the U.S. decision to ship the Shah out was the Iranian people's fury that this mass murderer was finding refuge right in his master's arms. The U.S. decided that they needed to give themselves more maneuvering room to attack Iran, so the Shah would have to go. What better place to ship him for safe keeping than Panama, a country independent in name only that has been under the thumb of U.S. imperialism ever since the U.S. stole the canal zone. The U.S. figured that Panama was almost as good as Lackland Airforce Base—almost but not quite, since there was the small matter of the Panamanian people who earlier this year had given the imperialists a very grim message, "U.S. GET THE HELL OUT!" Panamanian People Resist

The U.S. had to actually sneak the Shah into Panama so afraid were they that the Panamanian people would block their plan to dump this human garbage there. None other than White House Chief of staff Hamilton Jordan was called in to set up the transfer. Jordan was picked particularly because of his close friendship with Omar Torrijos, who is Panama's equivalent of the Shah. Jordan and Torrijos had worked together to set up the sell-out Panama treaty, signed over the furious protests of Panamanian people. After three days of skulking back and forth from Washington, D.C. to Texas to Panama, using fictitious names and phony flight plans to conceal his ugly purpose, Jordan had Torrijos write out a personal letter of invitation to "His majesty the Shah".

Off went the royal dog in a U.S. Airforce jet to Panama where he was kept in a brief statement explaining the position of the Iranian people to the press. Suddenly, a TV reporter with platinum-tinted hair and a three-piece suit leaps from the camera to the drone of the TV crowd. As the bright lights shine, the American representative to the United Nations, who has a reputation in the New York media circles for being an expert at this kind of thing, jumped up as if on cue at the press conference, demanding to know whether the delegation members "had any sympathy for the hostages or their loved ones." He kept screaming for about five minutes; once he left the TV crews had enough "dramatic footage" of the "incensed" reporter appalled at the "dilatory" performance of the delegation, he shut up and was quiet for the rest of the interview.

Of course, the news of the delegation was largely blacked out anyway—although the New York Times and the local TV stations found plenty of space to report on the Shah's arrival. Continued on page 17

The Art of Jingo Journalism

As the bright lights shine, the cameras roll. At the United Nations, representatives of the U.S. government are being interviewed by a camera man explaining the position of the Iranian people to the press. Suddenly, a TV reporter with platinum-tinted hair and a three-piece suit leaps to his feet, quivering with rage.

"I have one question. I saw a plane or no plane? Are they being brainwashed? Why don't you answer? Are Americans being brainwashed?"

"Brainwashed," an Iranian delegate mutters with an exasperated smile. "No Americans are being brainwashed in Tehran. In the United States maybe, but not in Tehran." But his response is drowned out as the reporter continues his tantrum. Finally his station camera is turned off. His cameraman flashes the "OK" with a wide grin. The reporter nods in return. His station camera is turned on. The media has dropped all pretense of "objectivity," openly coming out as hucksters and flag-wavers for U.S. imperialism, and doing their best to whip up national chauvinism and racist hysteria. In addition, as the contrived show of "outrage" by the TV reporter shows, they have approached this task with unbridled enthusiasm and perhaps Hype-o-rama would be a better term to use. Demanding "equal time" for something other than this naked imperialist point of view would be a good idea. But, for starters, it would require 50 days non-stop day and night—the time since the hostages were taken.

A similar tactic was used on the "Send the Shah Back, Hands Off Iran!" delegation right after their return to the U.S. Dave Pressem, a long-time hack for the New York media circles for being an expert at this kind of thing, jumped up as if on cue at the press conference, demanding to know whether the delegation members "had any sympathy for the hostages or their loved ones." He kept screaming for about 5 minutes; once he left the TV crews had enough "dramatic footage" of the "incensed" reporter appalled at the "dilatory" performance of the delegation, he shut up and was quiet for the rest of the interview.
The song not only dares the listener, but precisely because of what it demands of you, it takes a tremendous dare itself. With a message like "Get down and have a good time tonight," there wouldn't be too much at stake here. But when a song confronts you like this, demanding that you look at your life, telling you that: Revolution gonna teach you how to live and how to die, then it's a different story. To pull this off, a song has got to be great. "Turn Up the Heat" is great.

I know you all came down here tonight lookin' for something searchin' for a way out of the cages we're locked in. An intense but soft vocal by Mat Callahan, seated. Left to right: Scott Rosner, Richard Pfieffer, Sandy Callahan, and Greg Coon.

The song is a beautiful joining of form and content. The band plays with a liberating recklessness—driving into the rapids is exactly where these guys are at, and the message drives you to do the same thing. As you're pulled to your feel, a weight lifts off your shoulders, and you're wondering why you can't always feel this way. In that last verse they offer us the chance one more time: Come on now, what you waitin' for, leave your bags packed at the door, C'mon, stole you red hot coals, feel the fire burnin' in your soul! Let the dogs who rule us know, that you've joined the march for freedom.

The song works from beginning to end because there is no denying the fact that Prairie Fire feel the fire burning in their own souls, that these people are for real. Scott Rosner is electrifying on drums and the song really rocks, but ultimately it's this stand that lets them put it all on the line, to go for broke and come out on top. While "Turn Up the Heat!" appeals to the dreams you keep bottled up inside, the flip side, "No Mercy!" is a rambunctious barn-burner. The first one soars—this side is as sharp as a razor and about as subtle as cannon fire. Some day, after the working class seize power and someone makes a movie about the revolt, this song's got people sitting the Capitol and heading for victory might well have "No Mercy!" on the soundtrack.

