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## MASS UPRISING THE 40th DAY TO COMMEMORATE THE MARTYRS OF TABRIZ

On January 9th, 500 working people and poorest people of the city of Qum were gunned down in the streets by the Shah's police and troops. Forty days later, on February 18, shops, bazaars, schools and universities in dozens of Iranian cities were closed down by the people in commemoration of their martyr sisters and brothers in Qum. In Tabriz alone (second largest city after Tehran in the northwestern part of Iran) 200,000 people poured into the streets in a major political offensive against the Shah's regime and U.S. domination of Iran.

Two hundred thousand enraged people held the city of Tabriz in their hands and stormed the headquarters of the Shah's fascist party, the Rastakhiz. They marched in four organized detachments through clearly designated areas of the city, raised clear, bold revolutionary slogans calling for the overthrow of fascism and imperialism in Iran. Two hundred thousand unleashed a storm of fury against the two main enemies of the Iranian people and systematically destroyed 73 foreign and U.S. banks, hundreds of police cars, SAVAK cars and U.S. army jeeps, and left the Rastakhiz Party (Iran's Fascist one-party system) headquarters in smouldering, decaying ruins!

The political significance of the 40 day period is not new in Iran; a tradition of commemorating the death of a loved one after 40 days of mourning has long ago become a form of political struggle among the Iranian people. In the recent history of Iran, it has been shown time and time again that whenever the regime massacres our people, the retaliation of the people

The significance of this massive uprising in Tabriz cannot be measured in numbers. It has revealed in every way that the political crisis in Iran today is in the brink of a total collapse. The two sides have drawn their battle lines on a new level. Tabriz has shown the people and our enemies that a movement with revolutionary direction and mass character is building in Iran. The massacre in Qum was the spark that enflamed the long-smouldering rage of the Iranian people. It was not the first time that such a massacre has taken place. But the nature of the present crisis in Iran is clearly shown by the way in which the bold actions of masses of people, taking furious revenge against the enemies, have been able to rock the very foundations of the regime.

The decades of our history have been marked with the blood of thousands of nameless heroes who have faced the machine guns of Shah's troops and the firing squads of Shah's prisons so that our people may one day be free. Every heroic martyr who falls in battle against the enemies of the people arouses hundreds more to our ranks. We do not surround our fallen brothers and sisters with clouds of sorrow and despair, but with the triumphant call to every life-giving, freedom-loving passion of our people to join their thousand separate struggles in one mighty torrential onslaught against our enemies.

This is the call that went out in more massive and widespread agitation than ever following the massacre of our brave patriots in Qum. During those 40 days, thousands of leaflets were printed and distributed, statements and manifestos were issued from dif-

ferent parts of the cities, boldly arousing the people with clear revolutionary slogans.

The work of these conscious forces emerged clearly on the 40th day after Qum when the 200,000 people of Tabriz rose up in massive onslaught against every institution, every building, every instrument and vehicle representing and upholding the Shah's regime and imperialist domination of Iran.

Two hundred thousand people rallied to the slogans: "Down with this Fascist Regime!" "Down with Imperialism!" "Down with the Shah!" "Down with Rastakhiz!" Through the streets of Tabriz, the call "Workers, Peasants, Students Unite!" rang out as people aimed their mighty rage like one fist at the gillars of reaction and imperialism in Iran.

### REACTION OF THE REGIME

The full impact of the Tabriz uprising has so thoroughly shaken the regime that it continues to react with panic and hysteria at all levels of the government. The chief of police of East Azarbaijan Province (location of Tabriz) has been recalled for military review; the Director of police intelligence of Azarbaijan has been removed; the head of the Tabriz police precinct has been removed and officially reprimanded; the Governor-General of Azarbaijan has been summoned to Tehran and a new replacement sent to the Province. The Shah's press has raved at the "negligence" of the police, the sloppiness of the fascist

will not repeat this event."

Most terrifying to the regime is the "disloyalty" of some of the Shah's troops. During the police attacks and massacres by army troops, many brave and patriotic soldiers rose up in defense of the Tabrizi people and turned their guns against their own military officers. New troops had to be sent in from Tehran to 'reinforce' these "shaky" elements--these valiant soldiers who took their stand alongside the Iranian masses and against the enemies of the people.

This is the lesson of Tabriz: there is no longer any middle road. The two sides are clear: either the camp of the people or the camp of reaction and fascism. There is no other choice.

