China Says:
Iran's Stability Key Link

After Hua Kuo-feng dodged mass demonstrations by helicopter during his recent visit to Iran, the Chinese revisionists have finally been forced, in *Peking Review* No. 42, to break their silence on the revolutionary upsurge in Iran. In so doing, they gave a clear example of what the "three worlds" analysis means in practice.

Their article "objectively" reports strikes and demonstrations, with *no mention* of what the demands or slogans of these actions are. Of course, there is no reportage, let alone denunciation, of the massacres by the Shah.

Instead we read simply that "On September 8 the Iranian Government proclaimed martial law in 12 cities for six months and started a campaign against price hikes and corruption. It also decided to grant a 12.5 per cent pay increase for all government employees from September 23."

Through its usual method of "objectively" quoting reactionary sources, *Peking Review* calls attention to Iran's "unstable political situation" and the "superpowers' interference and rivalry in Iran" which are "attempting to 'control it.' " Of course the role of the U.S. which already "controls" Iran is not mentioned and instead the article concludes by saying "that Brezhnev and company clearly understood Iran's strategic importance in this area."

Here we have the "three worlds" strategy in all its glory. A mighty revolutionary storm is battering a reactionary regime which is an out-and-out arm of U.S. imperialism. But the regime cannot be overthrown and in fact must be prettified because the Shah is part—even a leader—of the "third world" and opposes the "superpowers," i.e. the Soviets. They should have ended their article with the slogans: "Long Live the Progressive Regime of the King of Kings"; "Support the Repression of the People and the Cosmetic Reforms of the Shah"; and "Up With U.S. Imperialism and Down With the (35 Million) Soviet Provocateurs!"