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## STOP THE WAR HANDS OFF IRAQ

US imperialism has once again been successful in thrusting its belligerent design upon the world. The UN Security Council resolution on Iraq, moved by the war-monger Bush administration jointly with its bootlicking partner, the Blair government of the UK, and accepted on Friday, November 7 last, unanimously by the Council members is no mere war-threat against Iraq. It is the latest among the countless dark machinations for war, aggression and deceit perpetrated by US imperialism which peoples of the world had to witness in the post Second World War days, particularly in the last few decades since the disintegration of the Socialist Camp. Ultimate withdrawal of the opposition to this resolution which certain council members like France and Russia put up, indicates how meekly the

present day rulers of the 'advanced' countries bow down to the pressure of the devilish power, the bulwork of imperialism — the US. The disappearance of the Socialist Camp and the so-called 'unipolar world' has robbed them of strength and courage to oppose the US. This is particularly significant when one

witnesses at the same time enormous surges of protest and indignation all over the world against the war-move of the blood thirsty US imperialism. Hundreds of thousands of people have come out on the street in massive 'No War on Iraq' demonstrations even in the lands of leading imperialist

countries, in London, Berlin, cities of USA like San Francisco, Portland, Washington. More than half-a-million people came from different corners of Europe to the city of Florence in Italy, to join one such demonstration on Monday, November 11. The American people led by scores of anti-War Peace organizations have already planned to throng in front of the White House in Washington the next Sunday, November 17. US imperialism and its British lackey turn a blind eye to this world opinion. It is really painful to see that other members of the Security Council too are insensitive to this reality of increasing strength of the militant peace movement being waged by peoples of different sections of life and society which alone can guarantee against the despotic war mongering of US imperialism.

The final draft of the resolution that was arrived at after weeks of tumultuous negotiations is a blend of bellicosity and deceit. It affords Iraq "a final opportunity to comply with its disarmament obligations". It reaffirms Iraq's sovereignty. At the same time, it offers Iraq a meagre 7-day respite to decide in favour of accepting the resolution's terms and threatens it of "serious consequences" should it fail to comply. What a commendable way to seek truth and reason! The resolution requires Iraq to provide UN weapon inspectors with "immediate, unimpeded, unconditional and unrestricted access to any and all" buildings and sites, including implicitly the presidential residences and sites. A true recognition of a country's sovereignty indeed! The inspectors are supposed to bring out the haul of weapons of mass destruction,

### Comrade Nihar Mukherjee Condemns Pro-War Resolution of Security Council

*Condemning US preparation for war and new UN resolution on Iraq, Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary, SUCI, issued the following statement on 9 November, 2002 :*

"No word is strong enough to condemn the unanimous approval of a tough new resolution on Iraq in the UN Security Council — divided for years over Iraq — which shows a naked bowing down by all concerned to US war machination.

"We appeal to the peace-loving, democratic minded people across the country and all over the world to launch a strong and powerful movement against any possible attack on Iraq at any moment."



Over 5,00,000 people from all over Europe march in Florence, Italy on 9 November, 2002 against US war threat on Iraq

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# Why CPI(M) Steeped in Corruption ?

Speaking at the inauguration of a CPM Party School in Calcutta on November 7, Jyoti Basu, a senior politbureau member of the party and the former Chief Minister of West Bengal, said : "We have achieved many things, yet can we say with our hands on heart that we are free from corruption? Certainly not." He added that the Left Front Government has been spending 50% of its budget allocation through the panchayats. "But the allocation of huge funds has left enough room for temptation and nepotism and greed have taken their toll on our party men. We have taken steps to penalize the offenders. But the purification drive has not been as effective as it should have been." Anil Biswas, the CPM's State Secretary said, inter alia, "The ideological orientation of our partymen is our main weapon. We are firm to sharpen this weapon." (*The Statesman*, 8.11.2002).

By this, the CPM leadership in West Bengal has tried to convey that at last they have become aware that there has been some corruption in the party. It is determined to set things right through "purification drive" by sharpening the "ideological orientation" of the partymen. But is this really so? Corruption has been rampant in West Bengal under the long years' of rule by the CPM-led Left Front (LF), but whenever glaring instances of corruption have come to light, the CPM flatly denied the charges of corruption and tried its best to suppress truth. It may also be recalled that when, a few years back, Benoy Chowdhury, a senior CPM leader and a key member of Jyoti Basu cabinet commented and called his own government "one of and for contractors", how annoyed with him was the then chief minister Jyoti Basu!

Then why has Jyoti Basu suddenly made such a show in public about his concern for the corruption in the CPM ? The reason is that under the CPM rule now-a-days corruption has become so extensive and intensive all over West Bengal and has been completely institutionalized, so to say. Even the major scams that could not be suppressed but came to light are too numerous to be recounted here. Tentacles of nepotism and corruption of all sorts have permeated through all levels right from the Writers' Buildings, the topmost seat of the governmental power in Calcutta down to the district and even panchayat levels of administration so much so that it has become a talking point of the people all over the state that in furthering nepotism and corruption of all sorts, the CPM-led Front rule has far outstripped even the discredited Congress government in the state preceding the CPM-led Front rule. Not to speak of Jyoti Basu or the other top CPM leaders, almost none of the CPM leaders, office bearers

and the functionaries from the top to the bottom level can put hands on their hearts and claim that they are free from corruption. And what about Jyoti Basu himself? The way in which he flouted all norms to promote the business interests of his son and other family members making use of his official position beggars description. It came in the press that when an income tax raid was conducted on his son's, i.e. Chandan Basu's premises it was halted at the intervention of Prime Minister Vajpayee's foster son-in-law. Things have come to such a pass that numerous questions about the lavish life-style and conduct of the corrupt leaders and functionaries are being raised from the lower levels of the party and discontent is growing among the CPM rank-and-file.