## POLITICAL PRISONERS ON HUNGER STRIKE

Since the uprising in Tabriz, Iran has been in a state of turmoil. There have been many other uprisings in different cities resulting in the killing and arrest of hundreds more. The most recent wave of protest echoes from the prisons in Iran and especially Tehran. There are reliable reports that hundreds of political prisoners have gone on hunger strike in the medieval dungeons like Evin, Ghasr, and Guezel-Ghale prisons. The valiant political prisoners, under the most repressive conditions have turned the torture chambers of SAVAK to schools of revolution.

I.S.A. (member of CISNU) is an open, democratic and anti-imperialist organization of the Iranian students abroad that aims at the exposure of the reactionary nature of the Shah's regime among the people of the world. I.S.A. raises the voice of the Iranian people who are struggling against tyranny and oppression and echoes the cry of the mutilated political prisoners who courageously withstand the torture of the Shah's executioners. Through demonstrations, conferences, cultural programs and distribution of literature, I.S.A. struggles to make the people of the world aware of the plunder of Iran at the hands of the U.S. and other corporate powers. It works to mobilize international public opinion in support of the just struggle of the Iranian people for liberation and their aspiration for a free and independent Iran. *Resistance* is a monthly publication of the I.S.A. in the U.S. which aims to serve the above purposes. We urge all I.S.A. supporters and *Resistance* readers to subscribe to this publication through the mail. The annual subscription rates are \$3 in the U.S. and \$5 abroad.

On March 29, 1978, forty days after the heroic uprising in Tabriz, a new wave of struggle has washed over Iran. It is more widespread, more militant and more lasting than earlier ones. Some of the cities and towns involved are Ahvaz, Zarand, Abadeh, Rasht, Rezaieh, Tabriz, Lahijan, Babol, Aligoodarz, Eilam, Sari, Shahi, Nahavand, Shooshtar, Khoy, Mianeh, Kazeroon, Ardabil, Kermanshah, Shiraz, Qum, Chaloos, Mashhad, Kashan, Khoramabad, Lar, Tehran, Abadan, Esfahan, Khoramshahr, Jahrom and Qazvin. The slogans were "Down with the Shah" and "Down with imperialism" -- a clear call for democracy and independence.

The Iranian Students Association at U. of I., together with other anti-imperialist and progressive organizations and individuals, joins with the Iranian people in militant solidarity. We raise the same slogans: "Down with the Shah", and "U.S. imperialism out of Iran". We invite all freedom-loving people to join our struggle and support DEMOCRACY AND INDEPENDENCE FOR IRAN.

# DEMONSTRATION

TIME: 12:00 NOON

PLACE: STARTS FROM QUAD

DATE: APRIL 11

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT I.S.A.

U. of I. ROOM 294 Illini Union

TEL: 333-9775

Sponsoring organizations (partial list): Eritrean Students Association in Normal, Ethiopian Students Association, Organization of Arab Students, Revolutionary Student Brigade, Science for the People.

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**THURS. OCT. 20 BEVIER HALL RM.180**  
**7:30 Pm**

FOR MORE INFO. CALL IRANIAN STUDENTS ASSOC. at U.of I. OR



## PROTEST SHAH'S U.S. VISIT

The shah of Iran's forthcoming (NOVEMBER) U.S. visit is much more than his pilgrimage to the White House every time a new administration has taken office since office since Truman's presidency. This trip is especially important for both Iranian and American peoples and demands active exposure and protest by anyone concerned about the life and death struggle of the Iranian people for democracy and independence. In less than a month (NOV.29) Mr. Carter, who claims "absolute respect for human rights" will re-embrace (in Tehran) the absolute dictator Shah who is according to Amnesty International, the "worst offender in violating basic human rights" (The Times, Feb. 13, 1975).

The Shah, No. 1 protector of U.S. interest in the oil-rich Persian Gulf area, is in serious trouble. U.S. economic, political and military interest in this vital part of the world is threatened by the failure of the Shah to turn Iran into the promised "oasis of stability" to secure American corporate interest. Carter must save the shaky throne of his No. 1 regional policeman.

