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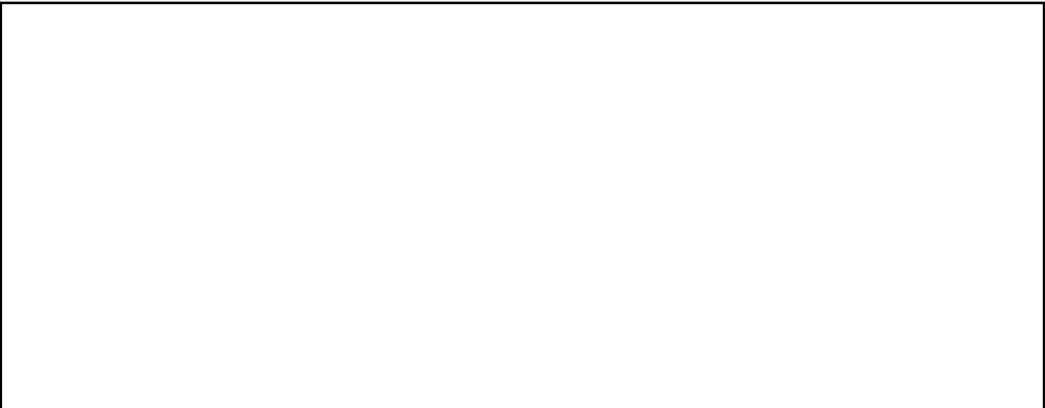
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- 1. The Tudeh Party, under the auspices of the Partisans of Peace, is sending its most capable organizers to the provinces to prepare for the forthcoming elections. During the first week of December 1951 organizers were sent to Tabriz, Resht, Isfahan, Shiraz, Meshed, Abadan, and Yazd. Fakhreddin Mirramazani (deputy chief of the Iranian delegation to the August 1951 Youth Festival held in Berlin, Germany) is believed to have been sent to Isfahan for Party election work.

Prior to 27 December 1951

- 2. In mid-December 1951 the Tudeh Party dispatched seven or eight Party members to Tabriz for election activities on behalf of the Tudeh. Subsequent to the departure of these individuals, Tudeh members Forghan (fnu) and Hamid (fnu) were also sent to Tabriz for the same purpose.

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- 3. Morteza Lankerani and Afrashti (fnu), editor of a Tudeh-front newspaper, will be supported by the Tudeh-front Association for the Freedom of Iran (Jamiyat-e-Azadi Iran). Afrashti will be a candidate from Gilan and Lankerani probably will be a candidate from one of the northern Azerbaijan constituencies. Other possible Tudeh candidates will include Ispakchi (fnu), Dr. Hastarudian (fnu), and Farman Farmayan (fnu).<sup>2</sup>

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4. The Jamiat-e-Azerbaijan (sic) has selected six of its members as Majlis candidates, including Ahmad Lanckerani and Seyyed Hasan Qoreishan.

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5.  a Tudeh-front leader and who may be a Tudeh-supported candidate, estimates that the Tudeh Party controls 5,000 votes in the Tehran area.

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Tudeh Party controls 15,000 votes.

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7. Members of the Tudeh Youth organizations and of the Partisans of Peace are being queried as to the number of votes they are able to solicit on behalf of candidates to be proposed by the Partisans of Peace group.<sup>3</sup>

1.  Comment. Pamphlets, which were distributed clandestinely throughout Tehran, contained the purported election policy of the Tudeh Central Committee and included the following points:

- a. Accusations against the National Front of intending to "pack" the new Seventeenth Majlis with National Front deputies by fixed elections prior to reaching an "ignominious compromise with Anglo-American imperialists" in the oil dispute.
- b. Attacks on alleged National Front terrorist tactics designed to intimidate "the freedom-loving people of Iran" and referring specifically to the 15 July and 6 December 1951 riots.
- c. Statements that the elections would afford the Tudeh Party an opportunity to mobilize its forces and to test the strength of its national and anti-imperialistic friends; and that this valuable opportunity should not be lost.

The pamphlets did not name preferred candidates but stated only that the Iranian people should vote for peace and democracy, and that Party members should vote only for "national candidates."

2.  Comments. a. Although it has been rumored that certain candidates have the support of the Tudeh Party and it is known that certain other candidates have leftist sympathies or past Soviet connections, it is not definitely known to which ones the Tudeh will give its official support.
- b. It is probable that members of the Tudeh Party and of Tudeh-front organizations will not receive specific voting instructions until immediately prior to the time when voting begins in their respective constituencies, and that such instructions will then be issued clandestinely.
  - c. It is probable that Tudeh-supported candidates will be members of various front organizations, rather than members of the Party itself. In some instances, candidates may have no known connections with Tudeh-front groups but may have reached a secret agreement with the Party.

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- a. Shams Zanjani, President of the Society;
- b. Yahya Khodabandeh, Vice President; and
- c. Partu Alavi, Vice President.

According to the press organ of the Tudeh-front Society, to Aid the Peasants, the following will be candidates for this Tudeh-front Society:

- a. Saman: Hedayotallah Davari;
- b. Shahrud: Nabavi (fnu);
- c. Demavand: Mahmud Dehqan (editor of Ragbar Imruz); and
- d. Lahijan: Taqi Radmanesh.

According to the leftist press, the Tehran candidates who may be supported by the Partisans of Peace are:

- a. General Mohammad Hoseyn Firq;
- b. Ahmad Lankerani; and
- c. Seyyed Ali Akbar Borqai Qum.

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