

# Release worldwide anti-imperialist movement to stall all-out US menace

—Comrade Nihar Mukherjee

The 5th August, the 16th memorial anniversary of our most revered departed leader, teacher and guide and a foremost Marxist thinker of the era, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, was observed with due solemnity at the Study Centre of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thoughts at Ghatsila in Bihar. On this occasion Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, our beloved General Secretary, addressed the party workers, supporters and sympathisers at the Study Centre Assembly Hall in the evening.

## UNCONTROLABLE CRISIS OF THE CAPITALIST-IMPERIALIST CAMP

Dwelling upon the present situation Comrade Mukherjee said that after the restoration of capitalism in the erstwhile socialist countries of East Europe and the former Soviet Union, the capitalist-imperialist countries were all delight that these new-found markets would ease their acute economic crisis. But the aggravation of the economic, political, social and ethnic problems, unfavourable to their economic interests, goes on without relent in these countries. So the dream of the imperialist powers has been shattered. And at home an uncontrollable all-pervasive crisis and chaos is now plaguing each and all of them.

The USA, the imperialist 'super power' which has the world's largest nuclear arsenal, huge conventional arms stockpile and also the most highly militarised economy is, now, also the world's biggest debtor country. Its economic might is getting undermined by Japan on the one hand and the European powers headed by Germany on the other. Giant US industries are closing down, throwing scores of thousands out of job, leaving huge industrial townships-deserted and ominously raking up criminality, mafia acts, drug addiction, rape, juvenile delinquency and a sense of total social insecurity. In Germany inflation has soared to unprecedented heights and the 'stable' German mark is no more that stable. Much in the same way the rising imperialist economic power, Japan, also is tottering economically, politically and socially. Its GNP has been steadily falling over the past few years. The Japanese multinationals are earning super profits, but the cruelly squeezed common Japanese workers find no time for leisure. The Japanese themselves say it aptly: "Rich Japan—poor Japanese". The conditions are the same for the working masses in France, England and other European imperialist and capitalist countries.

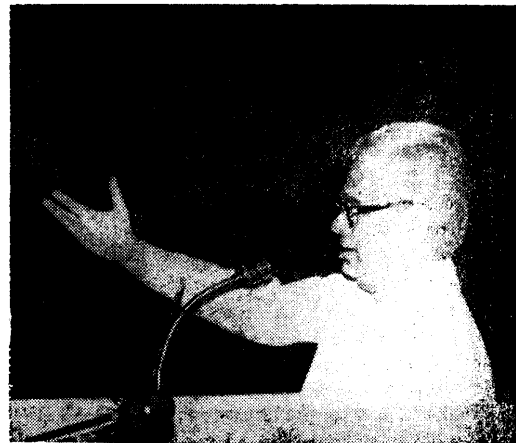
## SUBHUMAN EXISTENCE OF THE PEOPLE IN THE RELATIVELY BACKWARD CAPITALIST AND NEOCOLONIAL COUNTRIES

Situation in the relatively backward capitalist countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America is even worse. The down-trodden exploited masses of these countries are being doubly fleeced by their capitalist rulers as cruelly as their European brethren. Secondly, their average income and therefore the standard of living is too low to even compare. Third, this economic hardship is aggravated beyond endurance by their lack of political rights in general and trade union rights in particular. Moreover, the frantic bid of the monopoly capitalists of these countries to survive in this cut-throat capitalist competition in both the international and the national market is increasingly driving them towards high-technology capital intensive industries, resulting in unprecedentedly largescale retrenchment. In our country this has been given the sweet and innocent sounding name of 'Exit Policy' and 'Golden Handshake'. Here is the true face of the much trumpeted 'market economy'! This is how the New Industrial and Economic Policy of the minority Congress(I) Central Government has come into being with the Indian Government taking on humiliating terms the loans from the IMF and the World Bank and reaching, through them, an agreement with the USA to subserve top Indian monopolists' interests while opening the market to US multinational investment. And everyone knows how the CPI(M) and the CPI, true to their social democratic character, as, according to Lenin, "forces of compromise between labour and capital" and "the lieutenants of the bourgeoisie in the working class movement" had collaborated with the Government and stabbed the Indian proletariat in the back! About the neocolonies in these three continents which are fraught with insufferable socio-economic conditions, total insecurity of life and acute political instability the less said the better.