Why is the Shah's regime crumbling? The dictator is caught in the grips of the most serious economic and political crisis in the history of his regime. As a result, First, the crisis has brought ever more poverty, hunger, lack of housing and health care which, in turn, has further flamed workers strikes, peasant uprisings, student movement and the struggle of other sections of the people, second, the crisis has further increased the contradictions between various cliques of the ruling circles of Iran who have been at each other's throats in recent years to maintain their profits "threatened" by the solitary rule of the Shah's clique over the entire economy.

Under the circumstances the Shah's only alternative has been unbridled despotism carried on by a most repressive police state which has been built up by direct, continued and planned involvement of the CIA and other organs of the U.S. Government. Carter wants to patch up the Shah's shaky rule by greater U.S. military involvement, greater backing for the repressive regime and further protection for the plunder of Iran and exploitation of the Iranian masses by U.S. corporate bosses. To do this without raising the opposition of the American people, he is trying to feed the American people lies and applying thin cosmetics to the fascist Shah and make him presentable to public opinion. Obviously, Carter who has failed to whitewash the neocolonial nature of the U.S. Government, will fail in disguising the internationally exposed dictator. "Human Rights" like similar masks (e.g., Johnson's "Great Society") will not deceive the American people who strongly fought in support of the self-determination of the Vietnamese people. We believe, however, that all freedom-loving people must actively take part in exposing these plots, reject "Human Rights" à la Carter and demand democracy and independence for Iran.

We believe Carter's Administration is essentially like all previous ones, in all respects. We cite just one example of arms sale and support of the Shah's regime. On May 13, 1977, William Branigan of Washington Post (May 14, 1977) reported from Tehran: "Secretary of State Cyrus Vance conferred for 2 1/2 hours with the Shah of Iran today, and indicated afterward that the United States would continue its role as Iran's main arms supplier without linking the sales to the situation in the country." The Post continued, "The overriding concern in the Carter administration's policy considerations toward Iran appears to be the country's strategic location as a strong buffer between the Soviet Union to the north and the world's most important oil export terminals in the Persian Gulf to the south". New York Times (October 11, 1977) wrote about a report by the research division of the Library of Congress released by the Senate Foreign Relation Subcommittee on foreign assistance. The report talks about "excessive sales, particularly to Iran" under Carter. International Herald Tribune (Sept 10-11, 1977) states "sales for the fiscal year 1977, ending this month, will total \$9.9 billion worldwide, \$5.5 billion for Iran alone. Adding AWACS would raise these figures to 11.1 billion -- a record total -- and \$ 6.7 billion for Iran".

Please  
Sign Our Petition  
In Support of the Just Demands  
of Iranian workers  
and  
In Protest to the Constant Murder of  
Striking Workers

The Petition will be sent to International Labor  
Organization (copies to Amnesty International, U.N.  
Commission on Human Rights and Iranian Premier).

Our demands are

- 1) sending a delegation to investigate  
the murder of the workers
- 2) investigating the whereabouts of the  
arrested workers

On September 14, 1975 CBS News, quoting the recent Amnesty International report concerning Human Rights, reported that among all the countries (107 according to Amnesty Int.) violating human rights and practicing torture, Iran stands on the top of the list. According to this report, the number of executions (political) after sham trials and the widespread use of torture in Iran has assumed enormous dimensions unprecedented in any country. In short, Iranian people are suffering under the yoke of one of the most autocratic and fascist regimes in the world, compared to which Hitler would look like cream puff.

The most recent crime committed by the Shah's regime is the killing of 16 workers and wounding of 70 others. The workers of Shahhi textile mill went on strike demanding higher wages. The workers shut down one section of the factory but the local police was called to the scene and the strike was crushed. Three weeks later the workers shut down the whole factory asking for their earlier demands. This time the workers were confronted with 1200 anti-strike Government forces; they resisted and defended themselves. The troops opened fire indiscriminately killing 16 workers, wounding 170 and arresting many whose whereabouts is unknown.

This murder of striking workers is not an isolated incidence. Just a year ago 13 workers of Irana & Khavar enterprises (in Tehran) were massacred by the Shah's troops. The workers of Jahan-Cheet textile mill were also machine-gunned three years ago and 19 workers were killed while marching from their factory toward the capital city Tehran.

Contrary to the propaganda put out by the Iranian regime and echoed by the media in this country, the majority of people in Iran (workers & peasants) live in dire poverty. According to Tehran Economist (a pro-government weekly) of July 20, 1974 the latest revised minimum wage for workers in food industry varies from \$1.50 to 2.00 per day, and for auto workers it is \$2.20 per day. Considering the tremendous increase of the cost of living this wage cannot provide the subsistence living for the worker and his/her family.

