

# Build up Countrywide Resistance Movement

CALL OF COMRADE NIHAR MUKHERJEE

Urging the people to organise a country wide protest and resistance movement against the Central Congress(I) Government' anti-people tax measures through the Railway and General budget, Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary of our party said on April 3 last in course of a statement :

"While the Railway Budget of the Central Congress(I) Government has flatly imposed a staggering fiscal burden of around 500 crores of Rupees on the common people, the General Budget, under a deceptive veil of so-called concessions to the common people, has placed them under a still more unbearable economic burden, making another price spiral imminent in view of the enhanced price of petrol and petroleum products and the unprecedented budgetary deficits over and above the steep hike in Rail fares and freight

charges. Whereas, in these tax policies and measure, the employers—industrialists and the rural rich—have been granted concessions and subsidies as never before.

"Under the circumstances, we urge upon the people of all walks of life to come forward and take part in a country-wide protest and resistance movement and to this end, observe a protest week from 8th to 14th April by organising meetings, deputations, dharnas to State governmental and Railway Divisional headquarters and take all other democratic

methods to develop country-wide mass movement.

"Aiming at developing country-wide resistance movement through squatt-ing and other possible democratic means in the State Capitals, cities, important Railway Stations & junctions, we urge upon all sections of the people to build up a sustained resistance movement by forming Passengers Resistance Committees, enrolling volunteers, contributions to the fighting funds and all other possible ways.

"We also urge upon well-meaning freedom loving people in general and rank & file members of the left democratic opposition parties in particular to help build up country-wide democratic mass resistance movement."

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## SUCI Urges Left and Democratic opposition parties to build up United Resistance Movement

Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, the General Secretary of our party sent the following letter to the President/ General Secretary of the CPI, CPI(M), RSP, F.B CPI (ML), DMKP, BJP, Janata Party, Congress(S), Telegu Desham, National Conference etc. on March 20, 1985 for shaping out a people's resistance struggle from April 15 next. The text of the letter is given below :

Dear friend,

You must have noted the utter anti-people rapacious and deceptive general budget, which came

close on the heels of the Railway Budget betraying truly the character and design of the present Rajiv Gandhi Government. The so-called reliefs proposed for a small section of employees and tax-payers on a few counts, so much trumpeted about by the monopoly Press only to work as screen to shield from people's attention, its real intent and many other positive measures to provide substantial relief and protection to big business and industrial houses. Most of the taxes proposed in the Budget are of such nature as are bound to increase in its trail, the burden on wide sections of consumer public, middle class and poor working people.

The huge deficit left uncovered, obviously motivated, will in the coming days necessitate either measures adding to inflation or fresh round of taxations which in their turn are sure to hit hard the already heavily tax-burdened people'

Our Central Committee most sincerely feels that you will be one with us to conclude that common people in general of our

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### Red Salute Comrade Enver Hoxha

Comrade Enver Hoxha, First Secretary, Albanian Party of Labour, who fought till his last breath to uphold the nobility of the banner of Marxism-Leninism and Proletarian Internationalism, in the main, against all varieties of revisionism, is no more.

The Central Committee of the S.U.C.I. dips its banner in respectful homage to this veteran revolutionary.

vilification campaign against our party and Comrade Probdh Purkait, MLA from Kultali and a respected leader of the poor and oppressed, particularly of South 24 Parganas district, has been let loose by the Congress(I) and a section of the press most faithfully serving its interest. Some of the vernacular dailies virtually serving as the mouthpiece of that party, under the cloak of so-called 'investigative journa-

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### KULTALI

## Fascist Design behind Concerted Vilification Campaign against our Party

In our earlier issues we have already presented to our readers in details both the facts and circumstances about the loss of life of two miscreants in Kultali P.S. of South 24 Parganas, claimed by the Congress(I) as their workers, on January 15 at the hands of enraged mass of people as a sequel to the murderous attempt with fire arms on the life of our party workers by the two on the previous night.

We would like our readers to grasp the true political import of the conspiracy, most foul, of the Congress(I) having the most vigorous support and assistance behind it of a section of the press which resorted to 'yellow journalism' and the open unabashed role of the accomplices in this conspiracy by not only the local police officials but even of their top boss.

With much pain we throwing to the four winds have been observing for the minimum norm of months together how,, journalism, a systematic

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Comrade Nihar Mukherjee

President

Comrade Ashutosh Banerjee

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# BUDGET—Instrument of Savage Class Exploitation

After the manipulated 'massive mandate' the deliberately postponed till both the Parliament and Assembly Elections, budgets, both of the Railways and of the Central Government come to bring massive financial burdens on common people. Never before, in a single railway budget, Rs 495 crores was grossed as new impost by way of hefty rise of 13 percent in freight charges on essential consumption items like edible oil, sugar and grains and pulses, salts and industrial inputs like iron ore, coal, iron and steel, cement, cotton and chemicals. Never before was such a preposterous proposal for 12½% increase in the monthly tickets of passengers of all distance.

Added to this was the decision to raise by 15 percent the prices of petroleum and oil products except high speed diesel oil, on which the rise will be by 8 percent apart from raising fresh taxes amounting to Rs. 443 crores.

All told the proposals, after the minor concessions announced later on sensing the mounting public resentment and on political pressure developing, will mean a drastic rise in prices of all essential articles of consumption for the common people who are hard put to maintain their bare existence.

The tax proposals have come on top of already heavy rate of taxations and high prices under the cumulative effect of which life of common men has become unbearable. Still then, in the tax proposals or concessions announced, the new Government has outdone all the previous governments in shameless defence of the exploiters and tried to hoodwink the people by some show of benefits, marginal though, to the middleclass salaried persons who have been tried to be wooed by some illusory gains to stand in defence of the government that exploits them most.

What is of utmost importance to note is the deceptive device of wearing so-called pro-people look and bring ruthless exploitation at the same time on the people, thus revealing the dual character of fascism.

## THE BUDGET PROPOSALS

The budgets on the whole have been received by the monopoly houses, their different chambers and the press owned and controlled by them, with pleasure. Congratulations and laudatory comments are coming in profusion from all these quarters. The responsibility has been devolved on the monopoly press and the government controlled media to trumpet the small concessions to show as if they are high and of much worth, to conceal the broad day light fiscal robbery by the government and opening the door wide open, like of which was never seen before, for loot and plunder of common people by the monopolists, businessmen and the rural rich.

To come straight to this point, let us see what are the concessions announced for the middle class salary earners and how much are their worth.

