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the following indicates a possible rapprochement between the National Front and the Tudeh Parties:

- a. The agreement which, according to a high official in the Iranian Ministry of Education, Prime Minister Mossadeq and the Tudeh Party have reached, whereby the latter will support the National Front if the Iranian Government will protect Tudeh members of the administration and will neutralize anti-Tudeh elements of the Government. The agreement allegedly established certain members of the Iran Party, particularly Zirakzadeh (fnu), as Mossadeq-Tudeh middlemen.
- b. The reluctance of the Minister of the Interior either to grant or to refuse the application of the Partisans of Peace to hold its Middle East North African Congress in Tehran.
- c. The three-hour conversation between Prime Minister Mossadeq and Soviet Ambassador Sadtchikov on 20 September 1951, which reportedly was preparatory to recrientation of the National Front policy toward cooperation with the Soviet Union and the Tudeh Party.
- d. The reported statement by Mullah Kashani on 22 September 1951 that the Tudeh Party was "at his disposal."
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  2. Comment. According to Lenczowski's Russia and the West in Iran 1918-1948, the Iran Party was created in 1944. Its program included the defense of independence and democracy in Iran, social justice, increase in the standard of living, agrarian reform, promotion of education and hygiene, and development of trade and industry. The Party was hostile to the Tudeh Party as well as to the American Financial Mission. It was also said to be collaborating with the Mihan Party (whose nationalist character rendered it hostile to any foreign influences in Iran).

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