So, something had to be done to pacify the party workers, to hold the party together, especially in view of the coming panchayat elections in the state ; a calculated design to confuse and hoax the people by posing that leadership is serious in its 'crusade' against corruption. But the way Jyoti Basu has placed the point betrays an attempt to tone down the gravity of the all-out corruption indulged in by the CPM, as if it is natural for members of a party in power, disbursing huge sums of money to fall prey to temptation and greed and indulge in nepotism and corruption.

We do not agree to such an interpretation, such slurring over the corruption of the party in power as if it is inevitable. It is the character of the party in power that is the determinant. If the party in power in a bourgeois set up is one serving the ruling capitalist class, then it is bound to get corrupted, no matter what its name, style and flag are. Because, decadent capitalism is the source of all corruption, all evil in this society. So, a party, even if it masquerades as a communist party, but in reality serves the ruling capitalist class, from the seat of

governmental power, as the CPM is doing, is bound to get steeped in corruption as it cannot come to power and stay in power without the backing of the capitalist class. Currying the favour of corrupt capitalism must inevitably corrupt and degenerate such a ruling party whose be-all and end-all is to anyhow cling to the governmental seat to enjoy power and pelf within the capitalist system. Looking at the palatial party offices built and maintained by the CPM, not only in headquarters in Calcutta but also spread over the districts, the large fleets of cars maintained by the party and lavish life style of the CPM leaders and functionaries, one cannot but ask : With whose money are all these procured ? It is certainly not the poor people whom the party professes to champion but the capitalist class that purchases the party it favours in this way. Is it the 'communist' style of life as they claim ?

Such degeneration of the CPM has not come about in a day, nor is it accidental. We wish to remind our readers that although many of the workers and leaders of the undivided CPI and subsequently of the CPM and the CPI after the split were originally honest and dedicated in personal lives, these parties did never adopt the correct process in developing understanding of Marxism, in formation and development as Marxist revolutionary party and in applying Marxism. As a result, from the very beginning, their process of thinking, outlook and analyses were conducted on the basis of bourgeois ideology even while chanting Marxist theories. Secondly, whether the living, longings and desires of the leaders and workers in personal lives were based on correct communist ethics and sense of values or whether feudal sense of values, bourgeois ethics were operating there — was never considered to be a criterion in their party. No concept of proletarian culture and ethics developed in their party, the question of ideology-ethics-sense of values remained as the personal affair of the respective leaders and workers from the very beginning. The party never bothered about this. It has all along only considered who is doing what for the party and has how much social influence. That is why, one can become a polit-bureau member of their party even while owning huge property, their leaders send their wards abroad to build up careers, their views can remain apolitical

and in domestic confinement, utilize power and position in the party and the government to further the business interests of their sons and daughters. It was never a concern in the party life. Personal life and politics were separated just like other bourgeois parties. Were there no honest, dedicated workers in their party? Yes, it is they who formed the majority in their party at the beginning. But that was due to personal endeavour, due to the influence of international communist movement, leftist mass movements. No process at the party level ever operated to ensure this.

Because of such outlook in the sphere of ideology-ethics-sense of values, they have considered any method to secure immediate gain of the party to be acceptable in the name of tactics and thus practised opportunism. We know that in a revolutionary party, tactics is determined to serve the need of the strategy of revolution. Tactics is the day-to-day implementation of strategy. The CPM has all along disregarded this basic tenet of Marxist outlook. That is why, they resort to false propaganda and slander in the name of tactics and even gag the opposing forces by physical attack and murder. Besides, they have all along encouraged all sorts of immoral and corrupt practice.

And it is on the plea of tactics that they adopt all means to anyhow win elections. Buying votes with money, organizing rigging by using the administration, attacking the opposition forces by using the anti-social elements for the purpose, fomenting Hindu-Muslim parochial or nationality sentiments and where necessary — they resort to everything. In this context, we are reminded of a saying of the great leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh that where a revolutionary party fights election, not only the language of its slogans but the way in which the slogans are raised, the manner in which the election propaganda is conducted and method applied to win votes should also reflect the revolutionary ideology.

Growing up with non-Marxist, non-revolutionary process of thinking and organization and given to unethical practices, it is no wonder that continued proximity to power has corrupted a party like the CPM to the bones. But it is not that whichever party comes to power is bound to get corrupted. What happens if a revolutionary party comes to governmental power

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# Honest CPI(M) workers to search out genuine force of Leftism

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within a bourgeois parliamentary set up by the turn of events? With what outlook should it run the government? To it, the chief aim of running the government should be to bring about an atmosphere congenial to building up mass movements conducive to anti-capitalist revolution. It is natural that the capitalist class would try to topple such a government. The revolutionary party should develop mass movements against such conspiracy and try to protect the government and adopt pro-people measures through the pressure of mass movements and not through relying upon the bureaucracy. Even then, the government may fall. But a revolutionary party never appeases the capitalist class, the bureaucracy in order to stay in power. If such be the approach and outlook in running the government, the party members can never become corrupt. Our party was in the United Front (UF) governments in West Bengal in 1967 and 1969, although these governments lasted for brief periods. During those days, nobody could even dream of levelling charges of corruption and nepotism against Comrade Subodh Banerjee (since passed away) and Protiva Mukherjee, ministers from our party, nor against other leaders of our party, the SUCI.