The concessions like raising the exemption limit of income tax from Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 18,000 or eligibility of bonus from the salary drawn, of Rs. 750 to Rs. 1600 are mere recognition, not to the full though, of the erosion of rupee value due to unabated inflationary spiral in prices. The abolition of the CDS is a belated acceptance of the just demand and considering its justness, and the high feelings, among those affected, the ruling party, Congress(I) had to make it a concrete promise in their election manifesto. In lieu of the abolition of this oppressive measure which was nothing but wage freeze by the back door, the

government has given concession to the wealthy by abolishing Estate duty that was fetching Rs.12 crores only to the exchequer. Similarly, as if to match the raising of income tax exemption limit, the Finance Minister never missed to raise the exemption limit of wealth tax from Rs.1.5 lakh to Rs. 2.5 lakh. What a sense of social justice that makes the show of small benefits to a small section of the middle class just to be a plea for some more concessions to the wealthy, to the exploiters.

Now, take the case of concessions in the matters of Radio licence fee, fee for VCR, and even the new measure for fee of Rs. 100, once for the TVs. Does it require much time to understand that while the former may be relevant to ordinary men, however, insignificant may be the concession, regarding the two others, a very inconsequential percentage of people get the benefit. Compare it with the reduction of 5% corporate tax, payable by the industrialists (contribute only Rs. 4.083 crores to the exchequer by this tax), freeing completely computers from taxes, discontinuation of disallowance of 20% of the expenditure in excess of Rs. 1 lakh on advertisements, publicity, hotel, motor and plane charges, etc. raising the asset limit from Rs. 20 to 100 crores for a company to be under the MRTP (Monopoly Restrictive Trade Practices) Act coupled with subsidies running to several thousand crores for subsidised fertilisers, irrigated water, electricity, export and annual increase in issue (procurement) prices of wheat, rice and other grains despite bumper crops, etc.

See, even in the matter of latest concessions, declared. While sensing the strong resentment of the people, the Government has been forced to remove the extra-burden on bids but not on pan mashala, it has not missed the opportunity to

bring fresh tax on cigarettes to fetch Rs. 95 crores (the people are not aware of packet of 60 paise exempted) and give concessions at the same time to farm equipments including power-driven gear, poultry equipments, etc. that is, to the rural rich.

So, deceit is the watchword for this Government. That is why, after showering bounties of concessions to the industrialists, businessmen and the rich farmers, the Union Finance Minister, had the cheek to say, that if the Government was giving all these concessions to the capitalists, it was all for creating more employments.

It seems there is no limit to political chicanery of this brand of politicians in service of moribund capitalism. They conceal the fact that the Indian monopolists have been enjoying all the fiscal and financial concessions possible but their industrial units in the otherwise sheltered market, have generated gainful employments, very little, far less than the public sector bodies. And it has become, by now, a deceitful practice to be fool the people by giving all the concessions year after year to the capitalists and later saying that the industry has not 'responded' properly. What a consolation for the deceived and exploited people!

## FISCAL SAVAGERIES

How savage has become the exploitation in the name of fiscal management will be obvious from the fact that tax burden on the people, increased more than double just in a period of five years between 1979-80 and 1984-85 from Rs 11,947 crores to Rs. 23,187 crores, most of which come from indirect taxes. Central excise amounting to Rs. 6,994 crores (rising by 9% a year) excluding the present one, while customs duty, (rising by 18% in the same period) amount-

ted to Rs. 4,317 crores. These two together alone contribute Rs. 11,311 crores. After transfer of State's share of revenues, the Central Government had, as its share more than Rs. 1,700 crores.

The Government contracted the IMF loan, loans from other international Commercial Banks. The Government has been making borrowing from the RBI (increased by Rs. 2090 crores during April-November, 1984 on top of Rs. 2286 crores, the previous year) as also from the internal market. But all these even proved insufficient to the ever-exacting demands of the Government to serve the ruling capitalist class.

## DEFICIT FINANCING—EVER ON THE INCREASE

The Government has been pursuing the dangerous policy of printing of notes for monetary expansion to further cheat the common men, already bent low by ever-increasing tax burden and high prices. Just to have a measure, it will possibly be enough to know that the expansion in money circulation was by Rs. 8,490 crores in 1983-84 which rose to the figure of Rs. 12,747 crores upto January 4, 1985.

So what do you find? Mountain high taxes rising still, bank borrowings from both internal and foreign markets even on humiliating terms, loans from foreign international banks and to cap it all, expansion in money circulations at a high rate.

One thing, we want to point out in passing. This is about the Government's throwing to the four winds, minimum sense of fiscal ethics and the principle of 'public accountability' once regarded in high esteem in the bourgeois democracies, the remnants of which are still found to some extent in the bourgeois democracies of the

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## Comrade Nihar Mukherjee addresses G. B. Meetings in three Southern States

Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, beloved General Secretary of our party, addressed recently three state level General Body meetings in South India, one at Madurai in Tamil Nadu on March 9 and 10, the second at Trivandrum in Kerala on March 12 and 13 and the third at Bangalore in Karnataka on March 15 and 16 last. At these meetings, attended by state and district level party workers, supporters and sympathisers of the respective states. Comrade Mukherjee critically and elaborately discussed the present socio-political-economic situation of the country and set down the tasks facing the party, the class and the masses all over the country. In between these meetings, Comrade Mukherjee held separate meetings with party and frontal executives and discussed organisational matters. We are giving below a brief outline of the discussions made by him.

Pointing to the allout crisis pervading every sphere of life in the country today, Comrade Mukherjee emphasized that it is the crisis ridden moribund capitalism which is at root of all this crisis and all the burning problems in the people's life. The Indian Capitalism as part and parcel of the world capitalist system, is passing through the third intense phase of general crisis of capitalism and has engulfed, as a consequence, the people in an unprecedented social-political - economic - moral - ethical - cultural crisis. This crisis of capitalism is not only pulling the people down into extreme economic distress, it is dealing a far more severe blow to their cultural and moral backbone, eating into the fabric of their life. Through 5-year plans and other palliative measures, the capitalist rulers of our country have been trying to come out of this impasse, but only to be plunged into deeper crises.

Long back, our most beloved departed leader, teacher, guide, founder General Secretary of our Party and one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of the era, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, laid bare, through his brilliant and trenchant analyses, the nature of this crisis of capitalism the world over and also showed that capitalism, whether advanced or backward, cannot but take to the fascist course for its survival in this phase. Indian capitalism, too, faced

with its hourly and daily crisis today, has inevitably taken recourse to allout fascism in a bid to secure a fresh lease of life. The features of this drive toward allout fascism are manifest in every sphere, Comrade Ghosh had also pointed out that fascism today had a dual character trying always to blend two diametrically opposite trends— of suppression and persuasion at the same time. The methods adopted by the ruling capitalist class of our country and its most trusted political agent, the Congress(I), bore out this character everywhere.

