

" K U R D I S T A N W E E K "

COVER-UP FOR NEW CONSPIRACY

A "Kurdistan Week" will be held in London (July 20 - 24) after the armed struggle of the Kurdish people in Iraqi Kurdistan has been forcibly defeated by the Kurdish Democratic Party - Barzani Tribal leadership who capitulated to the conspiracies of U.S. imperialism and its running dog the regime of the Shah of Iran against our heroic Kurdish people.

This celebration, formally sponsored by the British "friends" of the Kurdish people, is not an isolated event. The "Week" must be considered in the context of the situation in Kurdistan and in the Middle East.

The Kurdish national liberation movement, with its mass base and hundred-thousand strong guerilla army, was totally capable of defending liberated Kurdistan and fight, together with progressive Arab people of Iraq, to establish democracy all over the country and autonomy in Kurdistan. However, the movement suddenly collapsed and only because of the K.D.P. Tribal Leadership's capitulation to U.S. imperialism's conspiracy against the Kurdish people implemented through the Shah's regime.

The crimes committed by K.D.P. Tribal Leadership against our people and its national liberation movement are too numerous to list here. It submitted to number one enemy of the Kurdish people, U.S. imperialism, as the best friend; it made the regime of the Shah, watch-dog of Yankee imperialist interests, the dominant power in the "liberated" areas; it opened a Kurdish branch of SAVAK (Iranian Secret Police) -- Parastin -- in "liberated" areas which murdered hundreds of progressive Kurds within the ranks of the movement not only Iraq but also in Iran, Turkey and Syria; it propagated racist and national-chauvinistic attitudes and behaviour towards the brotherly Arab people; it united with the Zionist settler state of Israel and stabbed the Palestinian liberation movement in the back; the Leadership suppressed every attempt to establish democracy in "liberated" areas -- no land reform, no literacy campaigns, no cultural progress, no liberation of women, no freedom of ideas. They abused the struggle of millions of the Kurdish people in order to strengthen the rule of Kurdish feudals and tribal lords in a "liberated" Kurdistan; they wanted to replace the reactionary regime of Baghdad by the rule of U.S. imperialism "under the shadow of Shahanshah, leader of all Aryan races" (Interview with Barzani in Kayhan, Air Edition, 10 May 1975).

The above is only a glimpse of the nature of K.D.P. - Tribal Leadership. After the Iraq-Iran Accord (6 March 1975) and the suspension of all U.S.-Iranian "aid" the Kurdish armed forces (Peshmarga) refused to give up. However, under the orders of U.S. imperialists, the Leadership forced the Peshmarga to surrender. Such treason is unprecedented in the history of the Kurdish liberation movement. The Leadership declared: "The movement is finished". Not only did the Leadership capitulate and run away, it forced the unyielding people to give up. To further cover up their betrayal, they also forced tens of thousands to take refuge in Iran where, under SAVAK, they are murdered, raped, abused and dispersed all over the country.

How does "Kurdistan Week" relate to all of this? The Kurdish people, with a brilliant record of national and democratic struggle, was forced to give up in a revolutionary period of world history. Day after day people liberate themselves. When the peoples of the world were rejoicing the victory of the Indochinese peoples, the Kurdish people was defeated primarily due to the betrayal of its "Leadership". There is a revolutionary situation now in Kurdistan as elsewhere in Asia, Africa and Latin America. U.S. imperialism wants to curb the struggle of the Kurdish people and to put under its control the revolutionary situation in Kurdistan. The "Kurdistan Week" together with the recent press interview in Geneva by remnants of the Tribal Leadership, and their sabotage in the Kurdish student movement abroad is part and parcel of this counter-revolutionary campaign.

What is the revolutionary situation in Kurdistan?

