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### Worshipping the Masses is an Excuse to Support a Faction of the Islamic Republic!

(Excerpt)

Some have found a good excuse to become a supporter of the Islamic Republic of Iran through supporting and hiding behind the "masses. These supporters of the "masses" have carbon copies in the working class emancipation movement. These carbon copies are opposed to the party of the working class and put their intellectual egotism above any interest of the masses. They misinterpret Karl Marx's statement "Emancipation of the workers must be the act of the working class itself..." and conclude that the working class with no organisation, leadership, theory, prospect for construction of socialism, or accumulation of experience will suddenly rise up and miraculously revolt against the capitalist system. This approach is similar to the superstitious approach of religious individuals who await the advent of the disappeared Imam who will be the harbinger of mankind. To these superstitious elements, all revolutionary theories and all human knowledge will be sent to mankind as the words of God from Heaven, and the newly-returned Imam will carry out the

work to the end. To anti-party individuals, publications such as "Manifesto of the Communist Party", "Capital", "the Eighteen Bummer Louie Bonaparte", "The Class war in France", " The Civil war in France", " Revolution and Counter-revolution in Germany", etc. are useless and undeserving of consideration. According to the anti-party individuals, these works manipulate and patronise the workers.

In appearance, the worker-worshippers attach a lot of significance to the working class, but in reality, they prevent the workers from joining the party of working class. Regarding the movement, the anti-party individuals separate subjective factors from the objective factors, consciousness from spontaneity, and knowledge from matter. They counter-oppose these attributes of the movement and reduce their dialectical relations to zero.

This method of thought and argumentation has class roots that appeal to the bourgeois intellectuals who embrace talk but who balk at revolutionary action. When an individual is involved with the party, **Continued on Page 2**

### **Khavaran, an Evidence of Crime against Humanity!**

Twenty one years have passed since the massacre of the Iranian political prisoners in the summer of 1988. Ayatollah Khomeini, after drinking the "chalice of poison" ordered the massacre.

The regime of Ayatollah Khomeini lengthened the Iran-Iraq war for eight years, and as a result, more than a million Iranians lost their lives and many million became homeless. After eight years, Khomeini had to accept the UN-sponsored cease fire. In order to stabilise his regime and to curb the dissatisfaction of the masses, Khomeini ordered his regime to empty the jails of political prisoners. In one to two-minute "trials," the authorities of the Islamic Republic sentenced to death many of these political prisoners, most of whom were finishing their prison terms decided at previous trials. Over three months, tens of thousands were slaughtered, their bodies dumped in mass graves in Khavaran cemetery. The hidden mass graves were discovered accidentally by a passerby.

The 1988 blood bath in Iran was unprecedented in the history of the Iranian movement with the massacre comparable only with the crimes committed by Franco, Mussolini, and Israeli Zionists.

At the end of Iran-Iraq war, the Islamic regime saw its survival in the slaughter of communists, revolutionaries, and anti-imperialists activists. **Continued on Page 4**

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he/she has obligations and responsibilities and must remain continuously involved with revolutionary work. The membership in the party of the working class has risk and consequences. It demands a lot of self-sacrifice and it may put the life of the member in danger. While an anti-party individual can say one thing one day and something else next day, his mind can absorb "diverse" opinions and fashionable ideas and can support the theories espoused in the most recent book put out by a bourgeois intellectual. Naturally, these individuals harm the movement. They hide their pretensions under the cover of pompous phrases such "independent thinker," "opposed to the old-fashioned ways," and "pro freedom of thought." Here we do not talk about the imperialist agents or the enemy spy organisations that continuously make propaganda against the working class party and the party organising work.

The mass-worshipping is common not only among the communists; non-communists utilise the mass-worshipping also. The difference is that the latter group's clear objective is to secure and protect the interest of the bourgeoisie. The mass-worshipping of the bourgeoisie means the seizure of the leadership of the movement to establish or to enhance their own political power.

When a movement shapes up without a leadership, its slogans will be among those that have been put forward by the bourgeois media or among those rudimentary slogans that can be understood by the public. The mindset of a spontaneous movement does not conform to the rules of scientific theories; rather, it is based on bourgeois habits, traditions, and ancient history. The slogan "O, Hussein" that has been pounded into the brains of the people for 1400 years by the reactionary ruling circles, has a hundred times more psychological and immediate effect on the public than the slogan "Separation of Religion and State" or "Long Live Socialism". Politically unconscious "masses" can understand and follow the slogan "O, Hussein" and the like far better than those radical and well-formulated slogans. It was this "mass" that followed Khomeini and saw his holy picture depicted on the moon. When the communists tried to expose and negate this deception, their efforts failed to win over those same masses.