After the independence, the Congress, later the Congress(I), as the most trusted agent of the ruling bourgeoisie, has directed, both in internal and foreign affairs, its economic, fiscal, political, administrative, educational and cultural policies to serve the aggregate interest of the crisis ridden bourgeoisie. The Janata Party did the same when it was in power. In fact, all parties subservient to the interest of the ruling capitalist class, did or are doing the same from governmental power at the Centre or at the states. Thus, at every stage, the burden of the capitalist crisis is being passed on to the people. It is the people who have to bear the ever increasing burden of taxation, deficit financing and galloping price-rise of essential commodities, while the capitalists who are bleeding the people white by ex-

ploitation, are securing from the Government subsidies, subventions and other concessions in ever rising amounts. Not only this. It is the capitalist class which is the beneficiaries of the huge amounts of loan drawn on humiliating terms by the central and state Governments from imperialist financial agencies like the IMF and the World Bank, while the country has been brought to the verge of bankruptcy under the burden of these loans. On the other hand, the Central Government is increasing the military budget every year, seeking to justify this recourse by raising a war hysteria in the country while, in reality it reflects a trend that the bourgeoisie is more interested in militarisation of economy than in the true welfare of the toiling people. Thus, by artificially stimulating the economy the ruling class is trying to relieve capitalism of its crisis and at the same time divert the people's attention from allout crisis at home.

Thus the state machine is being used by the ruling bourgeoisie for the speediest, freest and widest development of capitalism in the country. The inroad of capitalism, has broken down all remnants of the old feudal economic relations in the countryside. Not only that. Indian capitalism, long back, gave birth to monopoly capitalism and through merger of banking capital and industrial capital, it has given birth to a financial oligarchy which is exporting capital and thus to imperialist expansionist features.

On the other hand, facing evergrowing discontent and resentment among the people against the anti-people pro-capitalist policies of the Central and State Governments, the Indian bourgeoisie has been arming the state to the teeth and concentrating draconian powers in the hands of the executive, keeping the people

half-clad, half-starved, to suppress their legitimate democratic mass movements. With this object the ESMA, 2nd NSA amendment, etc have been clamped, the Criminal Procedure Code amended and the Disturbed Areas Act brought into existence to rob the working people of their hardwon democratic rights, ensure that any citizen could be arrested without adducing any reason and detained for periods upto 2 years without bail—a move towards indefinite detention — or without framing any charges against him. On the plea of containing terrorist activities in Punjab, the Terrorist Affected Areas (Special Courts) Act has been enacted and the Evidence Act amended, empowering the Government to conduct secret trials by centrally appointed judges, suppress any movements the Government may deem as promoting enmity between classes, requiring henceforth the accused to prove, in travesty of natural justice, that he is innocent. Empowered with these Acts, the Government can now arrest without assigning any reason citizen or a member of an organization unwanted by it and punish him on trumped up charges or even annihilate him physically, to virtually clamp an emergency without declaring so or courtmartialing the accused without declaring military rule.

At the same time, the bourgeois and petty bourgeois parties subserving the ruling capitalist class, in particular the Congress(I), have taken recourse to destroying the relative independence of the judiciary, in order to create a committed judiciary the relative neutrality of the administration to create a coterie in top echelons as the real seat of power to exercise 'remote control' over the entire administration and also to curtailing the freedom of the press and bringing about regimentation in thought by extending the government control over the educa-

tional institutions through the proposed central education bill and other similar measures.

In its bid to drive the country toward allout fascism to give a fresh lease of life to the crisis ridden Indian capitalist class the Central Congress(I) government is not only suppressing the legitimate democratic mass movements against its anti-people pro-capitalist policies and wrecking the moral backbone of the people, in particular of the youth force of our country, it is resorting to palliative measures like the 20 point programme to deceive the people and hoodwink them. At the same time, the ruling class and all parties and forces subserving its interests, in particular the Congress(I) are today fostering, fomenting, aiding and abetting the casteist - communalist parochial - divisive - separatist forces directly or indirectly to divide the people's unity against the capitalist exploitation and oppression and concentrate almost absolute powers in the executive, thus using casteism - communalism - parochialism - separatism as one weapon among thousands in its armoury to foist allout fascism in the country.

In this way, trampling all democratic norms and values, the Central Congress(I) Government has been trading along the path of fascist oppression and deception. It brought down the elected governments of Sikkim, Jammu and Kashmir and Andhra Pradesh in pursuit of the same design.

The ghastly assassination of Indira Gandhi created a void in the bourgeois blueprint for fascism by removing an image which had been built up over the years by the government and monopoly house controlled mass propaganda media as the saviour of the country. Evidently, under the circumstances, having no viable alternative on the national

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lism', has been dishing out lies and horrifying stories about alleged savage acts and behaviours of our party workers which have no factual basis whatsoever but reflect on the other hand a deliberate intention of character assassination of the party and its leading comrades.

This is obvious from the fact that other than the Congress(I) three independent investigating teams, representing the broad spectrum of political forces and opinions in the state—one composed of Sri Ashoke Dasgupta (State Secretary Janata Party); Sri Tapan Sikder (Secretary, State Unit, BJP); Sri Aloke Mukherjee (Secretary, State Unit, CPI-ML) under the leadership of respected veteran Freedom fighter, a distinguished lawyer and ex-M.P. Sri Dwijendralal Sengupta, the second of the RSP, a constituent of the ruling Left Front composed of the elected local M.P. Sri Sanat Mandal, veteran leader and Vice-President, 24 Parganas Zilla Parishad Sri Ashoke Choudhury and Youth Leader, Sri Ashoke Ghosh and the third of the 9-member team led by its general Secretary of the APDR, all came to the same conclusion from their independent visits and enquiries that (a) Comrade Probodh Purkait, MLA, and his family members were not present at the time of occurrence and in no way connected with the incident, that (b) the loss of life of two miscreants, unfortunate though, was not pre-meditated but a product of fury of highly incensed mass of people under provocation and that (c) all the horrifying accounts of savageries circulated by a section of the press were nothing but fictions calculated to magnify the importance of the event for propaganda purpose.

Trampling the accepted code of journalism, these reports of the teams have not been published by this section of press which for months continued a

tirade and slander campaign against us, making the coverage on Kultali, until recently, a daily feature. It shows an ominous turn in the country's politics.