We ain't askin' no mercy, no such thing, a fair shake, Don't trust nothin' they give us. What we need we must take. Only a fool would give them his gun, gonna ask no mercy and give them none.

The ultimate truth of these lines comes through in the TV coverage of the Iranian revolution. The masses of people had made up their minds. They were taking care of the business at hand; the tasks history called on them to accomplish. No mercy wasn't a vindictive wail, it was a fact of life. A simple rhythm repeated over and over drives the point home. The guitar break is sensational—Mat and lead guitarist Greg Coon trade licks back and forth snapped out like machine gun bursts. When the smoke clears, Sandy shouts out:

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What's amazing here is not their ruthless determination to deal with the enemy, but the fact that they convince you that this is the only way to go: that this is the nature of the beast and there is only one way to go forward.

Ties together the two sides deal with two different aspects of the struggle and for those who have heard Prairie Fire and know they've got a lot of dynamic tunes, it will come as no surprise that the choice of songs for the band was difficult. Mat Callahan, who writes the band's material, told the RW that it took them a month to decide and ultimately what they were after was a single that was both timely and timeless. As Mat put it, "timelessness because it had to speak to what was happening right now, it had to go BAM right out there; and timelessness in that we didn't want it to be stuck around an issue. We wanted something that would be good six months from now." As far as this reviewer is concerned, they got it. "Turn Up the Heat! No Mercy!" Prairie Fire has definitely arrived.

The band has big plans to get the single out in their hometown area of San Francisco and distribution will start around January first in record stores in Atlanta, New York, Cleveland, Detroit, Los Angeles, and Chicago.

Prairie Fire, that revolutionary rock band out of the San Francisco Bay Area, is heading straight into the 1980's. Direct Hit label, that is. It's a first recording for the Prairie Fire line up which debuted at San Francisco's Temple Beautiful on May 4, 1979, and anybody who's got their ears tuned to the drums start to pound. . .Come on! Join us! This is a challenge, then the drums come on in. . .So stand up! Or kick off your shoes, run down to the river, and dive into these rapids. The ultimate truth of these lines comes through in the TV coverage of the Iranian revolution. The masses of people had made up their minds. They were taking care of the business at hand; the tasks history called on them to accomplish. No mercy wasn't a vindictive wail, it was a fact of life. A simple rhythm repeated over and over drives the point home. The guitar break is sensational—Mat and lead guitarist Greg Coon trade licks back and forth snapped out like machine gun bursts. When the smoke clears, Sandy shouts out:

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The ultimate truth of these lines comes through in the TV coverage of the Iranian revolution. The masses of people had made up their minds. They were taking care of the business at hand; the tasks history called on them to accomplish. No mercy wasn't a vindictive wail, it was a fact of life. A simple rhythm repeated over and over drives the point home. The guitar break is sensational—Mat and lead guitarist Greg Coon trade licks back and forth snapped out like machine gun bursts. When the smoke clears, Sandy shouts out:

What's the pig gonna give ya? No Mercy! What's the landlord show? No Mercy! What's the boss man give ya? No Mercy! What's the banker know? No Mercy! What do we owe 'em? What we gonna show 'em? NO MERCY!

What's amazing here is not their ruthless determination to deal with the enemy, but the fact that they convince you that this is the only way to go: that this is the nature of the beast and there is only one way to go forward.

Ties together the two sides deal with two different aspects of the struggle and for those who have heard Prairie Fire and know they've got a lot of dynamic tunes, it will come as no surprise that the choice of songs for the band was difficult. Mat Callahan, who writes the band's material, told the RW that it took them a month to decide and ultimately what they were after was a single that was both timely and timeless. As Mat put it, "timelessness because it had to speak to what was happening right now, it had to go BAM right out there; and timelessness in that we didn't want it to be stuck around an issue. We wanted something that would be good six months from now." As far as this reviewer is concerned, they got it. "Turn Up the Heat! No Mercy!" Prairie Fire has definitely arrived.

The band has big plans to get the single out in their hometown area of San Francisco and distribution will start around January first in record stores in Atlanta, New York, Cleveland, Detroit, Los Angeles, and Chicago.
Panama Under U.S. Imperialist Thumb

"Since we set foot on this soil, we have felt at home." These were the words of the former King of Kings of Iran, ex-Shah Reza Pahlavi, soon after arriving in his later hiding place, Panama. No doubt the situation in Panama reminded him very much of Iran before the revolution that gave the boot to this butcher. Panama is strategically key to maintaining U.S. control in Central and South America, just as Iran under the Shah was a crucial link in the U.S. domination of the Middle East region. So the Shah must feel very comfortable in this tiny country with 14 U.S. military bases, 10,000 U.S. troops, 10,000 more Panamanian national guardsmen which have been equipped and trained by the U.S. under an agreement that will give $55 million in U.S. military aid to Panama in the next 10 years.

"Panama can defend both itself and the Shah," said the Panamanian government. What this means is that the Panamanian government is on. Imperialism’s confidence in the Torrijos regime is best shown by the fact that 87 different international banks maintain branches in Panama City. In fact this is one of the major benefits to the Shah—he is able to invest the billions he stole from the Iranian people without leaving home.

