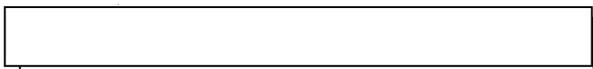
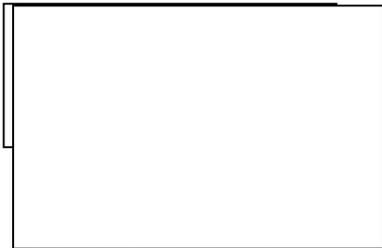


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5. Royalist success in Iran achieved by exploitation of mass uprising:



[redacted] the Iranian royalist movement of 19 August began as a spontaneous mass demonstration, and pro-shah military leaders assumed control only after it gained momentum. General Zahedi reportedly manned a tank as a rallying gesture to the army and people during the early stages of the demonstration.

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[redacted] the popular character of the uprising by pointing out that at an early stage the leaders of the mobs were primarily civilians. [redacted] apparently the Tudeh and Prime Minister Mossadeq had broken their entente on 18 August because of the Communist demonstration that day. As a result, security forces adopted a tougher attitude toward the Tudeh, an attitude which then changed to direct support of pro-shah elements.

Comment: This information confirms the impression left by press reports that the successful countermove against the Mossadeq faction was unplanned and completely unexpected. It assumed the proportions of full-scale action only when the opportunity presented itself to the opposition leadership, which then exploited it at the strategic moment.

In spite of apparent popular support, Zahedi will probably be forced to conduct his government as a military dictatorship until his position is firmly consolidated and he can develop a program which will generate popular support. The allegiance of most of the tribesmen and some of the army units in outlying provinces is not yet clear.

Tudeh demonstrators apparently disappeared when security forces began determined efforts to suppress their activities. There is no evidence that the Tudeh has been seriously disorganized, but it is unlikely that it can launch a successful coup against the royalists at this time.

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