## MENACE OF ALL OUT US ONSLAUGHT

All these countries are now the chief target mainly of the USA and also of other imperialist countries' neocolonial machinations. The USA, both through its agencies like the IMF, the World Bank etc. as also directly, through economic as well as military threat, is forcing upon these countries the interests of the US super monopolies and multinationals who

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## Prime Minister's 15th August Speech designed to throttle democracy : SUCI

Condemning Prime Minister's 15th August speech Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary, SUCI on 18.8.92 said :

"Everyone knows how the minority Central Congress(I) Government through its new Industrial and Economic Policy is closing down and privatising state-run industries, creating large scale retrenchments and galloping unemployment, inflation, price rise and thereby putting people's patience and endurance to the extreme test, on the one hand; and on the other, it is going on playing with the fire of communal and divisive politics in Kashmir, Punjab and Ayodhya—all in the name of 'national interest'.

To talk of imposing a moratorium for three years over any debate on these burning problems of people's life amounts to nothing short of a shameless and desperate bid to silence the people. We are sure that by building up countrywide mighty democratic mass movements on these burning issues, country's democratic people will give the fitting rebuff to this highhanded and audacious attitude of the Government."

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# US warmongers may go to any extent to dominate the world

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control huge idle capital, industrial infrastructure, technological knowhow and capital goods but find no market for them anywhere.

Hence the atrocious US hegemonistic attitude everywhere and its unprecedentedly aggressive trade and commercial relations with others—which for example, led to the failure of the Uruguay Round of GATT talks. Following the collapse of this GATT summit the US design has now assumed the form of the infamous Dunkel Proposal.

The recent examples experienced in India, Brazil, China, Panama; then Lybia and Cuba; and lastly Iraq are the proof that the US warmongers are ready to go to any extent for securing domination over the world market—by interfering into the internal affairs of another country, embargoing them till they give in and if need be, even aggressing them and wrecking their economy and continuing hostility even thereafter till they surrender totally. Indeed the true votary of 'democracy' and 'freedom' to murder, loot and plunder!

## IMPERIALISM DECAYING— PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION THE MAIN TREND

Placed in the midst of this severe economic crisis capitalist-imperialists everywhere are moving towards more and more militarisation of their economy and are shifting from labour intensive to capital intensive industries, rendering millions jobless overnight. Closure of the giant US multinational General Motors alone left 74 thousand Americans jobless in a day. Such is the case with every advanced capitalist countries and to a lesser measure with the relatively backward capitalist countries as well. This unprecedented worldwide capitalist economic crisis is leading to unprecedented political and social upheavals, and an unconscious yet strong impetus for struggle is growing fast among the labouring masses of even these traditional bastions of imperialism. Agitations, meetings street demonstrations, strikes are taking place in all these countries. All these show unmistakably that the social foundation of imperialism-capitalism is shaking, their fearsome appearance notwithstanding. It shows that in this epoch of imperialism and proletarian revolution, as enunciated by Lenin, imperialism is decaying and proletarian revolution is appearing as the main trend.

The loud claim of 'learned' bourgeois economists that the so-called 'technological revolution' in the capitalist world has proved false Marx's labour theory of value and also his theory of the world proletarian revolution is thus torn to shreds itself. It was none but Marx who showed how modern inventions and technology under capitalism helps only the capitalists while increasing the misery of the labouring masses, and thereby drawing the hour

of revolution all that nearer. The present situation confirms this. Secondly, to invent, manufacture and operate them to produce things of value machines need and will always need men. Can any 'technological revolution' alter this fact ever? The role of labour as the source of all value and of the labouring proletariat in the impending social revolution, therefore, stands where it was, while the bourgeoisie and its hired pundits stand petrified at the threatening consequences of their own 'technological revolution'!

## HOAX OF 'FREEDOM' AND 'DEMOCRACY' OF CAPITALIST- ROADERS DEMOLISHED

The people of the erstwhile Soviet Union, being fast disillusioned with the hopes of 'democracy', 'freedom' and 'open society' after two years' experience with the results of perestroika and glasnost—for instance, 400 per cent inflation, skyrocketing prices, acute food shortage, series of closures and retrenchments, unprecedented moral depravity and internecine ethnic and racial conflagrations, things which were unimaginable in the former USSR—have now come out in millions defying brutal torture and repression, waving the Red Flag and carrying the portraits of Lenin and Stalin. This is no doubt a silverlining in the dark clouds which had engulfed them.