The truth is that in spite of Torrijos’ anti-U.S. rhetoric, the U.S. has tightened its control over Panama under the Torrijos regime (and his handpicked successor Aristides Royo). Arrests, torture, and murder of anti-imperialist activists have increased. In March of ‘79, when 3,000 farmers met at Tonosi to protest a U.S.-aid sponsored project that was confiscating the land, national guard troops opened fire on them killing one and wounding many.

The Panama Canal Treaty, which Torrijos and others point to as proof that Panama has won a degree of independence from the U.S., really is nothing more than an agreement to let the Panamanian rulers be more active partners in the Canal's operation. The U.S. transferred administration of the Canal to the Panamanian government, but retains the rent control of the canal itself until the year 2000. Most importantly, the U.S. permanently retains the right to take over the Canal during war times. U.S. Ambassador Moss, testifying before a House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee, illustrated how the new treaty had tightened U.S. control in Panama: "In January and February of this year, conventional warfare exercises were held by our 130th infantry brigade at the Rio Hato military base in cooperation with the Panamanian National Guard. This military area, large in size and ideal in terrain for such exercises, is deep in Panama’s interior and would not have been made available to us except under the new treaty relationship."

Small wonder that the man that Henry Kissinger calls "America’s best ally" should immediately feel right at home in Panama. The Shah is also sure to enjoy the decadence of the casinos of Contadora Island, his latest "vacation spot and a favorite resort haven to such reactionaries as John Wayne as well as a wide assortment of U.S. government and business officials. However, while the U.S. government likes to think of Panama as the southern runway of Lackland Airforce Base, it is not as safe for the Shah as the U.S. would like. This was evidenced by the demonstrations that erupted just three days after the Shah’s arrival. Hundreds of students fought with National Guard troops, tipped over government cars, and burned U.S. flags. Apparently the Panamanian people are beginning to make the ex-Shah’s new home more like his old home than he or his masters bargained for.

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The imperialists presented the Patriotic Front leaders with two choices: either these leaders could continue the armed struggle in the face of tremendous and increasing difficulties or they could take the road of surrender (greeted up, of course, with promises of an easy and painless road to power through free elections etc.). The Patriotic Front has chosen the road of capitulation, hoping to gain through the ballot box a quick and easy victory. The Patriotic Front has committed itself with these actions for some time and has been indicated in the policies pursued by the imperialists, particularly by the U.S. and Soviet imperialists. An analysis of this, obviously extremely important, is impossible here, but will be forthcoming in the Revolutionary Worker.

Front leaders have admitted in private that they were under immense pressure from the front-line African states, which give the military forces of ZANU and ZAPU aid and sanctuary, not only to participate in the negotiations but to reach an agreement with the imperialists at all costs.

It is clear that the direct gangster tactics of U.S. and Soviet imperialism played a big part in the Patriotic Front's capitulation in London. Both the U.S. and Britain lifed trade sanctions against the Mozambique-Smith forces while the negotiations were still in progress. From the time the negotiations were first announced the U.S. and Britain were the behind-the-scenes orchestrators of this rapid and massive escalation in the attacks by Rhodesian and South African army and air force units against the Patriotic Front positions outside Zimbabwe. It has long been the imperialis' policy to hit at the economies of the front-line states in an effort to get them to abandon their support of the guerrilla forces. The increased attacks during the negotiations inflicted serious damage, particularly to Zambia and Mozambique which with the forces of ZAPU and ZANU respectively.

The imperialists' sinister intent behind all of this became even clearer in October when the U.S. State Department sent messages to the front-line states offering large-scale economic aid for the development of "regional transportation and irrigation projects" as soon as a settlement was reached at the London negotiations! It was typical imperialist gangsterism: First you smash and carry out the systematic destruction of dams, bridges, highways and rail lines in the front-line states. Then you offer to rebuild them, if only the three countries will immediately pressure the Patriotic Front to reach a "reasonable settlement" (i.e. surrender) in London! London has not received much exposure has been the role of the Soviet Union in applying pressure on the Patriotic Front to enter into negotiations and stop fighting. Information is hard to get and Soviet bloc sources are tight-lipped, but from what is known there emerges a picture of the Soviet imperialists opting for stability in southern Africa as the best means to advance their imperialist interests at this time.

The Soviets have made important inroads into Angola, Mozambique and Ethiopia. But as contention between the U.S. and the Soviet Union gets hotter, the balance of forces is subject to rapid change.

Already in Angola the U.S.-backed forces of UNITA are gaining ground on the Soviet dominated MPLA government. The Angolan economy is heavily dependent on U.S. military aid by the United States Military Company, in this political climate, a switch of allegiance to the U.S. imperialists would mean the end of a massive subversion campaign against the MPLA government. In Mozambique, the U.S. could, likewise lead to a switch by Mozambique from the Soviet to the U.S. orbit.

A settlement in Zimbabwe, even the current settlement which strengthens the U.S., could bring temporary stability to the region which would allow the Soviets room to maneuver and tighten their grip on these countries without risking further immediate military confrontations. At the same time, the Soviets have no doubt hope to gain some ground in Zimbabwe as a result of the scheduled new elections where pro-Soviet elements could be put into important government positions.

The imperialists in Mozambique and Angola in recent meetings of the front-line states are revealing. Both countries joined in the demand that the Patriotic Front go to London and capitulate. At the end of the Patriotic Front's continued tenure as guest of the front-line states was brought into question. This is illustrated by the fact that the Mozambique and Zimbabwe representation of the settlment of the Soviet Union in pushing for a negotiated settlement. Reinforcing this conclusion is the fact, revealed by a leading member of ZANU, that the countries of eastern Europe which through which ZANU receives aid from the Soviet Union, had recommended that the Patriotic Front participate in the London negotiations and the subsequent elections as a means of gaining state power.

