



GITI

GITI, a leftist daily paper published from 2 Tir 1322 Š./24 June 1943 to 26 Day 1322 Š./6 December 1943 by ʔalil Enqelāb Āḡar as the official organ of the Workers union (Etteḡādiya-ye kārġarān). Its masthead read: "The Union of Persian workers is neither attracted nor affiliated to any political parties." The Union was headed by Yusof Efteḡāri, an old member of the Persian Communist party (see [communism i](#)), who had been trained at the Comintern Communist University for the Toilers of the East and apparently had Trotskyist tendencies (Eskandari, pp. 307-10, 401-2; Kiānuri, pp. 82-85, 89-90; ʔāma'i, I, pp. 185-86); he was jailed after the oil-workers' strike in May 1929 and was released in September 1941. ʔalil Enqelāb Āḡar was a member of the Group of Fifty-three arrested in 1936 and tried in 1938 for communistic activities. He later joined the Tuda party after breaking with Efteḡāri (Āvānesiān, p. 130), and in 1326 Š./1947 published the newspaper *Dādgostari*.

Giti was an ideological newspaper, printing political news and articles, as well as revolutionary poetry with social and revolutionary themes. It opposed both the ruling class and the Tuda party, which caused some Tuda party circles to accuse ʔalil Enqelāb of being a government agent and *Giti* of being subsidized by the British. They also accused the Union of having as its principal goal struggling against the Tuda party and generating anti-Soviet provocations (Āvānesiān, p. 130). *Giti* was suspended on several occasions, once for insulting the monarchy (Salāmi and Rustā'i, pp. 37, 38, 42). It suspended publication after ʔalil Enqelāb broke with the Union.

The format was initially four, and later two, six-column pages, measuring 36 x

50 cm. It carried illustrations and a few advertisements. The annual subscription rate was 400 rials; single issues cost 1.5 rials. Numbers 1-80 are accessible at the Central Library of Tehran University.

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