## BUILD UP WORLDWIDE FORUM OF UNITED STRUGGLE AGAINST ALL-CUT US IMPERIALIST ONSLAUGHTS

This, in short, is the world situation today, fraught as it is with diverse contradictions working against one another. And its glaring proof is the fast growing anti-imperialist, especially anti-US imperialist, hatred among the vast sections of sober, peace-loving and progressive minded people in all these countries. One needs only recall the worldwide universal condemnation, American peace-loving masses' included, of the US warmongers' aggression of Iraq, to fathom the depth of this growing feeling.

No doubt, the task to correctly recognise, develop to a greater height and give effective organizational shape to this amorphous but genuine fervour of these people rests on the genuine communists of every country. It is they who must step forward to fulfil their mission.

Therefore, it is necessary, first of all, to unite all democratic, peace-loving and progressive masses in an anti-imperialist forum of united action; secondly, in order to combat imperialist global onslaught it is imperative to link these bodies working in different countries, through a common anti-imperialist world forum. Its task would be to coordinate, and actively cooperate with the movements of each country and to mobilise, when needed, all over the world, moral and material assistance

behind a country's struggle against the US domination, embargo or even aggression—as is the case now with Libya, Cuba and Iraq. Thirdly, it is imperative for the communists of the world to close their ranks and act as a solid core to organize, unite and weld together all these struggles into a worldwide single broadbased militant mass resistance movement against all sorts of imperialist machinations in general and of the US imperialism in particular. It ultimately depends on the cohesion, preparedness, fighting zeal and consciousness of the masses within these forums, if they would be able to successfully deter this all-out imperialist onslaught and in case the imperialists thrust a world war upon the people, this anti-imperialist forum, depending upon its power of resistance, will be able to "turn the imperialist war into civil war", turn the bayonet against the imperialist warmongers and transform the apparent disadvantage of the present moment into its advantage and thereby hasten the world revolution.

## TRUE LENINIST PARTY OF A NEW TYPE—NEED OF THE HOUR

The present world situation everywhere calls for building up true Leninist parties of a new type. After bourgeois philosophy culture, morals, politics, economy have all been totally outworn and exhausted in the post-Second World War situation degenerating bourgeois democracy into fascism, vulgarising bourgeois sense of individual liberty into worst individualism, and polluting all sense of bourgeois moral values into extreme perversities, communist movement also ought to attain the requisite higher level of ideological consciousness and organisational form. This is what Lenin had done in his time. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, too, following this Leninist teaching in the post-Second World War situation concretised, elaborated and enriched Marxism-Leninism in this situation and thus gave birth to what we know as Shibdas Ghosh Thought.

Without correctly grasping today this most advanced understanding of Marxism-Leninism, especially on such vital ideological-political-organisational questions such as collective knowledge, democratic centralism, concrete concept of collective leadership, concept of proletarian moral and ethical values and the appropriate code of communist conduct—it would not be possible to successfully organise and consolidate revolution anywhere in this most critical and complex international situation.

The neo-revisionist degeneration was, indeed, due to failure of the communists to realize these concepts—as Comrade Ghosh brilliantly explained—that 'communist morals is fundamentally...different from and superior to the bourgeois humanistic sense of moral values,' 'only on the ashes of bourgeois humanistic moral values can communist moral values grow and prosper',

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# Defying repression millions coming out in former USSR with Red Flag and portraits of Lenin and Stalin

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and, therefore, 'communism begins where humanism ends'. Consequently, they have also failed to grasp it that today it is impossible to attain the moral qualities and organisational abilities of a true communist revolutionary, by merely following the standards of the past. Therefore, to rise to the occasion and discharge their historical obligation they need realize this lesson of Comrade Ghosh that, instead of following the old standard of communist character of making one's personal interest secondary to that of revolution, class and the party—today it requires of one to completely identify one's personal interests with that of the class, the party and revolution with complete happiness and supreme satisfaction. Here lies the nobility, the lofty cultural and ethical values and outlook of life of communist philosophy.