With the capitulation of the leaders of the Patriotic Front to the U.S. and British imperialism the masses of people in Zimbabwe face a very difficult situation. The imperialists' grip has been tightened around their necks. But it also must be made clear that the Zimbabwean masses, by their continued support of the Patriotic Front leaders have forced the imperialists to accept the settlement. For example, the Rhodesian imperialists were demanding that the settlement was equal that "some detachment commanders in the Patriotic Front" who had gotten their hands dirty. The fact that the imperialists current arrogance and confidence that they have sewed up Zimbabwe, they (and Nkombo and Mugabe too) have not heard the last from the people of Zimbabwe, not by a long shot.

More Messing with Terrence Johnson

On November 24, they brutalized Terrence Johnson again. For the thirty-first time, prison guards at the Medical Rehabilitation Institute at Hagerstown beat this sixteen year old youth, trying to provoke him to so they could legally lock him away. Johnson lapsed into semi-consciousness and was taken to a near by hospital where a prison doctor conducted a medical coverup. As news spread throughout the prison, anger started building, banging on the bars, and setting fires. They demanded to know what had happened to Terrence Johnson—this symbol of resistance that the U.S. continued to imprison guards who worse would never leave prison alive.

Terrence, a Black youth sentenced to 25 years in prison for killing two cops in self-defense, survived this latest attempt on his life. Two days after he was returned to the segregation unit at Hagerstown, the place he had already been in for one year, cold nights without clothing or bedding, Johnson was transferred to Tauxent Institution. Tauxent is one of those prisons that itself is a genocide hospital, the type of institution where the health of a little party often replace bellyache as the way to keep the prisoners in line.

Terrence was not destroyed by the cruel treatment but dead. Terrence Johnson at Hagerstown, but instead brought him even more widespread support from others inside and out of prison. Literally millions of eyes have been opened to the injustice, the attempt to outright kill Johnson. And now, instead of open terror, the authorities have decided to use "psychological" techniques to try and break him.

The Revolutionary Worker briefly spoke with Terrence a few weeks after his brutalizing at Hagerstown, and asked him, "when I see the disease, but they certainly haven't broken me," said Terrence as he told of the horrors he had endured at Hagerstown as well as the way the Tauxent Instritutions are now attempting to mess with his mind.

Terrence Johnson is far from crazy. From the moment he was sentenced to life, Johnson has maintained his bear- ings and refused to cave in to demands that he announce his "voluntary action. More, he has stood firm and searched for a deeper understanding of what he, and we, are up against. When the RW reporters mentioned Iran, Terrence's response is a clear indication of his clarity of the Iranian people. "We're in the belly of the beast," he said. "The only way we can and must destroy this monster...No matter if I'm inside or outside here, I'm a RevolutionaryWorker on the outside, you're still in chains."
Editorial, Tampa Tribune, Dec. 1, 1979

CHEER AND WARNING FROM A CAMPUS

For a time this week, the University of South Florida campus was a mirror reflecting the basic conflicts which will determine the future of the world we call civilized.

"There was a pro-Iranian rally led by a biology professor, Bruce Williamson, a member of the RCP and the RCYB, and a professor of biology at USF, for "advocating the overthrow of the ruling class, to strengthen the revolutionary movement and the media whores have whipped up a tempest of reaction and now the University is◒

"There was a counter-rally by a larger group of pro-American students who chased the Iranian sympathizers off the platform. . . . The Tampa Tribune in particular has used the reactionary climate around the University of South Florida the struggle has been sharp and fiery, and has had a big impact on the whole city of Tampa where the University is located.

The Tampa Tribune is a reflection of the reaction to the rise of revolutionary sentiment and the media whores have whipped up a tempest of reaction and now the University is called civilized.

"My attempts to fire me only further expose the myth of academic freedom as the only issue in this fight—but it's not! In the past, the ruling class has used the slogan of academic freedom to cover up their support and are forced to strike out against me exactly because your real nightmare is becoming reality—students are abandoning the comfort of your support and are forced to strike out against me because you are not only speaking the truth, but we do so from the podium you have devised. When we challenge you from the very platform you have erected, students are shaken out of the mindless i^oredom you have drilled into our heads.

Sooner or later, the United States must confront the question whether it will do anything to save your system, you will lash out and show the people your capitalist class. But when professors see through your scam, you are terrified because we not only speak the truth, but we do so from the podium you have devised. When we challenge you from the very platform you have erected, students are shaken out of the mindless i^oredom you have drilled into our heads.

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Your concern with me as a revolutionary professor shows exactly how essential is your control over students' minds. Your system creates the aura of intelligence around professors in order to dumbfound students, and then toss petty rewards to professors for advocating the "personal" beliefs of your capitalist class. But when professors see through your scam, you are terrified because we not only speak the truth, but we do so from the podium you have devised. When we challenge you from the very platform you have erected, students are shaken out of the mindless i^oredom you have drilled into our heads.

The price of liberty, Thomas Jefferson said, is eternal vigilance. This national crisis needs more vigilance—and more patriotism—if liberty here, and in the civilized world, is to be preserved.
A headquarters of the National May Day 1980 Committee has just opened in Detroit. This will be the nerve center—helping to develop a clear picture from coast to coast of how the battle is shaping up and launching plans that will guarantee that the capitalists will be terrified of May Day 1980.