But if the object is to anyhow cling to power then there is no other way but to compromise with the capitalist class. This is what the CPM has been doing for the past 25 years, serving the capitalist class. So, decadent bourgeois culture is bound to influence the lives of the leaders and workers of that party. And this is what has happened. With passage of time, corruption, nepotism and unethical life have engulfed them more and more. The CPM now possesses big office buildings, cars even in distant rural areas. Its leaders cannot even meet and hold discussions except in air-conditioned comfort. Barring a few, all its leaders are sunk in the mire of corruption. Even those few who are still personally honest, know that they are surrounded by utterly corrupt people. But they do not object because they know that if they speak out against corruption, they are sure to lose their positions as ministers or leaders. That is why, they connive at corruption. Almost the whole party is plagued with corruption. Evil influence of the corrupt leaders affects the ordinary party workers. So, they too, grab whatever money they can get by unethical means. It is no use

blaming them personally for this. This stems from the process at work within the party, the corrupt living of the leaders.

Looking at the shape of things in their party even before they came to power, the great leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had cautioned in 1966: "Have they seen their faces in the mirror? ... Have they noticed how corruption is flooding into their party even before they have come to power? ... Then let them fight against the corruption that has already entered their house. ... Those who are given to corruption even before coming to power — what will they do when in power? They will indeed cause a havoc, take the country to ruination even while waving the banner of Leftism." What a prophetic caution in great agony given before they came to power.

This is what we find today in practice today. People of the state of West Bengal have had bitter experience during the past 26 years of unbroken rule by the CPM dominated Front, how this party has encouraged all-out corruption and nepotism, usurped public money for itself and for self-aggrandizement of

its leaders. People of this state have also witnessed how they have been murdering in cold blood the workers and supporters of Opposition parties, especially the SUCI, the only party of class struggle and of mass movement. Indeed, this has become a major activity of the CPM. This too, apart from the all-out corruption, has created a strong, adverse reaction among the people and also those with honesty and leftist mental make-up who are still inside the CPM.

Many questions are being raised by the latter inside the party. It is to smother those and confuse and mislead them that Jyoti Basu now speaks of the "purification drive" and the CPM State Secretary Anil Biswas speaks of sharpening the ideological orientation of his partymen.

But the malaise cannot be wished away through some pious speeches or by organizing some party schools. Are the CPM leaders ready to engage in a struggle to free themselves from corruption? Are they prepared to radically transform their outlook in running the government? No, neither are these at all possible because the whole

party has become rotten to the core. Anil Biswas' "call" for sharpening ideological orientation of his partymen can only evoke derisive smile and cannot but be viewed as an attempt to hoax his own partymen and the people. What ideological orientation, may we ask? Over the years, the main effort of the revisionist CPM leadership has been directed at revising the basic tenets of Marxism-Leninism and justifying such revisionist, opportunistic line to its workers through providing "ideological orientation" couched in pseudo-Marxist jargons to mislead them into accepting such nefarious stand. We are convinced that those honest elements who are still within the folds of the CPM will see through the game, and so will the people.

The honest workers of the CPM are thinking with deep pain and anguish: "Is this for what we joined this party, put in hard toil for years selflessly and suffered hardships?" If they really pine for honest, corruption free politics, they will have to search out the real force of mass movements embodying true leftism.

## Rape in Muzaffarpur

# Women Condemn Police Inaction

Hundreds of women of Saraiya Block, Muzaffarpur (Bihar) created a history when they came out from their homes against atrocity on them on 5th October last and gheraoed the Saraiya Police Station for hours together.

It may be mentioned that about one and half a month earlier a resident of Basudeo Patti raped Poonam Devi living at Manikpur. Police had to lodge FIR after a long evasion on the basis of court petition. But police made no effort to nab the rapist. The culprit went on threatening to kill the helpless widow and her family members. In another incident, a pregnant woman, Renu Singh and her mother-in-law, resident of Chakia Mohammadpur which is one and a half km away from the police station, were beaten up seriously by the anti-socials. In this incident too, police protected the anti-socials. In a third incident, Laxmi Devi, resident of Chhitri, was insulted and her clothes were torn by anti-socials. In such a situation the anger and dismay of local women burst forth and they

gathered at Saraiya Bazar to express their indignation. They took out a big procession and foiled the attempt by the police to stop them reaching the police station where they all staged a Dharna for arrest and stern punishment of the culprits.

Addressing the womenfolk assembled there, Comrade Vibha Singh, Vice-president, Bihar State Committee, AIMSS, said that in the regime of a lady chief minister Ms Rabri Devi, atrocity on women is increasing manifold. Terming women's reservation a hoax, she said some peoples' representatives have been elected from women but their duty is limited to signing the documents. Behind the back of them, their brothers, fathers or husbands carry out the entire works keeping them in the dark of what was going on in the administration.

The Dharna was called off only after firm assurance from higher official of nabbing the culprits without any more delay and punishing them sternly.

## Demonstration at the UP Assembly

At the call of UP State Committee of SUCI, thousands of people from all corners of the state demonstrated before the Assembly House at Lucknow against the hikes in electricity charges and other anti-people policies of the state and central governments. People gathered at Charbagh Railway Station and rallied in a decorated procession. Travelling the main thoroughfares when the procession reached the Assembly House via backportion of MLA residence Darulshafa, it turned into a huge rally. Comrades one after another spoke in one voice condemning out and out anti-people policies pursued by both the state and the central governments and demanded to retrace their steps. A delegation led by Comrade V. N. Singh, UP State Secretary waited upon the Governor to hand over a memorandum which was received by the ADM (City). Earlier, Comrade Jagannath Verma, Office Secretary, read out the memorandum and condemned the police high-handedness to stall handing over the memorandum to the Governor.