There are many similar historical examples. A spontaneous movement is always non-proletarian and bourgeois in its character. This problem can be resolved by building a strong and leading communist party that can gain the trust of the working class and the masses. This

party can direct a spontaneous movement on a correct path and change its character. Today we are dealing with a spontaneous and pro Mussavi movement in Iran. Its demands at the beginning were "Give my vote back", and "Re-count the votes". These demands do not respond to the wish of millions of people who are opposed to the totality of the Islamic Republic and who consequently did not vote.

Someone who did not vote and was opposed the Islamic Republic could not mobilise the masses for these demands. The slogan "Take my vote back" and the likes are misleading slogans. They legitimise the Islamic Republic and ask the very same authorities who rigged the elections to carry out re-elections and swear to be honest this time.

The Islamic Republic, having arrogantly miscalculated the people's rage, carried out brutal repressions, and negotiated behind-the-scenes deals with US and European imperialists. The regime suddenly found itself in a desperate situation and violently suppressed the activists. The repressive tactic of the regime that has cost the lives of hundreds of men and women of Iran and the imprisonment of many thousand, together with the public confirmation of the results of the elections by the Supreme Leader, left no doubt in the minds of the activists that the slogans "Give my vote back", "Void the elections" and the like are misleading the movement. The activists surpassed the "Reformist" leaders and abandoned these slogans. The slogans "Death to the dictator", "Death to the Leader", "Death to Khamenei" were put forward by the people.

An argument with precedent was raised among the political forces on the question of support for and participation in the current movement. The mass-worshippers argued that only the same slogans chanted by the "masses" should be adopted by the political forces. The sell-out organisation of Fadaian Majority was one of the groups that beat its breast for the slogans of the "masses". To restrict independent thinking, to negate a conscious force, to trail behind the "masses", to use the "imposing" character of the spontaneous movement in order to intimidate and continue to mislead the masses, all intend to force a conscious and experienced individual to give up his ability to make independent decisions and to put his leading rope under the control of a unconscious forces. All these mean that a confused movement without leadership is better than an organised movement with perspective.

The "mass-worshippers" invited everyone to chant the Reformer's slogans, to recognise Mussavi as the leader, to accept that green colour is the colour of the movement, and that overthrowing the Islamic Republic is

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not the goal. They have become the allies of one faction of the regime of the Islamic Republic against the other faction. The "mass-worshippers" have become the foot soldiers of Mussavi, Hashemi, Nategh Nouri, and the like against Khamenei, Yazdi, Janati, and the like. According to them, people must join the Green Movement so the Rafsanjani faction can coerce concessions from the Supreme Leader.

The revolutionary and conscious forces cannot trail behind the masses. They should participate in the movement, direct it on a revolutionary path, and teach the masses how to advance the movement. A revolutionary must convince the people that Iran's salvation will not come through exchanging one faction of the regime for another but through the complete negation of the Islamic Republic. A revolutionary force must publicise and popularise the overthrow of the Islamic Republic. It must show the masses that the first step in establishing a free and democratic Iran is the overthrow of the theocratic rule in Iran. Revolutionary forces must dedicate themselves to making propaganda, agitating the masses, and popularising the overthrow of the regime. The revolutionary and progressive forces must break the talisman of "mass-worshipping" or trailing behind the masses. They must assess the process and the participation of the people in the struggle. And they must minimise the damage the regime can inflict on the people. The communists participate in this movement with this perspective. The participation of the communists in the movement also means the preservation of the movement so that the people achieve maximum gain with a minimum loss. The theory "The more are killed, the better and more revolutionary" is an anti-human and counter-revolutionary theory. This theory may result in hopelessness and disappointment and may strengthen anarchism to the detriment of the entire revolutionary movement. We put forward the "Down with the regime of the Islamic Republic" in the movement. When this slogan is popularised, the next question is "What next?". We then raise the demand "Death to the capitalist regime of the Islamic Republic," which embeds the future prospect of the movement to overthrow the Islamic Republic.

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or ignore or underestimate the existing danger of the US-Israel aggression against our people. The attempts to change the direction of the struggle against the US and Israel to China and Russia are indicative of the existence of sinister hands in the popular 22-Khordad Movement.

Certainly, by repressing, degrading, and insulting the people and by suppressing the development of the genuine anti-imperialist and anti-Zionist struggle of the revolutionary activists, the regime of the Islamic Republic prepares the ground for easier execution of the imperialists' plots. Without powerful communist leadership, the more the regime represses the people, the more the masses will tend to deviate from the struggle.

To fight against the deviation and derailing of the movement, we must maintain focus on the anti-imperialist and anti-Zionist struggles. We must pay close attention to the tight connection between democratic and anti-imperialist movement in this era. To frustrate the imperialist plots, we must unite the popular democratic movement with the worker-movement by supporting the just demands of the labourers.