## REASONS BEHIND REVISIONIST DEGENERATION

It is the lack of this adequate level of ideological consciousness, within the communist movement, to answer to the need of the epoch which had rendered it defenceless before the newer forms of ideological, political, moral onslaughts of the bourgeoisie, and had, finally, taken its toll in the form of Khrushchevite modern revisionism. The possibility of this revisionist reformist deviation was observed in the phenomenon of the general lowering of ideological standard of the communists long back in 1948 by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. And he pointed to two reasons behind it. Firstly, the continuous and all-round development of Marxist philosophy which Lenin showed to be an imperative task before the communists, was not done adequately after his demise. Secondly, owing to complacency growing from the rapid growth and success of the communist movement everywhere after the Second World War, the communist leaders lost sight of the vital task of ideologically steeling the millions of young communists who joined the movement everywhere everyday. Be that as it may, as a result of it modern revisionism appeared within the communist movement with menacing consequences.

It is this revisionist ulcer that has, after polluting the socialist economic, political, moral and entire edifice of the then USSR built by the party of Lenin and Stalin, has now burst out with all its stench and filth.

There are many confusions prevailing over these developments because of lack of a correct Marxist approach. Some believe, for example, that the 'backwardness' of the pre revolution Russia, i.e. its the then lack of 'revolutionary maturity' is the underlying historical cause for the present setback. Yet others hold that it happened

so because the dictatorship of the proletariat in the USSR had been reduced to the dictatorship of the party which prepared the ground for the gradual degeneration, and final defacement, of socialism itself there.

## SUPREMACY OF THE PARTY ESSENTIAL FOR UNIMPEDED RULE OF THE PROLETARIAT AND SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION FROM SOCIALISM TO COMMUNISM

But both the above-mentioned arguments are shortsighted and false. The heroic proletariats of Russia and the masses following them, who had attained such a high level of proletarian revolutionary consciousness and corresponding power of organisation that they did overthrow the tsarist autocracy in the February Revolution and then the newly enthroned Russian bourgeoisie in the October of 1917 could be called 'backward' by only those who understand nothing of revolution. Indeed, the proletariat of even an industrially, culturally and socially backward country could very well become far advanced politically and organisationally, provided that they were imbued with the noble ideology of Marxism-Leninism, being led by a genuinely Marxist party and pursuing the correct base political line.

By this yardstick, as Lenin at that time showed clearly and repeatedly, the then Russian proletariat was rather the most advanced detachment in the world, far ahead also of their brothers in Europe—a point which is not always correctly grasped by many pundits.

Therefore, the question of raising the proletariat's level of revolutionary consciousness, i.e. class consciousness and its power of organisation, before the revolution—and that of consolidating and ensuring its unimpeded rule, i.e. the dictatorship of the proletariat, after the seizure of power—does incontrovertibly and absolutely depend on the role of its vanguard detachment, the communist party. Stalin splendidly said: "Without organisation the proletariat is nothing, with organisation it is everything."

## REVISIONISTS DISTORT THE MARXIST-LENINIST CONCEPT OF THE STATE AND REVOLUTION

Before revolution the proletariat has only its party; after revolution the state is added with the party. The sole historical function of the proletarian state is to resist and crush, by all means—ideological, political and moral—the continuous and endless attempts of the overthrown bourgeoisie to stage a comeback, and in this way to advance socialism during the entire period of its transition into the classless world communist society of the future. It cannot be anything but sheer naivette, or a calculated bourgeois argument for confusing the people, to say that such

a difficult historical struggle could be undertaken by the proletariat state without the continuously and strictly maintained leadership of the proletarian party. On the contrary, does not the Marxist-Leninist concept of the dictatorship of the proletariat incorporate, as a rule, the concept of the leading role of the party too? Deny it—and you get at once bogged down in revisionism, not Marxism-Leninism. Indeed, revisionism had always meant and does mean nothing but covert bourgeois attack on, and distortion and vulgarisation of, the Marxist-Leninist party concept and theory of the state and revolution. It has been so since the days of Bernstein—and remains so today. The proponents of such revisionist trash, like Khrushchev, Gorbachev, and Yeltsin have already proved themselves to be 'wolf in sheep's clothing', as capitalist-roaders and as lackeys of imperialism. History has repeatedly vindicated the correctness of Marxism-Leninism and refuted revisionism, exposing its capitalist essence hidden underneath its pseudo-socialist and pseudo-Marxist shell. Especially in socialism, it is the only and invariable ideological form of attack of the overthrown bourgeoisie.