On To Unity Day!

January 20th in as final form as possible to the national May Day Committee. Specifications: 11 x 17, Black and White or color (3 color printing process maximum). Please include: "May Day 1980", "Take History into Our Hands", and general slogans and specific of demonstration. Any style welcome. For more specifications and mailing instructions call your local Rode! 216-567-4979. National May Day Committee 3136 E. Davison Detroit, Michigan 48212

Puny Unity Day

Tuesday, Dec. 18 was "National Unity Day" and Jimmy Carter's call for the American people to show their support for the U.S. government's demands to free the hostages was a dismal failure. The Detroit News summed up the bourgeoisie's shock and dismay at this nationwide flop.

HELP DESIGN THE MAY DAY 1980 POSTER BRING THE MANIFESTO OF THE WORKING CLASS TO LIFE IN A GRAPHIC, COMPELLING IMAGE!

The national May Day 1980 Committee sees this as a tremendous opportunity to unveil the treasured house of talent that the capitalists try to bury under the drudgery of everyday life. It is a challenge to artists as well, to put their talents to the service of the working class. A poster design (or combination of designs) will be used to adapt the national May Day 1980 Poster. Others will possibly be used for a national May Day Manifesto. Designs must be submitted by January 20th in as final form as possible to the National May Day Committee.

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Challenging AFL-CIO Hacks—Debate Iran!

Lane Kirkland, new president of the AFL-CIO, acting in the finest tradition of his high office and position as one of the imperialists' "labor" mouthpieces, recently announced his contribution to the U.S. imperialists' anti-Iranian flag-waving crusades. Apparently he has begun a petition campaign (although hardly anyone seems to know about it) demanding "the immediate unconditional release and return of all hostages unharmed." In a letter to all AFL-CIO unions and other "labor organizations" announcing the campaign, Kirkland called for "an emergency campaign" and urged that the petition "be circulated at every factory, shop and job site in America" with signed petitions being sent to the Iranian embassy in Washington. His letter concluded with the following call:

"We must do everything we can to convince the terrorists in Iran and the rest of the world that American workers fully support their government in this crisis. The hostages must be freed. The world must and will learn that the United States cannot and will not be blackmailed by terrorists."

The text of the petition itself is the standard chauvinist and patriotic appeal that one would expect from reactionary filth like Kirkland and Co. and is yet another repeat of thousands of similar statements made by the bourgeoisie in recent weeks. The petition echoes the words of Kirkland's "civilized masters" and their "civilized" Shah in denouncing the "uncivilized" actions of the Iranian people, saying in part, "The Ayatollah Khomeini has perverted the spirit of religion, violated international law, and affronted the civilized values of human kind. Iran stands alone dishonored and condemned by outraged world opinion. It can redeem itself in only one way—Release the hostages now."

Very well Kirkland. Go ahead and spread your petition to every factory, shop and job site. Spread it openly and widely. But let us warn you, it will not go unpunished. The National May Day Committee has picked up the gauntlet you have thrown down. The committee has made a call to take this petition campaign head on, calling for open debate and struggle around the Iran question in the plants and workplaces. Let the two lines be out there as sharply as possible—the internationalist stand of the working class in solidarity with the struggle of the Iranian people on the one side and the putrid chauvinistic line of the AFL-CIO on the other. In fact, the committee has even put out a call to fight for the demand that a certain period of time, say half hour a day (on company time), be set aside for this debate to rage. Let this challenge be answered. We're ready Kirkland, are you?
Iran Teach-In—An Electric Event

December 13, 11:30 a.m. "Iran Teach-In" met at the National Semiconductor plant. The room was packed, side to side, elbow to elbow. John Wayne flag wavers grabbed the table in the middle of the room, like taking a drop bunker, ready to open fire. Forty people sat down on three tables, right in front of the speakers. "If you sat down, you were committed, like crossing a line," said one person. At least 250 stood around, some with arms folded, others pretending to be just standing there, still others were kneeling on the chairs. Rumors of a possible riot, fist fights, flag burning, and more, around all morning. Dozens of security and three-piece suits made their presence known, walking-sticks hanging out of their pockets. Twelve riot-equipped cops waited in the parking lot. Even the FBI came.

UC Berkeley—hot bed of student radicalism? Not this time.

Iran Debate Hits Hawai'i Docks

The Oahu Sugar Company truck stop was jammed. A hundred and fifty sugar plantation workers, including workers from other fields and the mill had turned out in the pre-dawn darkness to hear the ILWU hacks answer for their stand on Iran. The National United Workers Organization (NUWO) and the Revolutionary Worker had called them out to debate. "You claim to fight for the interests of the working class yet you call for a boycott to stop the shipment of food and medicine for workers and peasants who are fighting for freedom in Iran. We will no longer allow you to spout your red, white and blue reaction-ary garbage unopposed in the name of the working class. We dare you to defend your position in front of your workers!"

The union bureaucrats were nowhere in sight. They attempted to cover their asses later at a stop work meeting whining, "The rank and file doesn't give a damn about Iran, these radicals are trying to use this issue to bust the union. They ran around pushing their patriotic poison where they thought it would take hold, but at the truck stop they dared not show their faces. Instead, they sent two goons, one armed with a baseball bat. The bat did them little good in being able to defend the union's position and actions regarding Iran. The rest of the workers had come to hear a debate and struggle around this vital question and heated struggle and discussion went on despite the conspicuous absence of the ILWU officials.