We must pay close attention to the accuracy of the news that is spread among the population. The content of every leaflet distributed among the masses must be scrutinised. The movement must isolate pro monarchists and the agents of dark forces, reject them, and expose them among the masses.

While we support the democratic movement, we must be vigilant and not allow the movement to become contaminated with the pro imperialist-Zionist politics. The possibility of such contamination cannot be used as an argument to refuse to support or participate in the movement. The struggle we wage encompasses our attempts to seize the leadership of the movement. We learn a lot by participating in the movement, and we train many cadres for tomorrow's free and democratic Iran. It is easy to wage a battle when the risks are minor, but we communists are trained to overcome the harshest obstacles. We are of special nature!



## Kavaran



Khomeini issued the following decree:

**In all cases, any political prisoners who are in discord with the regime should receive the death penalty. The enemies of Islam should be wiped out as quickly as possible...**

Our comrades Mehdi Mehr Olian and Hojat Alian, militant members of the Party, fell victim to Khomeini's decree, as did many thousands of other political prisoners. Khavaran is evidence of this crime. Comrades Mehdi and Hojat surrendered their lives but did not surrender to the Islamic Republic. Comrade Ghodrat Fazeli, a member of the Central Committee, who was tortured to death in 1983, is buried in Khavarn too.

Twenty one years have passed since the massacre, but the torture and murder of political prisoners continue in the regime of the Islamic Republic. After 12 June 2009 elections, thousands of activists were arrested and severely tortured on the charge of participation in peaceful demonstrations. Hundreds were killed in the dungeons of the Islamic Republic. Many men and women were raped in the prisons by thugs of the regime. The number of victims of the repression continues to rise. The news about these crimes and the evidence of Islamic mutilations displayed on videos and photos has outraged the Iranian public against the medieval regime. The dimensions of the recent crimes are so vast and the hatred of the people against them run so deep that the "Supreme Leader" ordered the "punishment" of perpetrators who are still yet to be identified! The Islamic Republic is sinking

in a political, economic, and legitimacy crises.

The twenty first anniversary of the massacre must be turned into a weapon to intensify the struggle against the totality of the Islamic Republic and to expose and isolate the suppressive forces of the regime. We must demand the freedom of all political prisoners. We hail the memory of all fallen Comrades and convey our greetings to their families. The people of Iran neither forget nor forgive those who have bloody hands in the slaughter and repression of their sons and daughters. We are impatiently waiting for the day when the Islamic Republic is put on trail for its crimes against the people of Iran.

**Glory to the Memory of the Fallen Comrades!  
Down with the Regime of the Islamic Republic!**

**Long Live Socialism!**



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to prepare the public psychology for their "acceptable and favourable" actions.

Simultaneous with the upsurge of 22-Khordad (June 12) movement, the internet connections to Iran became faster and easier and, in the imperialist countries, the permits to demonstrate against the Islamic Republic were issued quickly. The imperialist conspiracy to direct the Movement on a deviated path was obvious and included the following elements:

- 1. Spreading rumors against the Palestinian movement under the cover of "Iranian patriotism" and "Pan-Iranian". This is the policy of monarchists and pro Israelis.

- 2. Carrying out attacks on China, Russia, Lebanon, Venezuela, Cuba, North Korea, etc. These are countries to which the US and Israel are hostile.

- 3. Attributing the crimes of other regimes to the Islamic Republic. For example, the video of throwing down the political prisoners from a high bridge many years ago by the Iraqi regime of Saddam Hussein was erroneously put on the internet as having happened recently in the regime of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Another example is the internet distribution of the video of a child who was shot in his mother's womb by the Israeli Zionist in Gaza with the false claim that the crime was committed by the Guards of the Islamic Republic.

- 4. Attacks on Syria, Hezbollah, and Hamas in retaliation for the recognition of Ahmadinejad's government, and at same time, remaining silent on Turkey, Bahrain, Sweden, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, etc. We can hardly find a country that has not recognised the government of Ahmadinejad. Even the US President Obama cautiously and intentionally proposed the policy of non-interference in the internal affairs of Iran, and a few weeks later, recognised Iran's "elected" government. The noises and commotions of the imperialist and reactionary forces on recent events in Iran are designed to secure their own interests and not to benefit the Iranian people and their elections. All these forces rejected the result of the democratic elections in Palestine because those elections put Hamas in power. Furthermore, they have turned Gaza into a mass outdoor prison and have held one million starving Palestinians hostage in the hopes of coercing them to reject their elected Hamas government.

- 5. Stirring up the minor and secondary contradictions in the Iranian society in order to prevent the movement from concentrating on imperialism and Zionism as major threats on our people.