Is there a way to fight it to finish, in socialism particularly? There is.

## CONTINUOUS PROLETARIAN CULTURAL REVOLUTION THE WAY

Lenin said, socialism is the transitional period in which dying capitalism and nascent communism both exist. The tenacious capitalist influence pervades and permeates the socialist society ideologically, politically, morally, ethically and even through the old 'forces of habit' by means of a thousand old links, channels, social connections and forms of production relation, etc., all of which cannot be abolished or exhausted for long, even in socialism. Indeed consolidating, safeguarding and advancing the gains of the revolution is much more difficult and arduous than accomplishing revolution itself.

Therefore, in order to combat this influence, strengthen the dictatorship of the proletariat and thereby ensure consolidation and continuous advancement of socialism, the communists first of all need to broaden and deepen proletarian democracy in a socialist society. Proletarian democracy connotes the proletarian way of life, reflecting collective property relations and collective outlook and approach to all questions of life. It is completely different from and higher than the concept of bourgeois democracy reflecting the bourgeois way of life, i.e. private property relations and individualistic outlook and attitude on all questions of life. It is quite clear that historically, philosophically, politically or in moral and cultural aspects as well these two different concepts indicate two

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## A Dangerous Omen

Every year the people of our country listen to the patent speeches of the President and the Prime Minister on the eve of the Republic Day and the Independence Day. The messages always appear to be a mockery to the poor Indians and, at the same time, to be sheer hypocrisy on maintaining democratic rights and values. This year the Independence Day speech of the Prime Minister has signalled the further oncoming assault on parliamentary democracy itself. He had urged his countrymen to leave aside all the disputes and debates in social life for three years. For, he said the "issues that have been threatening the country's unity and integrity" be stalled for three years which will go a long way to usher in progress and prosperity. To this end, the Prime Minister sought cooperation of all political parties, meaning particularly the opposition parties including the CPI(M) and the CPI.

The very Prime Minister, after being installed in power always pompously assured the people of a brighter prospect of prosperity, while implementing his new industrial, financial and economic policies. And now, before just one year of his rule has passed, all his assurances have resulted in spiralling price rise, continuing inflation, wage cut, mass retrenchment, closure, ban on recruitment, and to cap it all, 'right to fire', i.e. retrenchment in a mass scale in both private and public sectors.

While the Prime Minister's contention of the Independence Day speech comes out in bold relief, covertly though, aiming at launching a new offensive on the working class, he kept mum over the burning problems of people's life, mentioned above.

This is a reflection of the interest of the exploitative capitalist class which is gravely apprehensive of waves of strong movements, that may surge in the wake of out and out pro-monopoly anti-people industrial, fiscal, tax policies of the Rao government.

About a month back the Prime Minister at a gathering of Assam PCC(I) at Guwahati, apparently referring to the ongoing strike of the truck owners, in general terms denounced 'strikes' and said strikes "hampered the process of national development".

The cat was out : "...a consensus among all political parties against strike" was his thrust in the address. Meanwhile, the Prime Minister has made his government's resolve known to introduce a new labour Bill in the next session of the Parliament which would put a blanket ban on 'strike'.

The ASSOCHAM, FICCI, etc., the organisations of the monopoly houses, have already demanded moratorium on strikes and are waiting in the lurch with full-throated support for the infamous Industrial Relations Bill with such atrocious provisions in the offing. The Prime Minister's views on the Independence Day speech is thus an extension of what the tycoons of corporate sectors of the country have candidly expressed ostensibly for suppression of legitimate mass and trade union movements.

The Independence Day speech of the Prime Minister, in whatever language it may be, is designed, in reality, to safeguard the interest of of MNCs and the country's corporate sector by way of ensuring 'industrial peace'. Another sinister design of Mr. Rao is to keep his government safe from the fallout of the share market scam and the Bofors gun deal. Because, if the enquiry reports are out they will create severe public commotion throughout the country and may cause instability to the minority Congress(I) government at the Centre.