All week long, NUWO members took out the Revolutionary Worker and called on workers to stand with the Iranian people's struggle. A veteran from Waialua Sugar Company, another plantation 15 miles away, angered by the stand the butcher Shah, stood up at his unit meeting and demanded an answer from the union bosses. A number of workers, including immigrant Filipino workers who make up the bulk of the field laborers, took the Revolutionary Worker and leaflets to their own work gangs to spread the debate among their fellow workers. Frustrated by their inability to whip up patriotic frenzy and fearing a political movement supporting the struggle of the Iranian people taking root among the workers, the company stepped in. Two days after the debate, two NUWO members at Oahu Sugar were fired for clipping off one of the giant posters announcing the debate with the ILWU that had gone up on company buildings. They refused and were suspended for one day. They left however carrying a sign bound for Iran reading, "Hawaiians say: Workers, NSW workers say: workers, NSFires a button—only six months ago. B. helped circulate a petition to kick out the revolutionaries in the department. Personnel hauled one worker in, demanding he take off his "inflammatory" button. They told him NSC has to protect the workers from his kind of opinion." A veteran who spent four years in the service, he didn't consider himself a communist, but he was fast learning what being one meant. He defiantly wrote a leaflet himself, signed his name and department on it, calling on workers to wear the button. It read in part, "I've always felt that my country was not the greatest in the world. I see in the events in Iran a class struggle that I'm a part of... this is the time when someone should come out and agree with the Iranians and also say we don't support the flag, the president and love John Wayne."

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Gov't Oinking Continues in Peltier Trial

"I cannot present a defense, there is no reason for me to be up here," Leonard Peltier told the prison judge in his last of many trials, on charges stemming from an attempted escape last July from Lompoc prison where he is serving a life term on murder charges. Peltier is a defendant in a civil suit brought by the family of Navajo Richard Robinson, a police officer who was killed in 1975. Peltier was convicted in 1977 of murder and conspiracy to murder, and is serving a life sentence.

Although Peltier has been denied his request for a new trial, the judge ruled that there was no need for a new trial. The Deputy Attorney General moved to continue the matter, indicating that the judge had ruled against the defendant in prior cases as well. The defendant has already been incarcerated for more than 30 years, and is skeptical about the fairness of the legal system.

The Peltier case has raised questions about the adequacy of defense counsel and the fairness of the legal process. The defendant and his supporters have accused the government of a biased legal system and have called for a new trial.

Perhaps most disturbing is the fact that Peltier has been denied his right to a fair trial. The government's case against him is based on circumstantial evidence, and there is no direct evidence linking him to the murder of Officer Robinson. The government has not presented any evidence to support its claim that Peltier was involved in the murder.

Peltier's supporters argue that the government has been using the case against him as a means of suppressing political dissent and targeting indigenous peoples. They point to the government's history of targeting Native American activists and the fact that Peltier was arrested shortly after the murder of Officer Robinson.

The Peltier case is just one of many examples of the government's use of the legal system to suppress political dissent and target Native American activists. The government's actions have been criticized by many, and there is growing concern about the fairness of the legal system.

Despite the government's efforts to suppress political dissent, Peltier remains committed to his cause and continues to fight for justice. He has inspired many others to take up his cause and continue the struggle against the oppression of Indigenous peoples.
For only an instant—"violate that seemed to harbor at the same time a good society... and of respect... for the "Belgian businessmen" turned out to say to his protege in SAVAK.) The common bond of humanity. "The President paused again, "Some today..." His voice rose, the controlled trust..."

The militant students had expected a treasurehouse of crutchery but they could not have known what a labyrinth of inner sanctums and hidden files were actually in the embassy; they seized. Each new cache brought further proof there was the memo putting the documents were out of keeping with the holiday spirit."

"Here. Now watch carefully." Slowly, painstakingly, he took his other gun and began disassembling it. The girl followed every move. She was learning..."What a contrast between the treatment..."
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Fighting Women. In Qom they visit families forced to live in tin and

foundations that the U.S. press generally has access to these documents as well, but has chosen to publicize them very little. We have taken excerpts from the full documents and have resized them for easier reading.

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Delegation

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there is an urgency for people to take a stand with the Iranian people. This is got to be more than just words, people have to put both feet on the ground and stand and stop wars to maintain that kind of structure? Do they want to see the young people of the country, out fighting those kinds of wars to maintain that kind of structure? Do they want to see people of other countries have all their resources taken away in order to support that?

and are going to say, 'No, we don't want to see that and they don't want to see that and don't want to do that. We have an obligation to aid those who are fighting, and I think I shared the emotion that I began to really understand what a lot of people had in the United States of America to gain intelligence information useful to the Iranian people. The Iranian people reject the policies of the U.S. government to intervene in Iran. The U.S. has an obligation to respect the will of the people is Iran to take this kind of self-defensive action against foreign imperialist aggressors. The Iranian people are not the imperialist class as a whole is good for us. It's good for us. Frankly what is good for us is the American people. The Iranian people are not the the Iranian or foreign diplomatic officials who have a direct association with the Defense Attache Office. Friends of the above will not be handled. Visa referrals will only be approved by the DATT that the Shah being ill would have much ameliorating effect on the degree of reaction here. It would presumably make our own position more defensible if we were seen to admit him under demonstrably

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2. (C/NOFORN) Visa referrals by USDAO personnel will be limited to serious, intra-SAVAK or inter-SAVAK issues