We observe with grave concern also that this vituperative campaign of lies and concoction, initiated by a section of the vernacular press, has not remained confined within the state. It has since been taken up in all-India plane by giving to circulations almost the translated version of the canards published in local dailies by two all-India journals uptill now. 'The Week', a Malayam Monorama Weekly, published a reporting despatched by its Calcutta Correspondent captioned "An MLA in hiding" in its issue, Vol 3, No 9, February 17-23, 85. It was followed by another noted all-India journal, 'The Illustrated Weekly' which published in its issue, dated 17-23, 1985 a writeup under the caption "Murder most foul". Other than some transparent guiles of the Calcutta Correspondent of the second it was the same staff, rotten and foul in intent and purpose.

We would ask our readers to ponder: why so much hue and cry and such torrents of calumnies in a section of the press against our party and leading Comrades, even elected representative of the people? Is it because that such loss of life of person or persons at the hands of enraged masses did never take place before over the country and in the state of West Bengal? Is it a fact that even if anybody assumes it to be an instance of political murder, such thing was happening for the first time in the country? Or is it a fact, on the contrary, that loss of life of persons at the hands of highly incensed mass whether having a political character or not, did occur and occur, even now, almost daily, reported by the press. What then was something 'extra ordinary,' or 'unheard of' in the event that took place in Kultali on January 15?

Everybody knows that loss of life at the hands of

infuriated mass of people or even political murders is even today a matter of almost daily occurrence but press were never seen to have made the incident a daily feature for over months. Never before, such a campaign of falsification of facts and slanders, pure and simple, was orchestrated with so much vengeance against a political party, its leaders and workers, for so many days.

Again, it may sound strange but nonetheless a fact that it is our party SUCI that has been demanding persistently, a judicial enquiry for truth to be revealed whereas neither the Congress(I) leadership nor the sections of the press which have been accusing our party of ghastly crimes, day in and day out, let alone demanding or supporting the same, fear to mention that even. Why they are afraid of public impartial or judicial enquiry? It is the common knowledge that generally the guilty fears the enquiry lest the guilt comes to light but those who are not guilty of committing any crime have nothing to fear rather they demand it, to bring to book, the offenders, the real culprits.

To any discerning mind, it will appear from all this that the Congress(I) has mounted this heinous attack on the SUCI not by accident but from a definite design. Otherwise, the press, the police-administration would not have shown such a degree of commitment, such profusion of zeal. The question arises: Why does the Congress (I) choose first the SUCI as the target of its most vicious attack, close on the heels of the Lok Sabha election? Is it that party's main contender in the parliamentary politics, even in the state? The answer must be in the negative. Why then this attack? why then so much fuss, so much row, so much orchestration of lies even on all-India plane against this party? We can provide some of the causes which the readers may judge for themselves in the light of concrete facts and emerging reality in the political life.

Our party, the SUCI founded and reared by our

departed revered leader, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of the era, is defender, the only resolute defender of the flag of communism and revolution on the soil. Encompassing every aspect of life, the leaders and workers of this party have been conducting with honesty and devotion the struggle to acquire higher proletarian ethics and values to become true communist revolutionaries and reflect those in their conduct and behaviours guided by the teachings of Comrade Ghosh which are the concretised expressions of Marxism-Leninism, on the soil advanced up to this time. The bourgeoisie and their henchmen in our country see to their dismay that however much they try to malign the noblest of ideologies in human civilisation, communism, taking advantage of renegecy and vulgarisations by those who call them 'communists' but are actually poor reformist bourgeois politicians SUCI is gaining in strength to carry the message of this revolutionary ideology to the millions upon millions of the toiling and exploited mass of the people throughout the length and breadth of the country.

This party, the bourgeoisie and the forces of reaction, know very well is uncompromising on this revolutionary base political line of anti-capitalist Socialist Revolution. Nothing—the lure of parliamentary pelf and privileges, the easy and sheltered life of parliamentary reformist politics, of pomp and wealth, has been able and will ever be able to break the revolutionary spine of this party. This party can be deprived of its due representation in the legislative forum by centrally administered rigging, so that it cannot carry the message of extra-parliamentary struggle outside within the parliamentary forum, it can be blacked out by press but how can it be stopped being with the exploited and oppressed masses, to organise them in their legitimate struggle for justice? This is the party that organises the students and youths, men

of learning and of refinements, men having commitment to democratic idealism and values and sincere yearning for the progress of the country and of its people. Whenever, wherever, is an affront on the educational and language issues, on the autonomy of educational institution, on basic democratic rights freedom and liberties, against the savage fiscal policies of the governments both at the centre and states on each and every burning issue in people's life the party is in the van of people's democratic movements. And these are the reasons—the higher and nobler ethics and values, the principled politics, the unquestionable loyalty, devotion and tenacity of purpose to uphold the cause of people, of humanity that create the irresistible attraction to the party. Love and admiration for the party among wider sections of well-meaning persons, men who can appreciate the higher sense or values and are acquainting themselves with through this party what communist ideology really connotes.

This is the party that has been fighting relentlessly not only against the communal - regional-separatist and all other divisive parochial forces and organising common people against those but also carries to them the historic warning as also political lesson given to us by Comrade Ghosh that at this stage of moribund capitalism the ruling capitalist class enmeshed in problems insoluble within the system will try more and more to divide the people by driving wedge in their unity and solidarity resorting to all these divisive and parochial feelings, practices and methods. The Congress(I) in our country, being the most trusted agent of the ruling capitalist class is the main culprit in all these crimes.

The bourgeoisie and the Congress(I) are also aware that it is SUCI that has been not only alerting the people and other political forces who are atleast for retention of minimum democratic values and practices in the social poli-

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tical line of the country, is the only party that has been striving hard for a united countrywide powerful democratic movement which alone can be the real bulwark against all-out fascism.

Naturally, the bourgeoisie and its chief lieutenant the Congress(I) cannot look with favour, this principled politics of SUCI. So, SUCI has been chosen by them first for the most vicious attacks with all the resources at command for deeper political reason. They know very well that the voice of SUCI, though alone but becoming strident day by day, being the voice of the democratic conscience of the society is to be gagged before the fascists can be on the rampage. They select therefore West Bengal and the strong bases of the party to start with, in Joynagar-Kultali and in gradually expanding areas of the Sunderbans to bring down attacks. 'If the party is to be weakened, it must be hit and hit hard at its bases' becomes their calculation. But how can this party be estranged from the support, love and reverence that it enjoys from people and consider those as priceless treasure? The Congress(I) leadership knows very well that the secret of SUCI's strength lies there. That is why the 'Gestapo' tactics, reminiscent of Hitler's fascist Germany is repeated here. Their hired hoodlums recently raped two minor girls in the disturbed areas of Kultali and police case has since been instituted but they accused our party leaders and workers before of that crime. They loot the small belongings of the poor peasants and share-croppers before setting their huts on fire but accuse us guilty of that crime. They bring down a reign of terror which still continues over wide areas despite the Eastern Frontiers' Rifles personnels camping in more than one place but accuse us of that guilt. They terrorise the poor villagers, to whom the party is the only symbol of hope and future and

force our organisers and workers to desert their place for over two months but accuse us of committing this offence. And a brand of a 'yellow journalism', unprecedented in the country has been set in motion to serve to cover up all these heinous acts, the dark design of the class and its chief agent. Hitler required to dam the communists by the notorious episode in history—burning the Reichstag (German Parliament) by his own men and accusing the communists, to be guilty, in the 'Reichstag Trial' but here in this country nobody knows how many Reichstag episodes will take place.