More importantly, the Prime Minister's message suggests total disregard for the democratic polity inasmuch as debarring opposition parties, albeit through national consensus, from debates and discordant notes on all aspects of social life in the parliamentary democratic set-up, the democratic polity, as such, is buried in its wake. Thus, taken to logical conclusion, the pretext for a moratorium on all contentious political issues smacks of entering into an arena of undeclared Emergency of one party rule.

Will the people accept lying down this sinister design of the Rao government to throttle democracy and safeguard the interest of the capitalist exploiters at the cost of people's life? Or is it not high time the people came forward to resist these authoritarian measures of the Congress(I) government?

We urge the Left and democratic

## UTUC (LS) Condemns PM's 15th Aug. Speech

Sharply reacting to the proposal of moratorium put forward by the Prime Minister in his Independence Day speech this year, Comrade Tapas Dutta, All India General Secretary of UTUC (Lenin Sarani), on 17th August last has issued the following statement to the press.

"The Prime Minister, in his Independence Day address to the nation this year, has proposed a national consensus in favour of enforcing a three-year moratorium on debates and controversies centring round contending issues and pressing problems for the sake of smooth and speedy implementation of economic strategies being pursued by the Government of India. It is more than clear that the Government of India, wants the nation to accept an undisturbed, unopposed and unabated persuasion and implementation of its worst anti-people and pro-monopoly, pro-multinational New Industrial and Economic policies. Hence the moratorium on debates, controversies and pressing problems, is in fact, a moratorium on ongoing movements against New Industrial and Economic Policies in particular and moratorium on democratic rights, process and activities in general. By proposing a so-called national consensus, the Prime Minister of India, is, in fact, proposing a consensus in favour of its pro-monopoly policies and acceptance of privatisation of public sector, exit policy and unrestricted entry of foreign capital in Indian economy, to which, UTUC (Lenin Sarani) refuse to be a party.

"We appeal to all sections of well-meaning, patriotic people and lovers of democratic rights and values as well as to the different political and trade union forces to reject this heinous proposal and thus refuse to be the party to the deceptive conspiracy of imposing undeclared Emergency on the nation. It is clear that the the Prime Minister has rung the bell of undeclared Emergency in his Independence Day address to the nation this year".

parties and forces to take movement-oriented approach from the basic fact of history that it is the organised strength of the people that decides the destiny, especially at the hour of grave crisis in people's life.

## UTUC's (LS) APPEAL

[ The following appeal was issued to all TU's home and abroad to observe 1st Sept. as International Solidarity Day against US imperialist attacks, on 9. 7. 92 ]

Comrades and Friends,

The 1st of September, the day 2nd World War broke out in 1939, is observed by different Trade Union Centres as 'International Day of Trade Union Actions for Peace' every year. UTUC (Lenin Sarani), India, fully shares this view that this time a new dimension has been added to the issue of peace in view of the increasing neo-colonial attacks and naked interference into the internal affairs of sovereign independent nations by imperialism, US imperialism in particular. Emboldened at the fall of Socialist States in Eastern Europe and of the Soviet Union as superpower resulting in a significant change in the world situation, the imperialists, particularly, the US imperialists, in their desperate bid to give shape to a 'Unipolar World' and 'New World Order' with their absolute political-economic-military supremacy, have stepped up their neo-colonial attacks and audacious criminal activities against the liberty and sovereignty of nations, weaker nations in particular, violating all sorts of accepted democratic norms, values and principles of human rights. On the plea of protecting sovereignty of Kuwait, it imposed a most uncivilised, barbarous and unjust war in the Gulf area with a view to protecting its oil empire and establishing unchallengeable supremacy in the Middle East. Ban on oil export has been imposed on Iraq to force her surrender totally. It is worth mentioning that not even after the Second World War ban on export trade of defeated Germany, Italy and Japan was imposed.