## War the mainstay of imperialist economy — peace its grave

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including those of nuclear and biological warfare, that Iraq is allegedly possessing and that stand as danger to the USA and the world at large. Peoples of the world and even of Bush's own land have, however, unerringly identified this as a 'war for oil'; it has nothing to do with inspection of weapons! Iraq has been asked to submit a list of its nuclear, biological and bacterial weapons in a month's time. The demand and allegations against Iraq come from US imperialism, which alone and none but which possesses the largest volume of and the worst kinds of weapons of mass destruction. It has used these repeatedly on different occasions,

be it in the fields of Vietnam and Laos, or in Iraq in the Gulf War or in Yugoslavia, or very recently in Afghanistan. The USA is the only country in this world that has used nuclear weapon on an enemy that was about to surrender. It is US imperialism which has used biological weapons in the lands of Indo China destroying life, property and even fields. The damage caused to these countries, leave aside many others in the list, will take hundreds of years to repair. Now the same belligerent war-monger, along with its faithful lackey found in the lost-glory British imperialism, are out on their brigandage. Bush has decided to deploy two hundred thousand soldiers and to station

them on the territory of Iraq, occupying that part of the country. Another instance, what Bush and his military and political aids, henchmen and advisors mean by national sovereignty and integrity.

With their capitalist-imperialist economy in utter crisis, the capitalists-imperialists with the US imperialists in particular, have built a militarised economy as an artificial means of propping up the sagging economy, as well to ensure their hold and grip over the global market. Iraq is their target now. The reason is simple. Iraq holds the vastest oil reserve next to Saudi Arabia, a country already under the US hegemonistic control, and oil is

a vital commodity to dominate over other imperialist powers and the globalised imperialist market. Iraq has till now refused to kowtow to US dictates to exploit its oil reserves to the US interest. This and only this, has prompted US imperialism to raise this war-cry. Mincing of words of 'sovereignty', 'freeing world of terror' is thus nothing but a garb put on the hegemonistic adventure of US imperialism. This has to be condemned by one and all and we condemn in the strongest terms this fascist move of the blood-hound US imperialism, the worst enemy of humanity that stares at the peace-loving people of the world.

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## US imperialism greatest menace before mankind

The US imperialists, headed by Bush administration, do not hesitate to cover up their plan to overthrow the Saddam Hussain regime in Iraq for his refusal to become a mere stooge of US imperialists, on the most flimsy plea that Iraq possesses weapons of mass destruction that constitute a threat to USA and to mankind. Yet it is US imperialist aggression that constitutes the greatest threat to the world and mankind. Just what kind of threat comes from US aggression has been once more glaringly come to light with the latest news (*The Times of India*, 8.11.2002) that Laos a small country next to Vietnam, may need

1300 years to get rid of deadly cluster bombs dropped by US Air Force during the 11-year long Vietnam war, according to UN officials. Two thirds of this tiny country remains contaminated with US explosives that have so far led to 12,000 accidents, since 30 percent of the bombs dropped by US b-52 bomber aircraft between 1964 and 1979, while US forces fought against Vietnam freedom fighters led by Ho Chi Minh, did not explode. "We launched the operation to clear the bombs in 1996 as it affects 15 of the 18 provinces of Laos. But so far we have only been able to clear a

small portion" Thongdeng Sinthilath, who is among others supervising the programme called Lao National Unexploded Ordinance Programme (UXO-LAO). "It is a slow and tedious process and the entire exercise to clear Laos of the deadly devices might take 1,300 years as per the present estimates", Kathryn Sweet, UXO-LAO Programme Officer Adviser and its Management Adviser from India, Avi Sarkar, said.

According to the officials some two million tonnes of ammunition were showered by US Air Force, which is more than was dropped

during World War II.

Besides, it may be remembered that use of cluster bombs are illegal. But the US imperialism has even worse crimes on its conscience: in Iraq and Yugoslavia, including Bosnia and Kosovo, where it posed as protector of Kosovar people, it has polluted entire areas with the use of depleted uranium which had caused such an outcry earlier. Leaving the people to die a slow death, many ignorant of the cause. Today the prime need of the hour is to stand up against US belligerence and unite in protest movements across the globe.

## Growing tide of anti-war movement in USA and Europe

US imperialists growing belligerence and worldwide aggression, the greatest threat for peace today, is causing deep concern to the people worldwide. This finds expression in the countless anti-US, anti-war demonstrations and protests organized by people in different countries, including the USA, over the past months.

While US President Bush may have got the backing of the US ruling class for his threat of war against Iraq, for overthrowing the Saddam regime, as reflected in the US Congress and Senate elections where Republicans got clear majority in mid-term polls, the people of USA are speaking in a different voice more and more. It is the voice of opposition, and despite attempts by bourgeois press to smother it or gloss it over, as they do everywhere, it is growing by the day, as seen once more in the latest

huge protest demonstration in Washington against US war threat and war preparations against Iraq. According to the Institute of Policy Studies there were at least 400 major demonstrations against an attack on Iraq up to mid-October. And the *Washington Post* commented: "There is a rising tide of activism, a burgeoning national anti-war movement that is gaining momentum by the day..."

Thus, many people who had never come out on the streets to protest joined in the demonstration on 26 October in Washington, forming a 2 mile wall of over 200,000 marchers around the White House. This huge turnout surprised even the organizers who had taken out permits for 20,000 marchers and had expected 309 buses of demonstrators, but found 650 had arrived coming from as far as Nebraska and Florida.

