

The Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran Considers the Establishment of People's Councils as a Guarantee of Democracy

The Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran is in favor of the deepening of the Iranian revolution in conformity with the aspirations of the working masses. In this context the Party has devoted special importance to the People's Councils as a guarantee of democracy. It points out that the overthrow of the dynasty of Pahlavi in Iran destroyed the bloodthirsty dictatorship of a handful of speculating capitalist enterprises and opened the road to advancement of the Iranian working people towards their emancipation.

The Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran points out that one of the aims of the Iranian revolution was to destroy the rotten and oppressive order and to allow the working people to take over the running of affairs themselves. A revolution which is capable of destroying the old institutions and replacing them with new ones elected from amongst the people can be considered radical and consistent. In the pages of Toufan, the Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran describes the councils of representatives of the workers, peasants, soldiers, teachers and employees as such new institutions. Through these organs the old apparatus will be destroyed and the working masses can create their democracy with their new style and methods. The Party agrees with the viewpoint that the independent action of the masses must be organized

in a political light and with their direct participation in the leading structure. The Party considers as one expression of this contribution the People's Councils whose members are elected from all strata of the population, and to which the people send their representatives. The activity of the representatives is controlled by the masses while the councils are apparatuses elected by the people and under their direct control. The Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran charges its members with the duty of working to create people's formations. It considers the creation of councils and people's associations as a problem of first-rate importance for the current period. Making an analysis of the situation in the country, it draws the conclusion that the people are striving to gain power and exercise this power. The Workers' and Peasants' Communist Party of Iran charges its militants with the task of creating councils in all regions. This is where all efforts must be concentrated and increased. The Party evaluates the creation of councils in the plants, factories, villages, in the ranks of the soldiers and the teachers as an important step in the democratization of society and a stumbling block for the attacks of the enemies of the Iranian revolution.

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