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1. Since the 15 July 1951 riots several Iranian Government security conferences have been held for the purpose of discussing policy toward the Tudeh Party and connected groups. Premier Mossadeq was present at two of these conferences.
2. The Governmental attitude toward the Tudeh Party has changed markedly. All the Government Ministers, except Premier Mossadeq, favor anti-Tudeh action. Mossadeq is reluctant to use force, except in cases that involve infraction of the law or a breach of the peace, in the belief that suppression would cause acclaim of Tudeh Party members as martyrs.
3. On 28 July 1951 the Ministry of Justice ruled that the Tudeh Party, the Tudeh Youth Organization, and the Communist Youth Organization are all communist and should be dealt with by the Military. As evidence of a more stringent policy, the (Tehran) Police banned a Peace Partisan meeting during the last week of July.
4. Popular xenophobic sentiment extends to the Soviet Union and all Communists. The Communist Party (sic) is losing the sympathy of the people and moderate Party members are beginning to demur.
5. A further security conference is planned at which an attempt will be made to change Mossadeq's mind, at least with respect to a purge of the administration.

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