

★ Short History of O.C.U.

The following is taken from "Dar Tadaroke Engelabe Socialistee" (In Preparation for the Socialist Revolution), a small book published by the O.C.U. in 1979. It gives a short introduction to the organisation, by the organisation itself.

In 1970, some small communist circles of Iranians who had been active in the anti-imperialist struggles in Middle Eastern countries joined together and formed the Communist Unity Group (CUG). This group began to prepare for transferring its activities to Iran by seeking contact with the revolutionaries inside that country.

Initial contact was established with the Organization of the Iranian Peoples' Fedae Guerrillas (OIPFG). It was agreed that the two organizations should coordinate their activities while continuing a process of theoretical elucidation. During this period, which lasted three years, the OIPFG and the CUG carried out a series of joint actions, among which were the following:

Participation in the armed struggles of Oman's National Liberation Movement; close political and military collaboration with Palestinian revolutionary organizations; participation in the Arab-Israeli War of 1973 and the Lebanese civil war of 1974-75 (in the southern front against Israel); military and political training of Iranian revolutionaries; and general revolutionary propaganda work through radio broadcasts and the publication of over 40 books and pamphlets concerning the Iranian revolutionary movement.

The CUG had also established contact with the Organization of the Iranian Peoples' Mujahiddin, and despite theoretical differences cooperated with that progressive Islamic organization.

In 1975, conflicting theoretical positions between the CUG and the OIPFG reached a critical point. The CUG opposed what it considered the OIPFG's Maoist-Stalinist positions and its insistence that military actions had to be the main form of communist struggle against the Shah's dictatorship. Meanwhile the OIPFG had come under a violent wave of attacks by the Iranian military and police and most of its members, including the leadership, were murdered in clashes. This situation caused the CUG to lose its contact with the OIPFG, as

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well as with its own membership in Iran.

When the ties with Iran were reestablished, the CUG began a new stage in its struggle, this time as the Organization of Communist Unity (OCU) and independent of the OIPFG.

During the 1978-79 revolution, the OCU members in the Middle Eastern countries returned to Iran and joined their comrades in the struggle for the overthrow of the Shah's regime. The OCU views the fall of the monarchy as a political revolution and considers the present Iranian regime as a counterrevolutionary coalition of bourgeois and petit-bourgeois forces which stand in the way of the social revolution in Iran.

The following points are a summary of the OCU's ideological and political positions:

1. The world view of the OCU is that of scientific communism.
2. There can be no real freedom in class societies. Only in classless society can real human freedom and creativity be achieved.
3. Capitalism is an international system. Monopoly capitalism wages its economic, political, and social oppression upon the masses of the people and workers of the entire world. The international socialist revolution is the only means for destruction of capitalist oppression and exploitation. Since the proletariat is the historically progressive class in capitalist society, only its direct rule can lead to the ultimate freedom of human society.
4. The common interests of the world proletariat stem from the fact that the workers of the world are under the exploitative rule of international capitalism with no exception and regardless of their race, nationality, culture, religion, and language. Proletarian internationalism is among the principle theoretical positions of our--and every other--communist organization.
5. Iran is a capitalist country. The basic contradiction in our society is that between labor and capital; and the basic class war is that between the working class and other toilers against the bourgeois class and world imperialism. Therefore the only social revolution that can end exploitation and change class relations in a fundamental way in favor of the working class and popular masses is a socialist revolution.
6. History of the world, since the dissolution of primitive communal societies, has proven that no ruling class would ever peacefully surrender its position and interests to other classes. Thus

the use of class violence is the only means for the toiling masses, in Iran as well as internationally, to liberate themselves from exploitation and oppression.

7. While imperialism and the ruling class maintain their domination through the use of military power, revolutionary struggle in the preparatory stage, as well as in the actual carrying out, of the socialist revolution can only take the form of politico-military struggle.

8. Revisionism in its various manifestations, such as reformism, parliamentarism, etc., has led to deviations and defeats of the international working class movement. Communists must struggle against those groups, parties, and states that advocate revisionist ideas of class collaboration.

Among other deviations in the communist movement are Maoism, Trotskyism, and Stalinism. The Communist Unity Organization wages a specific and all sided struggle against these deviations.

9. In our view, proletarian internationalism means solidarity with the workers of all countries and complete independence from all powers, including the states, which proclaim themselves to be the representatives of the workers. This means independence from all governments, a critical approach towards the policies of all governments, and condemnation of the nature and policies of the so-called 'socialist states' that take positions contrary to the interests of the peoples of the world and make deals with imperialism and its puppet regimes.

We do not recognize any world center or 'home land' for socialism and fight the hegemonism and national chauvinism that attempts to present itself as socialism.

Objectives of the Communist Unity Organization:

1. Ultimate objective: to take part in the building of the communist party in order to achieve the socialist revolution and to struggle for the maintenance of a society free from class oppression.
2. Interim objective: participation in the class struggle of the proletariat against the bourgeoisie, advancement of the theoretical level of the movement, and struggle for building in Iran of the politico-military revolutionary organization that can serve the communist world view.