A simultaneous demonstration

in San Francisco had swelled to 42,000 and throughout the country there were many more such protests in countless cities. Among the many slogans and signs carried by the protesters, one graphic sign showed Bush's face at the end of two bright red bombs with the caption: "Drop Bush, not bombs", another read: "Regime change begins at home." Other signs read: "Money for jobs not for war" and "No blood for oil".

Those who addressed the demonstrators included civil rights activists, singers and actors etc. and former Attorney General Ramsay Clark. "The rally was like a huge gust of wind into the sails of the anti-war movement", said Brian Becker, an organizer of the Washington protest, "Our goal was not simply to have a big demonstration, but to give the movement confidence that it could prevail." Building on those demonstrations, a coalition of

groups called the International Answer - short for Act Now to Stop War and End Racism - is asking to vote in a referendum called VoteNoWar.org., which organizers hope will serve as a countervote to the Congressional resolution in support of military action in Iraq. Many more demonstrations are being planned by this organization as well as by smaller groups. A Grass Roots Peoples' Congress is also planned to publicise the results of the referendum.

Demonstrations and protests against US war preparations against Iraq were also organized in Italy, Denmark, Belgium, The Netherlands, Mexico, Switzerland, Germany, Australia and Japan, coordinated to coincide with US anti-war demonstrations. Even before that there had been huge protest demonstrations with people participating from all walks of life

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# Verge of an Abyss

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[Below we publish the write-up from the General Secretary of the Syrian Communist Party on the US imperialist war threat against Iraq. It may be mentioned that the Syrian Communist Party brought out a translation in Arabic of an article from the Proletarian Era on the same issue in their daily organ recently. — Editor, Proletarian Era.]

Surrounded by Democrat and Republican Congress men, Bush stood in the White House garden, a few days ago, to announce to the press his happiness with the authorization given to him by the Senate to use force against Iraq, if, according to the American perspective, necessary. This was preceded by his signing of an act, approved by the Congress, that considered Jerusalem Israel's capital. Not a single former US President dared to do so before. The Congress act was very much condemned by Arab, Moslem and international entities. The Syrian Foreign Ministry issued a statement to this end saying that: "It is a dangerous act which once again proves the American blatant bias to the continued Israeli occupation of Jerusalem and the other Arab territories".

Such two quite clear evidences might remove the cloudiness off the eyes of those who believe in the possibility of neutralizing the American administration and minimized its full bias to the Zionist entity. The Pentagon is even making regional wars and planning others in behalf of the Zionist entity. This is clearly shown by post-11 September course of events that were used as a pretext to wage a fierce, racist fascist campaign against Arabism

and Islam, in particular, and the third world, in general, in order to suppress freedoms and detain people without trial. It seems that Bush administration admires very much the styles of the regimes in Pakistan and Turkey, which were a behind-the-curtain military rule. Observers notice the increase of the military influence in the US affairs. Now, under Bush, the Pentagon is holding the administration reigns of rule. This military clique is led by the well known Zionist Wolfonits aided by a clique of Jewish officials. Such straying of the American policy is due to multiple references of wide Zionist influence on the course of events in the USA.

In Bush's "state-of-the-union-address" there are many things that explain his policy of today. He began his address saying that he, with all pride and without prejudice, says that the state of the white, rich Jewish-Christian Union is fully strong. He continued to say that in the American history, the American power and American values never were as strong and acceptable as they are now. Then he proceeded to say that the stars and stripes, the US armed forces, the CIA and, etc., are there in more than 100 countries to ensure peace, get rid of fear and

terrorism. The he literally said that the Americans should be proud of him and proud of their government. What modesty! To say that Washington uses a double criteria would be inaccurate. It uses one criteria: the American-Imperialist-Zionist alliance. All the children of Afghanistan and other targeted people are not worth a single barrel of oil.

Threatening to sweep Iraq is the 2nd chapter of the oil war that began in Afghanistan and included Central Asia (the former Soviet republics), and accordingly, oil prices go up or down. The first beneficiary is the old monopolies, represented by Bush. After the Congress authorized Bush to use force against Iraq, oil prices went up. But after Iraq accepted the return of the inspectors, oil prices dropped.

Fully allied with Zionism, the American administration is following a "verge of abyss" policy. This is seen by the world in the obsessive tension of international relations. Such policy has several aims:

- 1) To intimidate foes and opponents
- 2) To dispose of as much arms as possible
- 3) To ensure permanent submission of hirelings, so-called friends
- 4) To loot the peoples' resources and control the sale and purchase of oil

- 5) To instil in their people racist spirit and hatred against other peoples
- 6) To escape into external crises in order to camouflage domestic ones.

Such American-Imperialist-Zionist policy, represented by a return to the primitive, blatant form of colonialism is resisted and condemned by the honest people in the world who consider such policy as destruction of mankind, values and ethical principles. Many new political circles are joining the condemnation campaign against American arrogance. Demonstrations are going on in the streets of London, Johannesburg, Stockholm and many other cities against the American threats to Iraq.

It is ironical that Chancellor Schroeder of Germany won the elections under the banner "We will not join a war against Iraq". This is a plebiscite against American policy. A German minister likened Bush to Hitler in his escape from domestic problems to wars he makes abroad. The British Minister of International Cooperation threatened to quit if Blair government joined the war America might wage.

The war criminal Ariel Sharon sees the American threat against Iraq as a suitable cover for the barbaric brutal crimes he is committing in the occupied Palestinian territories. The war declared against the heroic Palestinian people and the threats against Iraq aim at changing the region map, subjugate its peoples (aided by the hiring rulers) and tightening the grip on the oil fields. Dreams that filled Hitler's mind before when he wanted to conquer the whole world. But this criminal policy drove him to kill himself in a dark cellar in Berlin.