In Iran the workers, like other classes and strata of the people, are denied their basic rights. Hence the Iranian regime does not allow the workers to organize their own trade unions, does not allow the workers to demonstrate for their social, political and economic rights, strikes are considered acts of "sabotage" and by infiltrating its military and police agents in all industrial centers it tries to smash the slightest protest from the workers through the use of terror. But the Iranian worker like other strata in Iranian society (women, students, progressive clergy, peasants, artists, etc) continue to struggle under the most oppressive conditions. Within the last year alone, there have been numerous strikes and demonstrations. This upsurge of struggle is also a good indication of deteriorating living and working conditions in Iran. At the same time the puppet Shah is spending \$22 billion oil revenue to purchase more arms in order to better secure U.S. Government's interests in the area by crushing the liberation movements in the Persian Gulf area, for instance, the struggle of the people of Dhofar (the Southern province of Oman). There are 30,000 Iranian troops in this country with American advisors and armaments fulfilling the counter-revolutionary plots of the "Nixon Doctrine (using local puppet armies against liberation movements).

We, the Iranian Students Association in the U.S., would like to inform the American people about the incredible atrocities happening in Iran and fully supported by the White House. We ask all democratic and freedom loving people to support our cause by signing a petition (to be sent to International Labor Organization and the Iranian Premier).

Iranian Students Association at the University  
of Illinois (294 Illini Union, 333-9775)



...energy "crisis"  
...Arab oil boycott

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# MID EAST forum

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...U.S. intervention

U S MILITARY BUDGET-----

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date: Wednesday, JAN 30 74

place: illini union 261-63-67

time: 8 p.m.

(south side)

sponsors:

Coalition of Afrikan People  
Young Workers Liberation League  
Iranian Student Association  
Communist Party U.S.A.  
Arab Student Association  
and others...

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MAY 3

# IRANIAN STUDENTS SOLIDARITY DAY

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FORMER EDITOR OF <u>RAMPARTS</u>	BEST SPEAKER
<b>ROBERT SCHEER</b>	Robert Scheer has completed two trips to Vietnam and one to people's Republic of China. He was a journalist in Egypt, North Africa and Israel and interviewed President Nasser; he has widely travelled in the Middle East and is the author of many books on Middle East, Cuba and Vietnam

TIME: 7.30 p.m.

PLACE: 119 Metallurgy & Mining Building  
Green Street

US:

# ROBERT SCHEER

MAY 3rd

TONIGHT 7:30

119 METALLURGY Bldg.

SPEAKS ON

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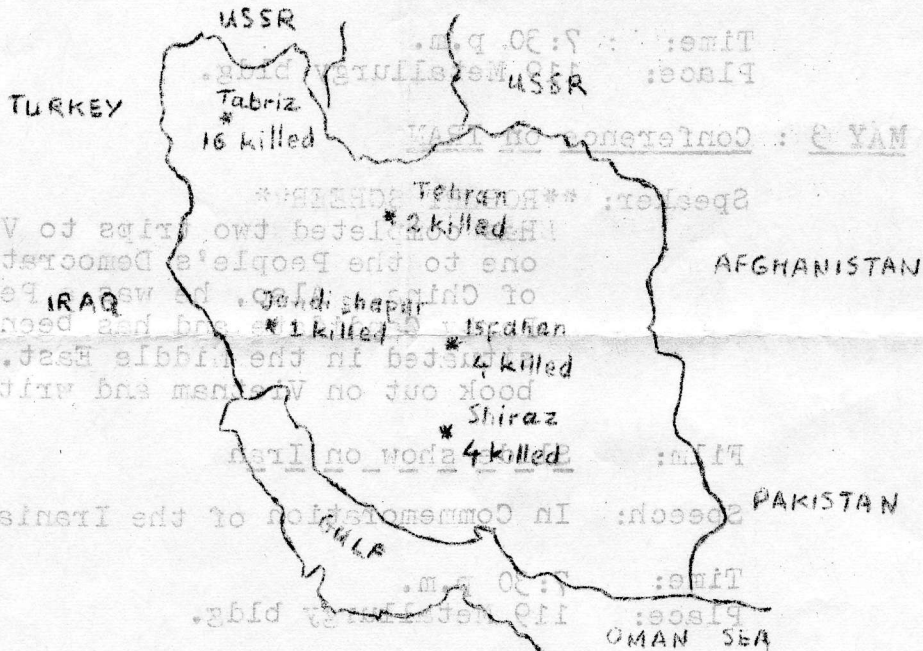
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Film: Revolution Until Victory

