the coup and warned the people that it would result in a fascist, terrorist dictatorship—not a "democratic" regime, as the pro-Soviet revisionist party predicted. Because of this correct analysis, the PCM LA was able to make preparations for work under the harsh conditions.

The United States joins with revolutionary and democratic-minded people all over the world in demanding the immediate release of Comrades Roberto Cristina and Elias Seman, as well as the thousands of imprisoned and "disappeared" political prisoners of the fascist Argentine dictatorship.

CHAIRMAN HUA VISITS IRAN

China's leader Hua Kuo-feng visited Iran last week on the final leg of a three-week international tour that had previously taken him to Romania and Yugoslavia. Chairman Hua held three days of talks with the Iranian Shah on areas of mutual concern, including trade, technical and cultural exchanges. The meeting also provided an opportunity for the two leaders to share views on the international situation, especially the threat posed to Asian security by the increasing aggression of Soviet social-imperialism.

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Dominicans hit Guzman on broken promises

The tense political situation in the Dominican Republic hasn't let up with the August 17 inauguration of Antonio Guzman and his Dominican Revolutionary Party (PRD) administration. Thanks to the masses' hatred of the dictatorship of Joaquin Balaguer, the PRD scored a stunning election victory last May, with campaign promises of political and economic reforms for the island.

But only two weeks after his inauguration Guzman has already broken one of his major promises, the enactment of a General Amnesty Law which was sent to him last week after passage in both houses of the Dominican Congress. When the bill reached Guzman's desk, instead of signing it, he sent it back for major changes.

The bill as drafted would have immediately freed 200 prisoners arrested between Sept. 3, 1965, and now. The list was drawn up by the Dominican Attorney General and is in no way complete. But Guzman still refused to sign it, instead recommending a commission to review all prisoners' cases one at a time.

The liberal PRD has made it clear that they will "protect" the imperialists' holdings on the island very well. Police have been turned out to disperse several large workers' meetings. One such incident occurred in La Romana: a small town completely owned by Gulf and Western, one of the biggest U.S. imperialist companies that dominate the economy. A union meeting was smashed Sept. 4, and at least one leading organizer, Francisco Antonio Santos, was arrested.

The families of many political prisoners demonstrated in front of Guzman's new home, the National Palace, and were attacked by police. The issue of amnesty for the country's political prisoners and exiles isn't the only one to inflame the ongoing political crisis.

Seizing upon Guzman's campaign promises to allow more rights for workers, a new organizing drive has been launched in the factories and fields. Led by anti-imperialists, over 50 new unions have been organized since Guzman's inauguration alone.

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Response to Guzman's action came swiftly from the prisoners and their families. On Sept. 2, hunger strikes broke out in two of the country's prisons. At La Victoria prison, inmates also burned their mattresses.

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During the current organizing drive, over 200 leading unionists have been fired from their jobs.