The American Imperialists and Zionists mobilized the peoples of the world against their alliance. The US reputation dropped down to the lowest point. The US Administration assigned 200 million Dollars to improve its reputation in the world where the American policy is being hated in most countries.

Assigning 200 million US Dollars cannot clean the American hands that are stained with the blood of Afghan and Palestinian children.



(Left) SUCI, Andhra Pradesh State Organizing Committee held an anti-war protest demonstration on 26.10.2002 in Hyderabad. Effigy of Bush was burnt. (More photos on page 6)



# India — the laboratory of US for biological weapons

Of late, it has come to light that the US-imperialists conducted an experiment in dreaded biological germicidal weapons in India. It was proceeded far ahead with 'Egyptian Adice' being the career of yellow and dengue fever. The US passed off this exercise as research work towards combatting malaria. This incident of grave concern took place in a research centre of Government of India under the umbrella of WHO. Those dreaded career mosquitoes were nurtured in a research centre at Delhi with money flowing from USA. One shudders to think of the project wedded to measure the capacity of compatibility of the unheard of diseases !

It was decided to release hundreds of thousands of 'Adice Egypt' mosquitoes at Sonapat in Haryana only to see how fast it could spread over in how much areas of the land. Its inflicting capacity was due to be observed. It dates back to the year 1975. But the Indian scientists could now understand its real import. It is worth mentioning that the real culprit, the USA now threatening Iraq with dire consequences of dislodging the regime of Saddam Hussain for manufacture of biological weapons. Interestingly, it was the USA which supplied this germicidal virus to Iraq. It has now become a boomerang, the USA believes. This obnoxious incident took place during Indira Gandhi's regime. With the leakage of the news of foreign mosquito menace passed off as research for combatting malaria, a flutter of furore came to focus in the media. A specialist enquiry committee for the purpose was formed. Ultimately, on the active advice of this committee the project at Sonapat was closed. It thus came to be buried. Those

who worked in this project, could now realize to their harrow, what a terrible conspiracy they were entrapped with. During the hot cold war days with Russia, the USA carried out quite a number of such research works with a view to developing biological germicidal weapons.

About three weeks back, the Pentagon disclosed the evidence of 46 such secret exercises. From this disclosure came to light the evidence of 'research' work with

'Adice mosquito' in India. The USA was developing this mosquito with an eye to destroy the military and civilian population of enemy countries as fast as possible with quick spread of Dengu and Yellow fever. This biological weapon was named as Magic Sword.

An inspired propaganda offensive was floated across the globe during the regime of President Nixon in 1970 that research and development (R & D) of biological weapons had been stopped. But the fact remained the otherwise round. Long after stoppage of this project by Nixon in 1970, the USA continued to stick to this project. Towards this end, they went on conducting dreaded research works outside the USA. As a matter of fact, the people of the outside countries were treated in these projects as pawns like guinepig. Press reports reveal the mosquitoes of yellow and dengue fever were sprayed over Baker Island which a deserted one. Those who conducted this exercise did it knowing full well and after taking full

precautionary measures. But a different course was adopted towards India. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) was kept totally in the dark of the real intent and purpose of the research work. Neither could the Indian scientists get at the heart of the issue and know to whose benefit they were enmeshed in the so-called project! And huge number of people stretching a wide range of areas selected for being exposed to foreign mosquito bite could hardly know why and what for this newer danger! It was no less a menace even if mosquitoes due to be sprayed were without any virus. For, there was no guarantee of the 'Adice Egypt' mosquito so sprayed being unable to attract and carry with it. The mosquitoes sprayed at deserted Baker Island were thereafter destroyed/killed with antidote medicines. But the available reports suggest there was no such planning to kill the mosquitoes of the project started at Sonapat in Haryana. (Translated from *Bartaman*, a Bengali daily dated 6.11.2002)



(Top) All India Anti-Imperialist Forum, Tamilnadu stage a anti-war protest demonstration against US war design on Iraq on 26.10.2002 in Chennai.

(Left) All India Anti-Imperialist Forum, Karnataka organized an anti-war protest demonstration on 26.10.2002 in Bangalore. Prof. M. A. Sethu Rao, eminent leader of science movements, sets fire on the effigy of Bush and Blair.

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# US — the biggest global pollutant

The 10-day long Conference of Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) has just concluded in New Delhi on 1 November last. It was the 8th such occasion since the UNFCCC was formed in New York in 1992 as a part of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). It was preceded by the World Summit on Sustainable Development, held in August-September last at Johannesburg as a sequel to the Rio Earth Summit in '92 which was famed for its largest ever participation of 178 countries including 117 heads of state, over an international issue.

Before dealing with the COP-8, the horrific consequences of the indiscriminate exploitation of the environment by corporate houses more particularly of the rich industrialist nations of the West, and also the outcome of the earlier similar conventions need mentioning. According to a US report of 1980, about 90% of the total CFC (Chlorofluoro carbon, one of the greenhouse (GH) gases responsible for global warming and ozone depletion in the stratosphere, i.e., upper atmosphere) is the contribution of the industrially advanced countries with the USA's lone share of 28%. In fact these countries have emitted over 85% toxic waste into the atmosphere including 26% by the US. Due to ever-rising pollutants in the atmosphere, global warming and ozone depletion, in addition to complicated diseases to which people are subject now-a-days, chance of melting of the polar ice mounts to cause submersion of low-lying coastal regions. Also the earth becomes gradually exposed to deadly ultraviolet rays.

