

**September 28, 1955**

**Letter to the CPSU Central Committee, Request from  
Radmanesh for Mortaza Yazdi**

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**Summary:**

In this letter the People's Party of Iran request that the CPSU CC help Doctor Mortaza Yazdi and Sharmini among others, as they are all facing execution by the Tehran's military court. Also asks to send Iraj Iskanderi and Ehsan Tabari to Prague to organize protests against executions. The CPSU CC denied the request to go to Prague, but agreed to appeal to various fraternal Communist parties and organize a protest campaign.

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TO THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The leadership of the People's Party of Iran [NPI] has turned to the CPSU CC with a request to give any possible aid in the rescue of NPI CC Executive Committee member Doctor Mortaza Yazdi, who has been sentenced to death by the military court of Tehran. The same fate threatens NPI CC member Cde. Sharmini and 14 leaders of the youth organization, whose trial will soon begin.

In addition, the NPI CC request permission, based on last year's example, for Cdes. Iraj Iskanderi and Ehsan Tabari to go to Prague to organize a protest campaign through the press against the executions which are being prepared.

In October 1954, when trials of officers who were members of the NPI military organization were held in Iran NPI CC member Cde. Tabari went to Vienna with a similar purpose. However, experience has shown that this trip did not actually produce significant results.

Taking this into consideration, we consider the trip of Cdes. Iskanderi and Tabari to be inadvisable.

We think it possible to advise the Iranian comrades to appeal to the fraternal Parties of France, Italy, and the countries of people's democracy in the name of the NPI CC and also to international labor, women's, lawyers', and students' organizations in the name of Iranian political émigrés with appropriate appeals to organize a protest campaign against the bloody repressions being committed by the Iranian authorities against progressive figures of Iran.

The necessary assistance will be given in sending the letters to fraternal Communist Parties and international organizations. The Department will arrange with the editorial board of the newspaper "For a Durable Peace, for People's Democracy" for the publication of an article about the persecutions of progressive figures in Iran.

Deputy Chief of the CPSU CC Department for Relations with Foreign Communist Parties

[signature] (A. Smirnov)

Sector chief of a CPSU CC Department

[signature] (I. Kozlov)

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28 September 1955  
N° 25-S-2042

[handwritten:]

Very urgent

to Cde. A. A. Smirnov

28 September 1955

[handwritten:]

Memo

The NPI CC materials have 3.3zm sent to the fraternal Parties;  
the editorial board of the newspaper has been informed  
and the material has been published; the material was also sent to public  
organizations  
Sector chief I. Kozlov