Their immediate objective may be to unseat SUCI in the two constituencies which despite rigging could not be prevented from being represented for long by our party. They may have reasons to be particularly sore on the poor and oppressed in Kultali for earning the unique distinction of raising the margin of votes over Congress(I), almost double to eleven thousand in the last Lok Sabha poll. But notwithstanding short term objective, the longterm political import, should not be missed.

But the party of the proletariat that proves by concrete actions to be the real friend of the people, the genuine upholder of the flag of Communism and revolution, the most consistent defender of the cause of humanity and social progress has to give price, high at that, for the attacks, most foul that inevitably come on it from the enemies of people and humanity. But it overcomes. Being the vanguard detachment of the revolutionary proletariat, it must be prepared for the price, for the great cause of advance march of civilisation, to which it is dedicated. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great teacher of the proletariat has taught us this most important lesson from the pages of history.

With this introduction, we take our readers to Kultali in the Sunderbans where our party leaders, organisers and sympathi-

sers, the poor and exploited are in a grim battle now against the combined attacks of all the forces of reaction.

## KULTALI—SAGA OF LONG AND GLORIOUS CLASS STRUGGLE

In the Sunderbans, Joynagar Kultali P. S. areas are among those where the poor peasants, share-croppers, landless agricultural labourers have created a history of long and glorious struggles at the cost of their sweat, blood and even life against their class enemies, the villainous jotedars and vested interests. Since the days of 'tebhaga' (two thirds share of crop for the tillers—Ed. P.Era) movement the poor peasants and landless workers organised under the banner of SUCI and led by it have been in a life-and-death struggle against their blood-suckers—the jotedars, users and rural vested interests. SUCI's strongholds in these areas have, therefore, been built up not in a day but through the burns of relentless fierce struggles and countless sacrifices over long years on the basis of revolutionary teachings of our respected leader, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great teacher of the proletariat and conduction of such struggles by revered departed leader like Comrade Subodh Banerjee and respected veteran leader like Comrade Sachin Banerjee. The steel of the organisation has therefore been tempered by militant and disciplined class and mass struggles on the firm edifice of higher ethics and morals for which, of course, a high price had to be paid. The jotedars and rural vested interests never took our organisation, its organizers and workers with favour but saw, in them, instead, their mortal enemy; they have taken the life of quite a good number and have come down heavily on them, times without number, outdoing the animals in ferocity: burnt their huts and implicated them in hundreds, in framed up cases with the help of police and administration, to push them behind bars or harass for years among other tortuous methods.

This was the state of affairs during the Congress rule which however remains unchanged till today despite changes of governments.

Leaving apart the past years even if the recent past is recounted one sees that four of our important organizer-workers were brutally killed by the Congress (I)—jotedar combine. On 24th April '84 when our comrades were returning after attending the party Foundation Day Rally at Saheed Minar, Calcutta, Comrades Vidya-dhar Halder and Radha-kanto Parmanik of Belle-Durganagar anchal were killed instantly on the spot and 18 severely injured by the bombs hurled at them by Congress (I) goonds.

On the 10th July last a prominent organiser, a man loved and respected by the poor peasants as a valiant fighter for their cause, the Anchal Pradhan of Marigunj-1 Comrade Mokaram Khan was first shot and then axed to death by the hired hoodlums of Congress(I)-Jotedar combine. The memory of Comrade Mokaram's brilliant struggling life, his unflinching devotion and dedication to the great cause of emancipation remains ever bright in the minds of the poor people. They vow still today, to carry forward the struggle, Comrade Mokaram has left to them with emotions and memories washed fresh by tears.

These facts of deliberate murder, with heinous conspiracies, of leaders, organizers and workers of the poor and the exploited, struggling for their genuine demands and justice have however never evoked the truth and justice from press, even though news were sent to them by the party. They deemed those, perhaps not so important enough to take share, however little of the space, they have devoted on the recent Kultali incident, nor did the gentlemen engaged in 'investigative journalism' think it worthwhile to identify the killers and their political affiliations. But it is the same brand of armed hooligans under the patronage of Congress(I) Jotedars and police at whose fell strikes wives

lost their husbands, mothers their sons, children their loving fathers. Their agony and cry for justice could not strike the human chord of values and feelings in persons of journalistic profession.

As recent as on 4th December last Comrade Nooruddin Mollah our party worker at Deulbaria anchal was stabbed to death by the same Congress(I)-Jotedar combine. The journalists touring then in the areas for collecting all informations showed least concern to report this act of crime in the press in sharp contrast to the alacrity, they are showing at present, in spinning all sorts of wild stories on the January 15 incident.

But cashing in on the tical life against the impending danger of all-out fascism but in the perspective of this emerging

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## Red Salute Comrade Braja Ballav Pradhan

Comrade Braja Ballav Pradhan, Vice-President, Rourkela Workers' Union breathed his last on 27th Feb. last of cardiac attack, when he was engaged in an election campaign work during last assembly poll. Being imbued with the noble teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, Comrade Pradhan joined SUCI in the late sixties and was mostly engaged in the work of cultural front. He was a reputed dramatist, writer and artist and tried heart and soul to give shape to a progressive cultural movement. He was also a member of the Orissa State Committee of CPDRS. Comrade Pradhan's sudden and premature death was a great loss for the party, particularly that for the cultural movement on the whole. A memorial meeting was held at Rourkela on 7th March. The meeting was addressed by Com. Tapas Dutta, Secretary, Orissa State Committee, SUCI.