While it was imperative for the industrialized west, the worst polluter of the environment, to come forward to cut down the emission of deadly gases and take financial responsibilities of saving the mother earth, they just used the UN sponsored international forums for naked politicking to make plea for shirking their due responsibilities under the pressure of the MNCs and corporate houses. We observed in our report on the Rio-summit in this column: "Financial commitment regarding the earth protection funding could not be made due to the US hindrance only... In fact the US stand on some of the key issues was so much against the very spirit of the summit that about a thousand US citizens attending the conference took out a procession at Rio raising anti-Bush (*senior*) slogans".

Say, for example, the Kyoto Protocol. In 1997, more than 160 nations met in Kyoto, Japan, to negotiate binding limitations on greenhouse gases for the developed nations, pursuant to the objectives of the UNFCCC of 1992. The

outcome of the meeting was the Kyoto Protocol, in which the developed nations agreed to limit their greenhouse gas emissions, relative to the levels emitted in 1990. The United States agreed to reduce emissions from 1990 levels by 7 percent during the period 2008 to 2012. But later, on the plea that the Protocol would adversely affect their economy, the USA alone threw a spanner in the process by shamelessly reneging on its earlier commitment. It should be mentioned here that the Kyoto Protocol's stipulations are not considered by the environmentalists to be sufficient enough to reduce the present alarming percentage of poisonous GH gases in the atmosphere. Still the US reneges even on that. In the Johannesburg Summit on Sustainable Development the same unashamed US role repeated. At the Summit, it was hardly a secret that progress in implementing sustainable development has been extremely disappointing since the 1992 Earth Summit, with poverty deepening and environmental degradation worsening. What the world wanted was not a new debate but rather a summit of actions and results. But the track record of the US government was very deplorable following R.o. The US President, probably apprehending a strong public protest, avoided attending the Summit, and was instead represented by the Secretary of State Colin Powell. He was booed, heckled and jeered as he tried to defend America's environmental record on the closing day in Johannesburg. Delegates from NGOs in the house repeatedly interrupted his speech, chanting "Shame on Bush". To save the face of the host South African government, the security removed at least one person from the hall.

In New Delhi, the outcome of the COP-8 was not much different. It was a veritable confrontation for the ten days between the countries of the rich north and the poor south - the US-EU and the G-77 countries. While it was at the conclusion that a Ministerial Declaration, called the Delhi Declaration, was managed to

be accepted as a consensus on most of the contentious issues, no future commitments were made. The most important one, i.e., the issue of funding mechanism for building up eco-friendly industries in developing countries, could not be finalized. To quote some lines from the first part of the Declaration:

"Reaffirming that economic and social development and poverty eradication are the first and overriding priorities of developing country Parties;

"Recognizing that climate change could endanger future well-being, ecosystems and economic progress in all regions;

*"Deeply concerned that all countries, particularly developing countries, including the least developed countries and small island developing States, face an increased risk of the negative impacts of climate change; so on and so forth.*

But then these high sounding pious commitments are void with no potentiality. After all these statements of recognizing or reaffirming or expressing concern, the Declaration has taken a long 16-point resolution. How much impotent the resolutions are is clear from the first one, which runs: "Parties that have ratified the Kyoto Protocol strongly urge Parties that have not already done so to ratify the Kyoto Protocol in a timely manner." The Declaration has not uttered a single word against the US, which had been a party to the Protocol but later became the party to withdraw from it, calling it to a burden on its economy! We may quote here the observation of Mr. Kofi Annan, the United Nations Secretary-General, at the end of the Johannesburg Summit: "I think we have to be careful not to expect conferences like this to produce miracles." Then where lies the utility of holding this type of international conferences at fabulous costs to the people?

## ROLE OF THE BJP LED INDIA GOVERNMENT

The President of the COP-8, India's Minister for Environment and Forests, T. R. Balu, moved at the outset a draft ministerial declaration, which conspicuously made no reference to the all important Kyoto Protocol. It has been reported that "the absence of a specific reference to the Protocol was seen to be the result of behind-the-scenes manoeuvres by the US through its ally Saudi Arabia in the G-77" (*Frontline*, 22-11-02). It has

also been criticised that the draft was silent on the slow pace of reduction of anthropogenic emissions by the developed countries, which is a serious threat to achieve the present goal. Many environment NGOs and Parties rubbish the draft. This once again underscores the BJP led Central Government's hobnob with the US imperialists in particular. However, the BJP's role was very dubious at the conference. The Indian Prime Minister was found to be much vocal against the view of the developed countries including the EU that the developing countries should share responsibilities for cutting down the emission calling it a "misplaced" one. In fact he might have played to the gallery taking into view the strong sentiment of the poor third world countries on the issue.

Environment is no doubt an issue of great concern for mankind at present. The ruling capitalist class in whatever country, prompted by a motive of amassing maximum profit, is bothered least for the protection of environment. So they invest the minimum for promotion of environment friendly technologies, which is but a dire need considering the present grim state of affairs. Moreover, the rich countries, apprehending protests from the relatively more environment conscious people of their own soils, make arrangement for dumping deadly wastes in poorer countries. The Bhopal gas tragedy in India was the outcome of one such conspiracy on the part of a US corporate house, the Union Carbide. The gas tragedy, one can recall, left hundreds of thousands of people dead and diseased, unfit for work, and people are still suffering. The role of the Indian bourgeoisie is not different. They leave people exposed to uranium radiation at Jadugoda, subject them like cattle to poisonous radio active emissions in the vast areas of Pokhran and elave tens of million people with no choice but to drink arsenic contaminated water in the districts of Gangetic West Bengal to die a slow death of poisoning. These are only a few instances of the havoc being perpetrated in this country. A host of factors, human and natural, is possible to cite behind each instance. But none is the cause, because the level of scientific and technological knowledge available, especially with the level of consciousness social development at present has created, it is certain that man can arrest and eliminate many environmental havocs, while in many other cases man can