The imperialists and reactionaries are trying to bring the revolutionary and progressive websites under their influence by sending them pro imperialist-Zionist articles, essays, and interviews. The US and European governments have hired many Farsi-speaking intellectuals who are also relatively fluent in foreign languages. They write essays and "research" articles for the blogs to create dispersion, disunity, ideological confusion, and psychological war. The budget for these activities partially comes from the US and European budgets allocated for activities for "democracy" in Iran. The job of many blogs is to implant pro imperialist- Zionist opinions and ideas into the minds of our people. All these realities express some aspect of the class struggle that is going on between the revolutionary forces and the imperialists and reactionaries and their deceived agents.

To sum up, what should the conduct and tactics of revolutionary forces be in this situation?

The revolutionary forces must analyse policies of the imperialists and Zionists in the region and discover the propaganda tactics of these reactionary forces and their agents. They must expose the conspiracies plotted against our people. We must not allow the imperialists and Zionists to instigate, under the cover of "patriotism" and "nationalism", our people against Arabs, especially against the Palestinians. Fortunately, we see a significant number of people on the streets chanting "Do not be silent, Iran has become Palestine". We should not allow the imperialists to contaminate the views about the results of the elections in Venezuela under the pretext of Chavez's so-called "illicit" relationship with Iran. Today, Venezuela is the most democratic country in the world. The democratic elections in Venezuela are unprecedented in Latin America, a region that has nearly bled to death under the US machete. The imperialist forces are trying to replace the slogans "Down with the US imperialism" and "Death to Zionism" with the slogans "Down with China" and "Down with Russia". The fact is that the present danger threatening Iran comes from the US and Israel, not from Russia or China. The US has established many military bases around Iran. The US military presence in the Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Turkey, Pakistan, Iraq, Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kuwait, and central Asia is a serious threat to the people of Iran. As a matter of fact, the relative resistance by Russia and China to US criminal economic sanctions against the people of Iran is a factor in reducing the possibility of the invasion of Iran. We must also make it clear that China and Russia are following their own imperialist interests in Iran. But one cannot close his eyes to the inter-imperialist contradictions **Continued on Page 3**

### We Fight with Vigilance!

The US government has formally allocated 80 million dollars to help the "opposition" to overthrow the regime of the Islamic Republic of Iran and to secure its vital interest in the region. This budget has been approved by the US Congress. In support of the US action, the government of the Netherlands allocated 15 million euros to facilitate the observation of "human rights" in Iran. These activities are examples of interference in the internal affairs of Iran. The imperialists do not define these activities as interference in affairs of a UN-member and sovereign state. They feel it is their right to carry out these activities. To them, any action that secures their interests is justified and will not be considered interference. For years, the imperialists have tried to plot a velvet revolution in Iran as they did in Georgia and Ukraine and to bring the Iranian opposition movement under their influence. The imperialist powers do not have serious questions why the US Congress passes a budget to overthrow the regime of a sovereign state. The big powers, particularly the US, feel that they have special rights in the world organisations. They consider themselves as the master of the smaller nations and as a global police force. Whenever and wherever they wish, the big powers, in order to extend their sphere of influence, give orders to sovereign states.

To implement their dominating and expansionist policies, the imperialists form non-government organisations (NGO) in the "non-favourable" countries. NGOs are actively fighting for "democratic" rights. In countries like Iran where democratic rights are violated and the government oppresses the population, the people wage a just and popular resistance against despotism and lawlessness. The imperialists ride the wave of these struggles

and try to direct them toward their own selfish goals. NGOs are activated to facilitate this process. The imperialist conspiracies are engineered to result in a velvet revolution and bring the country under domination. In order to frustrate and defeat the imperialist plots, we must adopt the tactic of combining the democratic struggle with the struggle against imperialism and Zionism. This tactic separates the chaff from the wheat. This tactic was used by the "Mothers for Peace" when they organised a demonstration in Tehran against the Israeli invasion of Gaza. Their demonstration was attacked by the thugs of the Islamic Republic. Authorities of the Islamic Republic cannot tolerate any movement organised by "non-friends" even if their slogans are harmless to the regime. The distance between the regime and the people is so big that it paves the way for the imperialists to take advantage, especially when the revolutionary forces are suppressed and the party of the working class is not sufficiently strong. With its actions, the regime of the Islamic Republic objectively and foolishly paves the way for its own soft overthrow. Those who think that the imperialists and their agents, both paid and unpaid, have been sitting idle in Iran for the past thirty years are naïve. The US imperialists had established a vast network of spy agents in Iran during the Shah's regime. That network is still functioning, and its agents have penetrated both the regime of Iran and the opposition. The imperialists have bought out some known individuals in the Iranian opposition movement. The sellout activists facilitate the imperialist penetration in Iran. The imperialists and Zionists have a long-term plan for the Iranian people. They try to propagate their political and ideological views into society through radio broadcastings, TV programs, internet connections, and mass media, and try **Continued on Page 5**

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