First, the Kurdish people, with a long tradition of struggle, has been further awakened by the betrayal of the K.D.P.-Tribal Leadership;

Second, many revolutionary groups are ready to start the struggle again - more determined than ever;

Third, most brutal repression, mass murder, Arabization, forced immigration and exploitation is perpetuated by the reactionary Baath regime under the guise of "Kurdish autonomy". But REPRESSION BREEDS RESISTANCE and the heroic Kurdish people are determined to take revenge and remove from the face of Kurdistan and Iraq the rule of imperialists and Iranian, Iraqi, Kurdish reactionaries. U.S. imperialism and its agents know all this. The Yankee imperialists commit every crime to maintain their sway over this oil-rich area of the world. The Yankee capitalists also know that a small people, under a revolutionary leadership, can defeat an aggressive monster like U.S. imperialism. The Indochinese people have only recently taught them this valuable lesson. Now that Kurdish revolutionaries are planning a similar fate for the Yankee overlords of the K.D.P.-Tribal Leadership, U.S. imperialism is using its lackeys to suppress this revolutionary struggle.

To carry on this conspiracy against the Kurdish people the remnants of the K.D.P.-Tribal Leadership are making sabotage everywhere including Europe. Their activities include: (1) restructuring, under false "leftist" guise, the remnants of the Tribal Leadership under the name of "Provisionary Leadership of K.D.P."; (2) sabotage in the 20-year old Kurdish student movement in Europe; (3) control of the Kurdish community and their activities, and (4) holding "Kurdistan Week", press interviews, etc.

The more recent event was a press interview by reactionaries in Geneva in which they dispensed false information about the recent situation in Iraqi Kurdistan. Exposed by their betrayal of the Kurdish people, the K.D.P.-Tribal Leadership clique try in vain to misdirect the revolutionary fervour of the people against themselves while implementing the counter-revolutionary plots of their Yankee masters.

The Kurdish people, relying on its own struggle and under a new leadership, is capable of defeating the alliance of reactionaries under the overlordship of U.S. imperialism, and creating, together with the Arab people, a democratic Iraq and autonomous Kurdistan on the ruins of the present reactionary Baath regime.

The "Kurdish-British Friendship Society" sponsoring the Week is part of the same union of the enemies of the Kurdish people. Like its ilk, the "Kurdish-American Society for Refugee Relief", it is composed of a bunch of representatives of British capitalists and Kurdish reactionaries. In their desperate cries they appeal to their likes Kissingers and Kennedys - staunch enemies of our people - to "defend" Kurdish rights (Peshmerga, No.5, April 1976, p.16). These are not friendship societies. The friends of the Kurdish people in this country are the labouring and freedom-loving people of the U.K. who oppose British (and other) imperialist exploitation and oppression of our Kurdish people.

These cheap "supporters" of the Kurdish people will be talking about "Kurdish civilisation" while all manifestations of civilisation in Kurdistan - democracy and national freedom - are savagely suppressed under the hoofs of the imperialists and their agents; they will be talking about "Aspects of Kurdish History" while they consciously try to stop the march of history towards progress in Kurdistan.

We strongly condemn the conspiracy of U.S. imperialism against the national liberation movement of the Kurdish people and its new leadership. We strongly condemn the reactionary Baath regime and the regime of the Shah of Iran, puppet of imperialism and enemy of Iranian peoples. The puppet apologists of U.S. imperialism - remnants of the K.D.P.-Tribal Leadership - have no place among the Kurdish people. They must be reminded that their Yankee overlords cannot save them from their obvious destiny as they did not and could not save their Vietnamese and Cambodian accomplices.

We ask all supporters of the national liberation movement of the Kurdish people to condemn these counter-revolutionary plots.

VICTORY TO THE STRUGGLE OF THE HEROIC KURDISH PEOPLE!

DOWN WITH U.S. IMPERIALISM!

DOWN WITH THE REACTIONARY BAATH REGIME!

DOWN WITH THE REGIME OF THE SHAH!

KURDISH REACTIONARIES - HANDS OFF THE KURDISH NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT!

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