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# ON CAMPUS: Prof. COX TONIGHT

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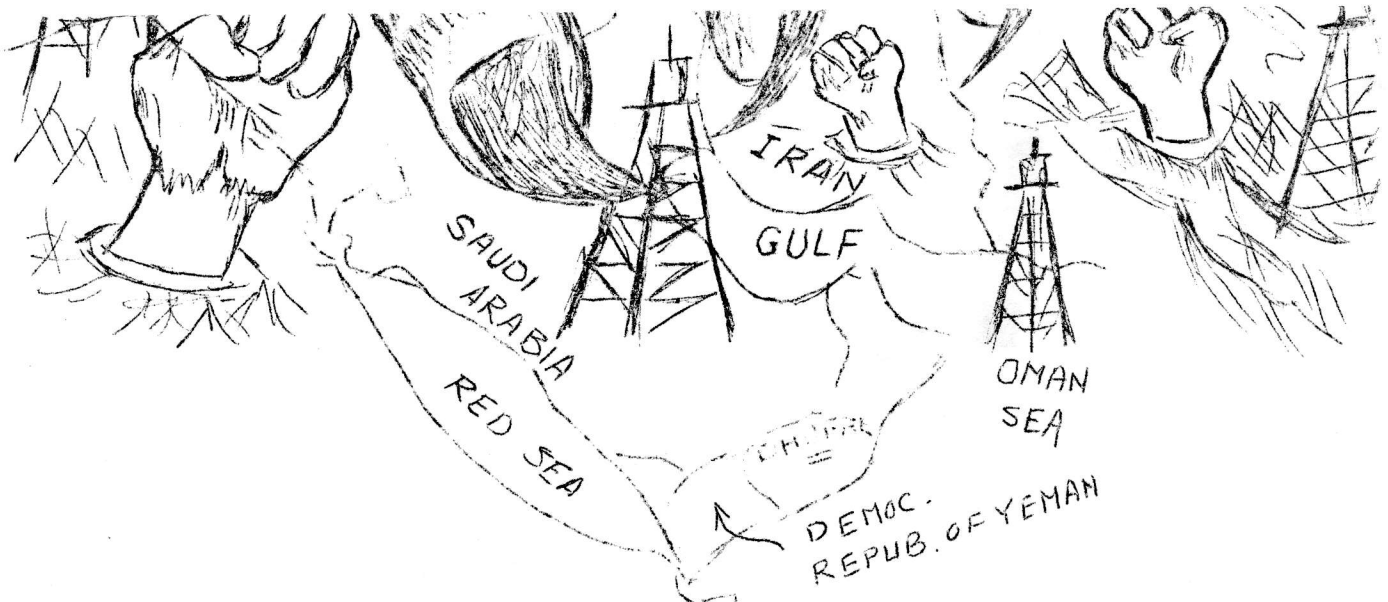
IMPERIALISM in the MIDDLE EAST

