One of the darkest and most barbaric regimes the world has seen has at long last bitten the dust. Colonel Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, the Shah, has fallen - "New Age", along with many millions of oppressed people in all corners of the globe. The overthrow of the Shah with their successes in the struggle against US imperialism.

The danger from the Soviet Union

The Soviet Union has for some time been trying to elbow its way into the pluralistic and natural resources. It has provided Iran with useful, ‘aid' such as gas-pipelines (running, of course, into Soviet territory). Repayment of such aid is in the form of long-term agreements for gas at very low prices (much of which is subsequently re-sold by the Soviet Union to Eastern and Western Europe at very high prices!).

Alongside such peaceful and friendly methods of achieving influence, the Soviet Union is, like all imperialists, also play the look-out for a chance to divide-and-rule. There are plenty of opportunities for this. Only recently, it has supported a putsch staged by the regime's vicious national oppression, based on Farsi chauvinism, has left a legacy of bitterness among the Kurds, Baluchis and other minority nationalities in Iran.

The Iranian Revolution

The Shah's regime was created by a clique who placed it in power in 1953 when they stage-managed a coup against the nationalist regime of Mossadegh and its allies, such as Britain, have kept it afloat. In addition, the people have done all they could to to shape its economy to their interests, above all as a source of oil. And they have used it as a source of power for the extension of influence of their rivals in the Soviet-social-imperialist bloc. So, the conflict between these two imperialist movements in the area (including particularly the Palestinian resistance).

The struggle for even the most elementary democratic rights thus constantly raised the central question of opposition to superpower domination. The collapse of the senior army command has now seemingly been followed by a popular movement initiated by a mass exodus of US military and semi-military personnel, who are determined not to be deserting a sinking ship.

Eight of the most senior and most notorious and hated military top-brass have now been executed, soliders of revolution, and many others are facing trial, or have been retired. It is perfectly clear in the minds of the Iranian people that these victories against the Shah regime are inseparable from their successes in the struggle against US imperialism.

The People Stand Up

The Iranian, like the Indo-Chinese and other people before them, are showing that the US giant is not capable of crushing all of those who are new to Iran, 8 or 10 years capable of grinding down third world peoples like the main giant of the West, it will be in the Soviet social-imperialists that Iranian independence will face its most deadly enemy.

Stoop off, the various political forces towards the superpowers.

The revolutionary forces have naturally been supported by Ayatollah Khomeini, has in general taken a stand against domination, either by either the Western or the Eastern masters. It is for this reason that it has been enjoying the support of those Iranian revolutionaries who have the finest grasp of the need for national independence.

For, if the religious leaders are to struggle for the realisation of the Shah's imperialist dream, and by that for the domination of their country's national defence against the Soviet Union, for the consideration of the Iranian revolutionaries in Iran, the struggle is as those who lie in the way of proletarian revolutionaries in Iran. In fact, the Iranian revolution aligned with the superpowers against the demands of the masses.

There are encouraging signs that Ayatollah Khomeini's government has announced it will supply, no oil to Israel or South Africa) is making the US junior senator (and US senator, for instance, has compared the Ayatollah's book to "Hein Kamer'! ! Likewise the British imperialist press has sought to portray the religious revolutionaries as dark feudal forces of the past. In the same spirit, the religious leaders have little cause to draw close to the Soviet Union. But the Iranian new 'support' for them (after many years of hostility).

Those nationalists who adopt a patriotic stand of a more secular kind, usually rally behind the idea of 'parliamentary democracy'. These people have something to offer against Iran's Muslim revolutionaries, in alluding about some of the features of a purely theocratic state.

The most consistent opponents of the superpowers and defenders of national independence are the Marxist-linenquist organisations in the Revolutionary Organisation of the Tudeh Party (Red Star) and other such Marxist-linenquist organisations (the RTO in Iran is not to be confused with the revisionist Tudeh Party, Moscow's chief agent in Iran). In the long run, it will be that such revolutionary leadership that will be the crucial factor in the fate of the Iranian Revolution.

Besides the RTO and other such Marxist-linenquist organisations, there are many others which deserve mention. These revolutionary organisations which have played a heroic role in the successful struggle against the Shah. For instance, the Muslim guerrillas, the Mujahedeen, are, in addition to this fine record, quite clear on the danger posed by the Soviet Union.