# Unite to Resist Fiscal Savagery on People

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advanced capitalist countries. The Indian Government is found to be deliberately manipulating the figures that may seem to it uncomfortable. Take for example, the figure of deficit financing. In the last year's budget (1984-85) the estimated figure was shown to be Rs. 1,773 crores which in the revised figure soared to the height of Rs. 3,985 crores and according to The Economic Times (February 9, '85) was running at Rs. 4,636 crores as on February, this year. So the variation between the estimated and the revised or actual is more than 100 percent. Again, in the face of this fact, this year's budget has shown the estimated gap of Rs. 3,349 crores, no matter whether the actual will touch Rs. 5,000 or even cross that figure to be shown in coming year.

It is worth recalling that from the 'principle of accountability' of public funds, the Government even in bourgeois democracies must not only present correct figures but give a truthful picture about the financial position of the country. But the Indian Government in its naked defence of the moribund capitalist order and the crisis-ridden bourgeoisie has resorted to the most unethical means of suppressing the facts and true financial position to misinform and mislead thereby people and the country at large.

In the name of 'national development', 'country's progress' people have been bled white, pauperised and reduced to miserable existence but where has gone the huge money, collected in various ways?

## TO WHOM GOES THE MONEY

Let us see where they go. From the Government's figures, even though manipulated, it can be found that 90% of the

total expenditures are for non-developmental purposes like on military, repayment or interest payment on debts, various subsidies to the rural rich and top heavy administration. Excluding on military expenditures on other three items have increased five times within a period of last ten years, to the high figure of Rs. 9,180 crores.

Add to this, the military expenditure which has been increasing by leaps and bounds, both covert and overt. It has been estimated to be Rs. 7,668 crores in this year's budget, excluding the amount due to the statutory obligation for payment of pension to the ex-servicemen as also the aid and assistance for purchasing military hardwares and sophisticated weapons from the super powers and others, coming every year in ever-increasing amount and dimension. Here too, there is suppression of actual position and figure. If the previous year's experience is of any guide when the actual varied from what was estimated, by Rs. 511 crores then it can safely be presumed that this variation would be in all probability, Rs. 1000 crores or more this time. Besides, military expenditure is made both overtly and covertly. In the name of scientific research, space science and all that, it is actually the military might of the state of the Indian aspirant bourgeoisie that has been expanding in different spheres, putting the entire burden on the people who are living even below the poverty line.

But this so-called development, over the decades, has revealed criminal neglect of the minimum needs of the people, not to speak of lowering their standard of living. One of the glaring examples about the perverse aspect of capitalist development has found place in the Economic Survey, although for different purpose, circulated by the Finance

Minister, just a day before he presented the budget. It mentions: "Output of pulses has stagnated as the areas sown have declined and yield rates of oilseeds have increased marginally".

Now it is known to every body that pulses along with edible oil are essential items of common man's consumption. But for the capitalists whether in the rural or industrial sector, profit is the motive force of production. Therefore, as wheat and other commercial crops which have ready international market are being considered more profitable, the acreage of cultivable lands in this country is switching on to production of these agricultural commodities in preference to pulses or coarse, poor man's crops like maize, jawars etc.

The reason for mentioning oilseeds is probably the fact that last year being the election year, the Central Government imported edible oils at the cost of Rs. 700 crores but considering the severe strain, feared on the foreign reserves, that may not be possible. This will give push on price of the particular products as also on the price indices.

Despite drum beating, that the achievements in agricultural sector enjoying three consecutive good years have not become that bright or that on the fourth year, to expect a good crop may be simply gambling have been pointed out by the Survey.

## THE DANGEROUS PORTENT

This brings us to the dangerous portent of high rate of inflation in the economy due to the government's steps and measures.

The steep rise in rail way freights on essential commodities and industrial inputs by itself carries the danger of high rate of

inflation. But to add fuel to the fire, there has been simultaneous steep rise in the administered price of petroleum and other oil products. The administered prices of steel, coal, cement, power and transport tariffs all are coming in a row.

Every item of consumption articles is sure to have a hike in price.

Along with this, the repayment of the IMF loans starts this year, the trade gap widens and the debt servicing taking near around 13-15 percent of the budget expenditure goes up. The government pursuing consistently, the policy of helping the Indian monopoly capital to grow and consolidate its rule has landed the economy in dire crisis, the entire burden of which, is being shifted on to the people.

## THE BASIC QUESTION AND THE CALL

The basic point, therefore, must be understood by the people. The Congress(I) led by Mr. Rajiv Gandhi chosen to be the best defender of the aggregate interest of the capitalist class by the class itself is hastening the process to bring all out fascism in the country, trampling minimum democratic norms and ethics. We need only to recall that Mr. Rajiv Gandhi came at the centre of political stage of the country with the promise of restoring cleanliness in politics and administration. But where has gone that promise? Do we not see the same unethical conduct in fiscal management?

The people, groaning under the intolerable situation of mounting unemployment, tax burden and high prices are faced with further severe fiscal onslaughts that the two budgets along with steep rise in administered prices bring.

What should the people do then? To stand and

stare and accept lying down the vicious attacks that are coming to make their bare survival impossible means gravest dishonour to manhood.

They must question and question they must that let alone ensuring continual uplifting of the standard of living of the common people — thirty seven years after independence, despite all loud talks and the blue print of 20-point programme, have they, the citizens of this free country got food, garments, a roof over head, education and medical care, the minimum that a government in any civilized country must consider as its paramount responsibility? The answer is known to all. From the concrete and bitter experiences of the people the claim of so-called 'national development of the rulers sounds like a cruel joke on them. In the budgets and the fiscal measures, this year, is the glaring manifestation of the same duplicity of fascist device of the so-called pro-people look and ruthless oppressions of people at the same time.

We appeal to people, to all well-meaning, democratic minded persons, having minimum concern for the future of the people and the country to come forward to develop a united country-wide protracted democratic mass movement, in place of a show or mockery of a movement or sporadic outbursts, to force re-orientation of fiscal policies and wrest minimum reliefs possible in this moribund capitalist order, passing through ever-increasing acute crisis.

We have appealed in writing to all the left-democratic and opposition parties for undertaking the solemn responsibility of defending the cause of people at this grave hour. We hope that this most urgent duty will not go in default and it is the common people who alone can ensure that by their active intervention.