3. (C/NOFORN) The visa referral service can be very valuable to the Defense Attache Office for gathering information not normally accessible through other means, but it should be utilized judiciously and selectively, because the U.S. government to intervene in Iran. The Shah tried to modernize the country, but by the students occupying the U.S. Embassy in Iran. They offer proof of the millions. The students taking over the U.S. Embassy in Iran are not the of the Aryans and the Shadow of God. The students taking over the U.S. Embassy in Iran request the Shah to step down and stop wars to maintain that kind of structure? Do they want to see the young people of the country, out fighting those kinds of wars to maintain that kind of structure? Do they want to see people of other countries have all their resources taken away in order to support that?

and are going to say, 'No, we don't want to see that and they don't want to see that and don't want to do that. We have an obligation to aid those who are fighting, and I think I shared the emotion that I began to really understand what a lot of people had in the United States of America to gain intelligence information useful to the Iranian people. The Iranian people reject the policies of the U.S. government to intervene in Iran. The U.S. has an obligation to respect the will of the people is Iran to take this kind of self-defensive action against foreign imperialist aggressors. The Iranian people are not the imperialist class as a whole is good for us. It's good for us. Frankly what is good for us is the American people. The Iranian people are not the

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FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN TO SEAGATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE

SUBJECT: The Shah of Iran

2. I cannot suggest that there has been any change in the Shah's official and public reaction to the situation in Iran. Statements that would differ from the assessment given you in late July (Tehran 7930). The constitutional referendum has slipped and a new government is now unlikely to be installed before the end of the consultation period, but it is improving but only slowly, and it is not yet of the substance that would weather very well the impact of the Shah entering the United States.

4. Given that kind of atmosphere and kind of public posturing about the Shah by those who control or in Ramo people feel that the Shah as a leader would be effective and that the Shah being ill would have much ameliorating effect on the degree of reaction here. It would presumably make our own position more defensible if we were seen to admit him under demonstrably

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People's Common Struggle

In all their returning of their trip to Iran what comes through clearly in that
humanitarian considerations.

5. That being said, it is as you indicate of utmost importance that we talk quickly with the government of Iran in advance if we intend to admit him, even for a very short period. If we do intend to take such action and if the matter is urgent, clearly the best means of seeking some cooperation from the PGOI would be for the Secretary to raise it with Yazdi when he sees him on October 3.

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FM AMBASSADOR TEHRAN TO SECRETE WASHDC
SUBJECT: Meeting with Houshang Ram of Bank Omran

1. Houshang Ram, head of Bank of Omran, and confidant of Shah, came to see me December 13. He wanted to inform me that he has organized group of young intellectuals to try to introduce some perspective into political discussions taking place among middle-class Iranians. He wondered if we would find this helpful in any way.

2. I said we would, of course, wish to keep in touch with any such groups and would hope they could be useful in bringing some moderation to bear on local scene.

3. However, I said that I thought people could spend too much time looking at the political problems while the economic structure of the country was collapsing. Ram immediately agreed and gave me long tale of woes about problems his bank was having with Central Bank and Bank Melli.

4. Telling him that this illustrated my point exactly I urged him to get together a group of senior commercial bankers and literally march on the Central Bank. I suggested they go into the various departments and identify the young pups who were strangling the bank's activities. Aside from boxing their ears, these bankers could offer to lend replacements to cover for any who needed to be filled. I said that the Shah would be fed up with the current situation and that it was about time they turned against it. The mystique of [illegible] was over and it was time to put the country back to work.

5. Ram said the Shah seemed opposed to strong actions of this type. I said the Shah always phrased actions in terms of shooting a few people. I thought a little administrative wrack would work without resorting to shooting. Ram agreed to try the suggestion with his fellow bankers and left with some apparent determination.

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FM AMBASSADOR TEHRAN TO SECRETE WASHDC
SUBJECT: SRF Assignments

3. With opportunity available to us in the sense that we are starting from a clean slate in SRF coverage at this mission, but with regard also for the great sensitivity locally to any hint of CIA activity, it is of the highest importance that cover be the best we can come up with. Hence there is no question as to the need for second and third Secretary titles for these two officers. We must have it.

6. I suppose I need not mind the department that the old and apparently incohesive problem of R designation for SRF officers will inevitably come up.
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The U.S. was clearly hoping that the Shah transfer to Panama would give Iran as a big split. But it's not a case, as they put it, of "Khomeini's supporters versus his opponents." Khomeini has won the support of the majority of Iranian people insofar as he has stood with the masses in their struggle against the Shah and U.S. Imperialism. And at least for now Khomeini cannot openly take up the cause of the students that would be political suicide.

Yes, there are splits in Iran, but it's not the U.S. that is proving it. The basic conflict is between the Iranian people and U.S. Imperialism. And within that, the two events were a "double whammy" set up by the U.S. and the Shah to make it clear that Iran can't stand up to the U.S. economic attack. Even though the U.S. is still finding it very hard to get the rest of the allies to agree to a trade ban, the Islamic Republic has been afraid of the consequences, even if it's only a U.S. embargo. Under the Shah's front, and partly because of the strong support of NSC workers, all of its industry, and especially its military was dependent on U.S. equipment and technicians. Having inherited the American Reich's economy, very little of the Iranian economy is built up by the U.S. and every other reactionaries freaked out when 40 sat for a U.S. owned factory and technicians. Having inherited the American Reich's economy, very little of the Iranian economy is built up by the U.S. and every other country that has been wakening all along and who have been kept from selling out because of the U.S. embargo.