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### Seminar in Gujarat

## “Necessity of Secular Education”

A Seminar was held on necessity of Secular Education in India in the light of recent court verdict at Baroda on 22nd of October 2002 at department of Political Science, M. S. University. Dr. Nalin Anadkat chaired the seminar. Shri Bharat Mehta from Department of Gujarati in his discussion said that the struggle for secular education started from the Indian Renaissance Movement. Raja Rammohan Roy, Ishwar-chandra Vidyasagar, Narmad and many others initiated the movement for the democratization of education.

Dr. Jaya Menon from Department of Archeology analyzed the NCERT recommended standard 6th book of social science and

stated that the book is clearly biased and very subtly it has started the process of saffronization. Dr. Nalin Anadkat informed the house about the PIL filed by Arundhati Roy and others and also discussed the Supreme Court judgement. He said in his talk that 3 judge bench have given this judgement and it is necessary to review it by a full bench. He also said that education plays the role of liberation from all feudal cultural and moral precepts and instills the modern democratic values — so the need of democratic secular education. Shri Kirit Bhatt, President of PUCL Baroda Unit, explained the concept of secular and democratic education. Many other professors, students and social activists took part in the discussion.

## Kerala Observes November Revolution Day

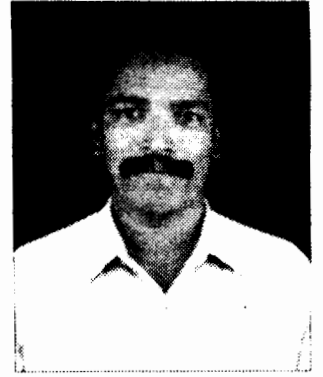
The Kerala State Committee of SUCI held two zonal rallies to commemorate the 85th anniversary of the great November Revolution. The Northern Zonal Rally marched on 7th November at Angamali, Ernakulam District. A colourful and spirited demonstration was held in the town in which hundreds of people from all walks of life participated. The demonstrators held aloft Red banners and portraits of Lenin and Stalin. The demonstration culminated in a public meeting, which was presided over by Comrade T. K. Sudhirkumar, Secretary, Ernakulam District Committee of the party. Comrade C. K. Lukose, secretary, Kerala State Committee of SUCI,

was the main speaker. Comrade V. Venugopal, member, Kerala State Secretariat of the party, also spoke. The meeting started with songs on Lenin and Comrade Shibdas Ghosh; and ended with the *Internationale*.

The Southern Zonal Rally was held on November 8th at Chengannur, Alappuzha district. Comrade S. Radhamony, district committee member presided. Comrades C. K. Lukose, V. Venugopal and S. Rajeevan, district secretary spoke. A well-organized and spirited demonstration was held prior to the meeting. On November 7, in different party offices red flag was hoisted and portraits of Lenin and Stalin, the great leaders of the proletariat, were garlanded.

## Comrade P Muthusamy Passes Away

Comrade P Muthusamy, member, Tamilnadu State Organizing Committee, AIDYO and member Neyveli Local Organizing Committee of SUCI, passed away due to electric shock while doing welding work at Neyveli Thermal Power Station on 9th October last. In the tragic demise of this loyal young comrade, who was only 33, party and working class, particularly of Cuddalore district of Tamilnadu, lost a fine comrade. His demise has once again demonstrated the scant regard for safety norms shown by the Neyveli Lignite Corporation, particularly for contract workers.



Coming in contact with the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat, Comrade Muthusamy started party work in his early twenties and for more than a decade tirelessly carried out revolutionary work. Even in the midst of odds and adversities he never lost his balance. With a smiling face he would brush aside the problems and involve himself in party works. In the process he earned the admiration of workers and people of Neyveli Township which was shown in the speeches of various democratic minded, political and trade union leaders at the crematorium. It is to be mentioned that Comrade Muthusamy was also a member of the secretariat of NLC Workers Unity Centre, an affiliate of UTUC-LS.

**Red Salute, Comrade Muthusamy !**

## Growing tide of anti-war movement

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in different countries, including London where on September 28 more than 4,00,000 people joined, indicating the overwhelming response of the people and deep concern at US belligerence. *(Source : Internet)*

Folowing the unanimous acceptance of US-sponsored resolution against Iraq in the Security Council half a million protestor took part to the strets in Florence on 9 November. According to *The Times of India* (10.11.2002) peace activists of different European

anti-globalization groups who had in Florence pledged to hold a wave of demonstrations in three months time, but would mobilize supporters sooner if a US attack on Iraq looked imminent

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undertake bids to devise means of countering disasters in the near and distant future. So, in that perspective, and that is the only and true perspective to be considered, the cause lies in the human social organization — whether the social system and the law binding it does or does not allow priority to the danger of environmental catastrophe for its population and to doing everything possible to eliminate the danger and protect the masses of people. Here comes why the capitalist order with its law of earning maximum profit ought to be reckoned the ultimate and root cause. So long capitalism-imperialism would exist with the motive of extraction of maximum profit, this apathy to the people's cause would continue unabated. It needs development of higher level of consciousness and awareness among the people regarding the issues of environment, which requires developing people's movement against the criminal attitudes of the governments to the issue of environment protection.

← November Day Rally in Kerala



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