## Comrade Nihar Mukherjee addresses G.B. in Southern States

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plane which could serve its interest adequately, the ruling capitalist class threw its entire support behind Rajiv Gandhi in a bid to artificially stabilise its most trusted agent, the Congress(I) and eliminate all risks to the stability of the system. But the landslide victory which the Congress(I) led by Rajiv Gandhi enforced at the recent Lok Sabha polls could not have been possible despite a divided opposition and the allout support by the ruling class through money and mass propaganda media and exploitation of the Hindu majority community's communal sentiments worked up by inciting anti-Sikh feelings. This victory on a scale unachieved even under Jawaharlal Nehru or Indira Gandhi was the outcome of free use of money power both domestic and foreign, mafia gangs, police and security force personnels and, above all, a centralised administrative rigging machinery. Through this election virtually a one-party rule has been clamped at the Centre and the danger of allout fascism has become more imminent. Mr. Rajiv Gandhi is promising a 'clean' government for the people; but this is a promise from the man who was the right hand man of late Indira Gandhi to dislodge the elected governments in 3 states and carry out many more underhand and unclean acts. By a clean stroke his government has imposed a fresh burden of nearly 500 crores of rupees on the people by drastically raising the railway fares and freight charges and a still heavier burden by raising the prices of petrol and petroleum products, including kerosine, while leaving an unprecedented budgetary deficit to cause yet another price spiral in the coming months. In the name of an Anti-Defection Act, this government has taken power to check future resentment

against Rajiv Gandhi within the Congress(I) while keeping the prospect open for largescale defection which can be engineered only by a party enjoying the full patronage and money power of the ruling class as the Congress(I) alone enjoys today.

Our party, Comrade Mukherjee reminded, had demanded of the Rajiv Gandhi government the taking up of the prime task of unearthing the plot and punishing the plotters and perpetrators of the heinous crime of assassination of the late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and of letting loose orgy of anti-Sikh violence, the countrywide killings lootings and indignities to women and punishing those responsible for the Bhopal gas genocide. But Mr. Gandhi has categorically ruled out the suggestion of institution of an inquiry into the anti-Sikh carnage of Delhi and other parts of the country after the assassination of Indira Gandhi. Nobody should be in doubt then about the intention of his government with regard to the burning issue of Punjab.

The Central Committee of our party has been repeatedly appealing to all Left, democratic and opposition parties to come forward for building up democratic mass movement on the basis of a minimum common agreed programme and a code of conduct to resist the impending danger of fascism. But our appeal has gone unheeded. After the Lok Sabha elections, too, our party has appealed to these parties to join hands in this task, as this is the only deterrent to the bourgeois design of foisting allout fascism. On the other side, the Kultali incident in South 24 Paganas in West Bengal but gradually being launched all over the country, clearly reveals a shrewd bourgeois design to denigrate the image of our party in a bid to malign Leninism, since the SUCI

alone is upholding today the banner of Marxism, the nobility of Marxism-Leninism in our country, exposing relentlessly the fascist design of the ruling bourgeoisie and trying to unite all 'Left, democratic and opposition parties and forces in the country against this bourgeois design. That is why the SUCI has become the first target of the ruling class and the Congress(I), the most trusted agent of the bourgeoisie.

Comrade Mukherjee appealed to the party workers, supporters and sympathisers to take political initiative and devote their full energy to strengthen the party and mass organisations and also devote themselves to the task of learning and relearning the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, building up communist character as taught by Comrade Ghosh.

Comrade Mukherjee also explained the historic decision of setting up Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Trust and Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Bhavan for emphasizing dissemination of education to inculcate social consciousness, social justice and to uplift the moral, ethical and cultural standard, eradicate casteist, parochial, separatist and divisive tendencies from the society.

The GB meeting created a great enthusiasm in the whole party organisation and the mass fronts in all the three states, and the comrades, supporters and sympathisers have already taken up measures for developing party and mass organisations, legitimate democratic mass movements and at the same time for collecting funds for Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Trust and Bhavan. They have pledged to lend their energies, in response to the call of the Central Committee of the Party, to be equal to the task.

## Murderous attack on our Party workers by CITU & CPI(M)

On 8th Feb. last at about 9-30 p.m. an armed gang of anti-socials organised by CITU and CPI(M) attacked SUCI and DSO organisers at Rourkela with deadly weapons and injured 5 of them, the condition of 3 being serious. Comrade Dhurjati Dass, Secretary, of Orissa State Committee of DSO and a leading SUCI organiser, Comrade Basanta Samal, President of Sundargarr Dist. Committee, DSO and Comrade Nirakar Pandav, a leading DSO organiser sustained serious injuries on the

chest and skull resulting in profuse bleeding. They were admitted in govt. hospital for treatment. This savage attack was caused as SUCI polling agents and volunteers obstructed enmasse false voting on the last assembly poll day. The culprits involved in this savagery are recorded criminals engaged in various anti-social activities. But surprisingly they were not arrested by police after the incident. After repeated insistence of the local people, police arrested (Contd. on page 8)

## MSS, Karnataka Organises Symposium

The Mahila Samaskrutika Sanghatane (MSS) of Karnataka organised a successful symposium against dowry system, obscenity and indignities on women, on 16.2.'85 at Bangalore. A large number of people and men of learning, with more than a hundred women participated in the symposium.

Comrade Krishna Chakrabarty, an all-India organiser of the SUCI, was main speaker at the symposium. In his long speech Com. Chakrabarty, referring to the invaluable lessons of Com. Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat, analysed and showed that the causes for the social maladies like the dowry system, growing obscenity in social and cultural life are due to the crisis in the field of morality and ethics. Both the old feudal and the bourgeois senses of values and ethics have become historically obsolete and reactionary and the ruling capitalist class of the country are helping the process of propagating such reactionary value with a view to perpetrating the rule of exploitation keeping the people morally crippled. So, he pointed out, a social movement based on higher sense of ethics and

morality against the growing trend of obscenity can alone check this evil. In such a process one day we can put an end to these evils by bringing about radical change in society.

He appealed to the women to realise the call of the hour, struggle to overcome their helplessness and to fight for freedom to take part equally with men in the social movement. He told neither subjugation to men nor quarrel to share the privileges that men enjoy in this patriarchal society can free them. So fight for freedom of women should be to fight for their conscious role in progressive social movements conducive to the overthrowing of this unjust and exploitative social order.

Others who spoke at the Symposium included Dr. Malathi Sommaiah, the Chief Guest at the meeting, Prof. Sushila Principal, Maharani's Art College, Smt. Sarita Rai, Staff Reporter, Indian Express, Smt. P. G. Gouri, President, Indian Federation of Women Lawyers, Karnataka Branch and Prof. Gobinda Rao, President, BUCTA. Comrade Nagrathna B.V., Secretary of MSS, Karnataka was in the Chair.