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The Revolutionary Worker would like to call for letters and comments from you and your colleagues on the interview with hostage Pierre Gavillet. How do the conditions for the prisoners in the U.S. affect the lives of the prisoners in Iran? What have you experienced in the hands of the U.S. government? Is it obvious that people who are not being called "mule face" "mama's boy" "easy pick" from the Iranians like he had been by his drill instructor. Maybe, just maybe, it was fear of the U.S. that forced the Shah to back Iran. I remember that the U.S. General桌 was able to have their own debates. The reactions, burning inside, could do nothing, not even utter a peep.

After the teach-in, workers on different lines who had never talked to revolutionaries before came up and asked questions about the prisoners. Yes, there are splits in Iran, but it's not the U.S. that is proving it. The basic conflict is between the Iranian people and U.S. Imperialism. And within that, the two events were a "double whammy" set up by the U.S. and the Shah to make it clear that Iran can't stand up to the U.S. economic attack. Even though the U.S. is still finding it very hard to get the rest of the allies to agree to a trade ban, the Islamic Republic has been afraid of the consequences, even if it's only a U.S. embargo. Under the Shah's front, and partly because of the strong support of NSC workers, all of its industry, and especially its military was dependent on U.S. equipment and technicians. Having inherited the American Reich's economy, very little of the Iranian economy is built up by the U.S. and every other country that has been wakening all along and who have been kept from selling out because of the U.S. embargo.

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against the war—not nearly so fascinating a story as the GIs' Christmas Card campaign to the hostages—was either ignored by the media or minimized. In November, the State Department claimed that “none of those arrested were terrorists.”

In recent years, the U.S. media has built up an image of “scrupulous honesty and scrupulous investigative reporting,” largely as a by-product of the Watergate scandal, as well as some cover stories on the Iran-Contra affair. Rather than perceiving media malpractices as evidence of lies, the media has been willing to accept as fact any official position as indicative of divisions within the ranks of the ruling class, many people being willing to accept that the establishment was indeed independent and even relatively honest. But now yellow pages have become the new style—that and means even more tyrannical uses of a media tool to condition and manipulate the masses of the people with a steady diet of patriotic and war-mongering propaganda.

Anti-Islam

Part of this has been their holy-war anti-Islam crusade. CBS News ran a special report on the Ayatollah Khomeini that featured what had to be one of the most criminal and stomach turning scenes in years. The story centered on a group of young Iranians in Iran—when the Iranian people were rising in revolution and the Shah was being overthrown and the new regime treated to a senior CBS correspondent telling us that all this turmoil took place in a Shiite Moslem country since Shirites were known for their “persecution campaigns and pogroms and pogroms and pogroms!” Perhaps it was their “persecution campaigns and pogroms” that led to tens of millions of people to be so presumptuous as to “complain about it.”

On another day, the networks had hoped, would bring into focus the fact that many American homes—the image of the blood crazed fanatic throwing himself with studded chains and white hoods when the ritual was conducted symbolically, with padding on the back of the head and back and forth with their chains in a symbol of the Shah’s oppression and willingness to sacrifice themselves for their religious beliefs—and, more explicitly, in the face against an imperialist.

The fact is that this religious observance has been conducted symbolically for many years, perhaps with the exception of a few zealots. The same thing held true in the event of talks in the height of the revolution movement to topple the Shah. But the U.S. media had been so convinced that “the Ayatollah had ordered the observance not to get out of hand, to avoid any American interference.” In Washington, the barbarousness of the Iranian people was downplayed and the Shah’s dominance of the mass media in Iran was not questioned.

NBC’s Tom Brokaw even “reminded” a relatively naive junior reporter of all this right on the air. That reporter failed to pick up on Brokaw’s “question” about Khomeini cooling out the “barbarians of Iran” and his conscious back that “Petie isn’t that what Khomeini ordered?”

This points to another part of what is new on this front. Now the Shah is being sent out to people in the press—to the line or else. They are not too far from their little Hitler’s opening statement awards to loyal lackeys for Big Lie jour.

And when the New York Daily News fire-star writer Pete Hamill, the meaning was clear to every news reporter: if he can get it, so can you. Soon enough it will be writing daily installments of stuff like the Nazis!“ The whole tone of the Shah’s story is based on the ability of the press to rally the masses of people to war.

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CORRECTION

An article titled “People’s Power: Committees for Independent Action” was run in the December 14 issue of the Revolutionary Worker. A press release which appeared in this article was incorrectly attributed to the Committee for Independent Action. The statement was released by the Abortion Rights Movement of Women’s Liberation.

In the December 7 issue of the Revolutionary Worker we reported that the “Union of Iranian Communist Organizations” was used to participate in the referendum—referring to Khomeini’s referendum for an Islamic Republic (page 13). It is certain that the UIC has fiercely opposed the new Iranian constitu tional arrangements. Their opposition in this election was not a boycott, but calling for a “No” vote.

SECRET WAR

The significance of some of the recent actions against the Revolutionary Worker Center and throughout Oakland are part of the nationwide secret war on the bourgeoisie, the more they close the eyes and shut the ears of people, the more the cops and these other reactionaries will attack because the people are coming through its veils and under its covers, to expose, we shall see once again that the ruling class has left out an important element in its calculations—the ability of the masses of people to see through its veils and under its covers, to recognize and despise the ugly nature of what is going on.

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