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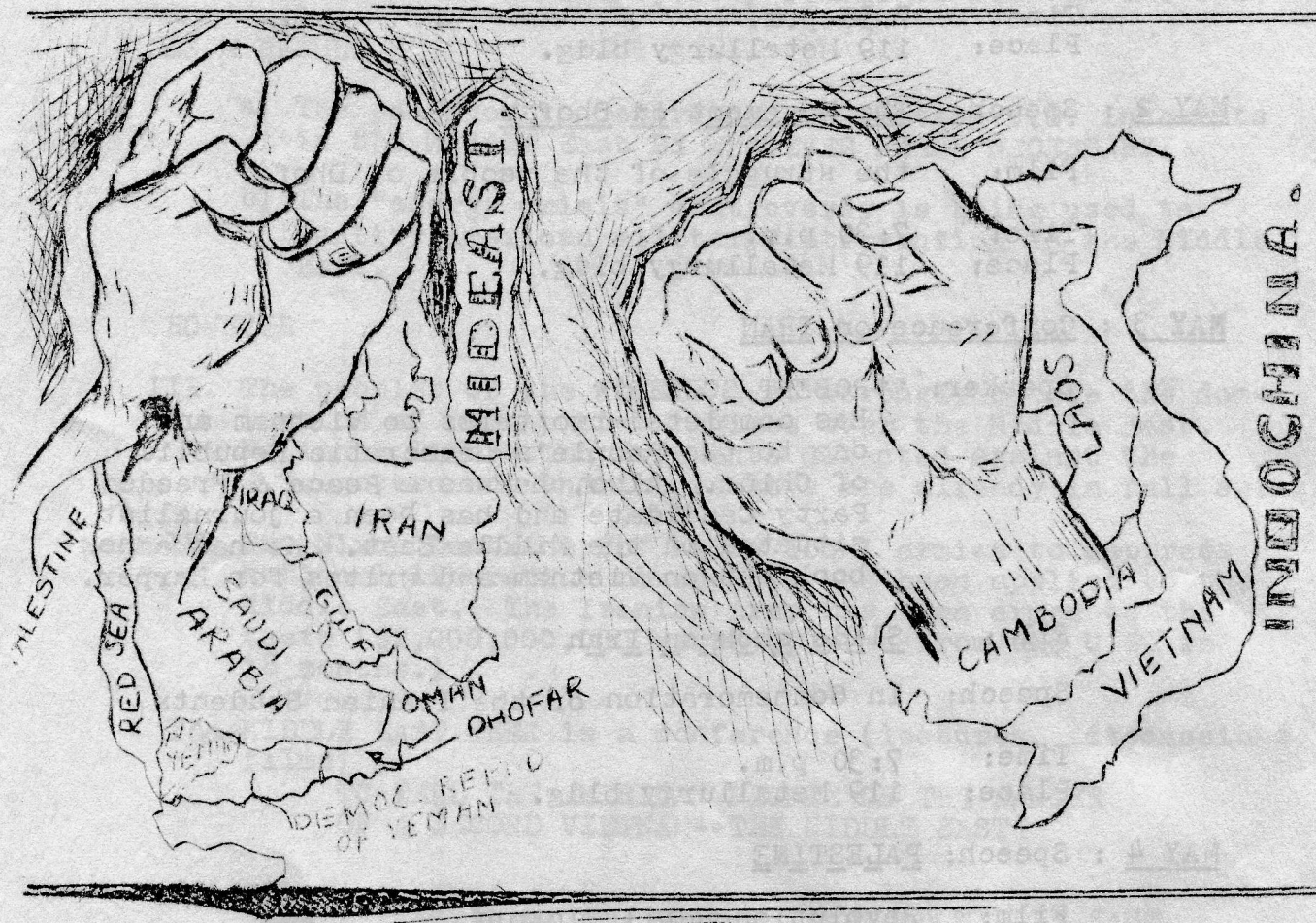
Professor Cox has been an active anti-war, anti-racist since 1966. He is a member of the political group "Bloomington Red Star Council" and is co-author of the Red Flag Column--the local underground newspaper.

IRANIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
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at: URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

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# Middle East Week.

THE CRUX OF THE ENERGY CRISIS.



MIDDLE - EAST,  
THE FUTURE INDOCHINA.

MAY 1, 2, 3, 4

TIME: 7:30 PM

PLACE: 119 METALLURGY  
BLDG.



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# WHY MIDDLE EAST WEEK ?

- I. The U.S. Government (The Pentagon and the CIA) is not, as in the case of Vietnam, informing the American people (and even the Congress) about increasing American involvement in the Middle East.
- II. American economy will face a serious crisis by the 1980's if the oil from the Persian Gulf (which composes 50% of U.S. annual oil consumption) ceases to flow to the U.S.

## AS A RESULT

- a) The pentagon is determined to protect U.S. interests in the Middle East BY WHATEVER MEANS NECESSARY.
- b) The "energy crisis" controversy is being used to justify American military intervention in the Middle East.

## HOWEVER

- III. The peoples of the Middle East strongly oppose the domination of U.S. puppet regimes over the Middle East. National liberation movements directed against the U.S. government and its lackeys are already in full swing.
- IV. The Nixon Doctrine (of using local armies to suppress national liberation movements) has been applied to the Middle East. The Iranian Army has been armed to the teeth (\$2,000,000,000 worth of arms from the U.S. in 18 months.)

The MIDDLE EAST WEEK is a conference (lectures, discussions, films)

TO TELL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OF THE DANGER  
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