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From: United Secretariat Bureau
To: Newspapers of sections and sympathizing organizations

Dear Comrades,

Enclosed is an article that outlines some of the main points that the Iranian Socialist Workers Party is emphasizing following the insurrection that overthrew the shah's regime.

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For the Bureau

Tehran--The Iranian masses overthrew the shah and his hated regime in one of the most powerful and sustained mass mobilizations in history. In the deepening revolutionary situation subsequent to the February 9-12 insurrectionary uprising, the following are among the main points being raised by the Iranian Hezb-e Kargar-e Sosialist (Socialist Workers Party, Iranian section of the Fourth International):

- * For the development, extension, and coordination of the democratic committees of the toiling masses in the factories and offices, in the armed forces, and in the neighborhoods.

The committees should be run completely democratically, elected by the toilers and soldiers, and with all political parties and viewpoints given equal rights.

The objective is the formation of broadly based councils or soviets of workers, soldiers, and toilers' delegates to fight for the needs, interests, and rights of the masses.

- * For workers control of the factories and offices through the workers committees. Open the books of the enterprises to the workers committees and public. Immediate expropriation of the properties of the shah and the royal family, and of the imperialists. Expropriation of the banks, oil industry, and other key branches of the economy.

- * Build the alliance between the workers and peasants. Land, cheap credit, adequate machines and fertilizers, and guaranteed markets for the peasants. Access to adequate irrigation.

- * Against the attempts of the capitalist government to rebuild the old army, the rank-and-file soldiers committees should elect all officers and forge links with the workers committees and armed civilians to build an armed force under the control of the soldiers and toilers committees.

- * Against the attempts of the government and the Islamic Revolutionary Committee to impose censorship and restrict democratic rights. The workers, soldiers, and toilers committees serve as the only guarantee of the protection and extension of democracy.

- * Key democratic rights that must be fought for now are freedom of religion and the separation of church and state, equal rights for women, and the right to self-determination for the oppressed nationalities, including the Kurds, Azerbaijanis, and Baluchis.

- * No imposition of a government or of a constitution from above. For the immediate convocation of a freely elected, sovereign constituent assembly to decide these and other questions facing the masses.

* No capitalist government can meet the demands and needs of the toiling masses; the opposite is the case. For a workers and peasants republic, a government based on broad, democratic councils of the workers, soldiers, and toilers.

* For the defense of all the conquests of the revolution against domestic reaction and imperialism.

* Workers and toilers of the world: Come to the aid of the Iranian revolution by demanding that the imperialists keep their hands off Iran!