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events subsequent to the murderous attempt on SUCI workers on January 14, this very tribe of journalists have been dishing out everything conceivable or inconceivable to prove that SUCI is vengeful and that its leaders and workers are all criminals, sadists, rapists et al by dishing out tissues of lies, insinuations and defamatory comments. But even with all these they have failed to tarnish the bright image of the party. People are wondering who are these men that do not feel the slightest qualms to repeat lies day after day? Because people know that SUCI has never been a believer in the politics of individual assassination. And as facts prove that we never indulge in the cult of revenge. Had we believed in it then many serious things could have happened after the dastardly murder of Comrade Sujauddin Akhand, Anchal Pradhan of Gopalpur under Canning P.S. and a leading organizer, a revered and beloved leader of the poor people of this area, whose loss they cannot forget but their emotions well up at whose memory or after comrade Mokaram Khan's brutal assassination. It can be noted that in Kultali P.S. alone, as many as 14 comrades including Anchal Pradhan have been murdered by the same Congress-Jotedar combine with the help of notorious criminals. Even when we were a constituent of the ruling U.F. Government in 1967, as many as four of our comrades were killed in cool criminal planning by the Congressmen by administering poison in food taken by them. Had this ghoulish crime been committed against any other party and that too when it is in government perhaps there would have been a serious situation for the criminals and other workers of the party giving shelter to those. Did it happen? Why the so-called

investigative journalists keep silent on all these concrete facts

The fact is that both the Congress(I) leadership and those indulging in yellow journalism, know well that this party is opposed to the politics of individual assassination as also of retaliation. Still then they spread the lies synchronising with the deprecations that have been going on by the Congress(I) hoodlums in gradually expanding wide areas of the Sunderbans, against our partymen and sympathisers. The battle cries of the Congress(I) led by their local leaders both of whom were defeated in the last assembly elections are like: "Finish SUCI", "Roll the head of Probodh Purkait".

'Banish Jiten Pal from the thana', so on and so forth. While these open instigations are being given to the criminals, our South 24-Parganas district office is attacked by the hoodlums led by these leaders, the police and administration, even though reported by us, take no step. Not only this, a notorious criminal, Jalil Gayen who was caught red-handed as one of the assassins of Comrades Vidyardhar and Radhakanto and handed over to local police station was released on demand of the local Congress(I) leaders going in a procession with hoodlums.

The 'investigative' journalists, the 'free and impartial' press do not see or come to know these facts for reporting. On the other, they show the height of insolence and unethical conduct to trade such a vile charge as raping against a veteran teacher and undisputed leader held in high esteem, the State Secretary of Krishak-O-Khetmajur Sangathan (KKMS), Comrade Amir Ali Haldar. What is this? Is this journalism? How dare they write this downright lie and calumny against a leader of such stature? We are ready to stand on the bar of justice but have these scribes the guts to prove what they write? We know these

wretched souls will dare not accept this challenge.

But if the enemies think that by mounting physical torture and spreading canard they can finish this party, they are living in fool's paradise.

For this is the party that has been leading the exploited and humiliated poor peasants, landless workers, share-choppers in their just struggle against their exploiters over wide areas of South 24-Parganas. Many an attack came, many comrades had to give their life, many more will have to give. But as it is not possible to break the organisation of such a party by hired armed men so also calumnies and slanders will prove futile to stamp out the bright image of this party from the minds of the toiling people who judge this party from their bare experience about its role and activities.

The poor and oppressed had to build their habitats in the Sunderbans by fighting hand to hand with tigers and other ferocious animals. They are to shed blood for their just share in harvest that they grow with their blood, fighting against lathi-blows and gun shots of the jotedars and their hirelings. They have come to know of this party, the SUCI and adore it from their long experiences of fierce class and mass struggles against their enemies. They have built up their organisation on the edifice of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's thoughts and guidance for they rightly realise those to provide the only hope, the beacon light in their storm-tossed life. The soils of the Sunderbans are moist with their blood.

That is why, open gangster methods used by the Congress(I)-jotedars and their hired criminals have failed to break the organisation of the SUCI built up bit by bit with drop of blood, sufferings, unspeakable tortures and sacrifice of life.

So the organisation of the SUCI, built by the

## SUCI Urges Resistance Movement

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country got nothing in this Budget to rejoice on. And that, on the contrary, the people must view it as the first shrewd blow dealt on their living condition by the Rajiv Gandhi Government in abuse of the absolute sweeping majority in Parliament it could secure through manipulation, unfair and unethical methods, in the last Lok Sabha Election. People must stand unitedly to resist it.

All Left, Democratic, Opposition Parties and Forces, both within and outside Parliament, responding to this call of the hour, must come forward and jointly chart out the programme and a code of conduct for building up a country-wide united democratic mass-movement on the edifice of higher ethics and culture against this anti-

people black Budget as well as the Railway Fare and freight increase Budget. Initiating forthwith in the form of intensive campaign to mobilise people's opinion and forming Campaign Committees at various levels, the movement in our opinion, has got to be shaped on and from 15th April into a people's resistance struggle to thwart this budgetary onslaught upon them.

For this we fervently urge upon all of you to arrange a meeting, immediately to chalk-out comprehensive common agreed programme at a convenient place of Delhi. If you agree, our Delhi Office at 4/11772, Satnagar, Karolbagh, New Delhi-110 005 (Ph. 56-6631) may be the venue of the meeting.

Expecting early response,

Fraternally yours

Sd/-

(Nihar Mukherjee)

## CPI(M) & CITU attack our men

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ated them but within few hours the culprits were bailed out. In Rourkela the CITU and CPI(M) have now adopted a political design to physically annihilate all political opponents in order to establish their organisational supremacy. Strikingly, the police and adminis-

tration are directly conniving with them in this heinous design. All political parties barring Congress(I) trade unions and students' organisation while unequivocally condemning this brutal incident has taken up a joint programme to resist this evil design of CPI(M) and the CITU.

poor and oppressed with blood will be defended by them till its last drop. Those who built it up, imbued with the revolutionary teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, are determined to keep the

flag of the SUCI, of revolution, flying. The castle of dreams of the enemies built on vile means and falsehood are sure to be smashed to pieces.

Long Live Revolution

## TRIAL BY PRESS !

### Excerpts from a Judgement on Kultali case

Mr. S. P. Sen Gupta, Session Judge, Alipore, Calcutta after quoting extensively from an authoritative book 'Law of Evidence' by Mr. Best, on the portion "Trial by Press" has commented thus:-

"The case may have attracted and a strong popular feeling may prevail against supposed criminal. And here the OCCASIONAL MISCONDUCT of the public press must not be ignored.

.. UNDER COLOUR OF A HORROR OF THE CRIME, but more probably with the view of INCREASING THE SALE OF NEWSPAPERS by pandering to excited curiosity and morbid feeling a course has been taken calculated to DEPRIVE OF ALL CHANCE OF A FAIR TRIAL the unfortunate individual who was suspected of it."

(26.3.85—emphasis added)

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