Its conspiracy to destabilise Cuba, crush her sovereignty and dismantle the existing economic-political system of the country is continuing unabated. For sometime past, Bush administration has further tightened the 30 years long economic blockade, depriving by force the Cuban people of medicine, baby food and emergency necessities of life with a view to strangulating Cuba to death and killing once for

all, the bold voice of protest. United States, the chieftain of international gangsterism, terrorism and state violence, is today accusing Libya of the same offence and has imposed economic sanctions against Libya using manipulated UN resolution. US imperialism, the worst violator of human rights, interfering into the internal affairs of China on the plea of protecting human rights. Through the IMF and the World Bank, the US imperialism is imposing humiliating conditions on different countries, particularly the developing and underdeveloped countries, and frantically attempting to shape and pattern the internal affairs, economy and politics of these countries in a way that suits its imperialist interest. More or less, every developing and underdeveloped country, including ours, is subjected to face more and more neo-colonial attacks today. In brief, the US imperialism, the chief of the world imperialist camp, has appeared today as the greatest enemy of the mankind and because of its growing aggressive and desperate move for world domination on the one hand and sharpening contradiction within the imperialist camp on the other, the world situation has become so volatile that the danger of even largescale war, has increased manifold. In this grave and alarming situation, we feel, that the peace movement must be directed, in the main, against US imperialism and its increasing neo-colonial attacks. And it is high time the trade union centres, irrespective of affiliation, come closer to develop a 'front against imperialism and neo-colonial attacks' as the instrument, to intensify trade union action for peace and defence of the cause of the working people of the world.

In this backdrop, friends, let us observe 1st September this year as an 'International Solidarity Day of Trade Unions and the Working People against US Imperialism and Neo-colonial Attacks' and set in motion the process of developing an uncompromising fighting instrument against imperialism, war and for lasting peace.

Awaiting your response,

With revolutionary greetings,

TAPAS DUTTA

General Secretary

United Trade Union Centre (L S)

## Solidarity Day with Cuba Observed

TAMILNADU

In observance of the 'International Solidarity with Cuba Day' the Tamilnadu State Committee of the party organised a demonstration on 26th July in front of the US Consulate in Madras. The demonstration demanded of the US to immediately stop its various aggressive moves and interference in the internal affairs of other countries in general and Cuba in particular. The Indian Government was also criticised for its pro-imperialist policies against the anti-imperialist tradition and aspiration of the common people. An appeal to the people to extend moral and material support for the heroic and fighting people of Cuba was made. Comrade S Narayanasamy and Comrade R Bahaskaran both, state committee members, addressed the gathering.

ORISSA

A rally at Bhubaneswar on 26th July was organised by the Orissa State Committee, SUCI to observe "International Solidarity with Cuba Day". Defying inclement weather more than a thousand of students, youths, women and toiling people marched from the Rly. station to the Raj Mahal Square where rally was addressed by Comrades Mayadhar Nayak, Bina Das, Dhurjati Das, Unddhab Jena—all State Committee members. The rally passed a resolution condemning the imperialist interference of the US and its violation of democratic norms and human rights. The rally expressed concern over the US machinations to turn UNO into a tool in their hands. It also condemned the shameful surrender of the Indian Government to the US design.

## Premchand Remembered

Premchand memorial day was observed under the auspices of Sagar District Committee (Madhya Pradesh), AIDSO on 28th July at Pandit Nehru School. The meeting was addressed by Comrade K. D. Sharma who said that Premchand, way back in 1932-33, could read through the character of the Congress and showed in his works that freedom under the former could not bring about an end from the oppression and exploitation of capital. A debate competition was also organised on the occasion which was conducted by Comrade Ramavatar Singh.

## Identify personal interest with that of class, party and revolution

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different stages of social development. One is decadent, moribund and obsolete while the other is progressive, new and higher than ever seen throughout the whole process of social evolution.

However, for the broadest masses of the people to attain this level, it requires a systematic, continuous and conscious effort on the part of the party. Therefore, in a socialist society, it is imperative to continue proletarian cultural revolutions one after another, to continuously raise the level of proletarian consciousness and culture of the masses as well as of the entire rank and file and leadership of the party. And it would continue to be the key task of the party till the entire mankind, being freed from all hangovers of the class-divided societies of the past, and having fully acquired the proletarian moral and cultural values, have irreversibly passed over from the socialist to the communist stage of society; when, as Marx visualised, all have become renaissance men'. Till then it remains the uppermost task before the party to continue the proletarian cultural revolutions one after another. This is exactly what Mao Zedong did in China and which then our party, led by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, himself wholeheartedly supported and welcomed as 'magnificent'.

Contrarily, to run after the notion of creating 'abundance in production' or 'material prosperity' by any means, leaving this vital task unaccomplished which Khrushchev did in the USSR and Deng Xiaoping is now doing in China in the name of 'modernisation', would be disastrous. It would inevitably lead to economism-reformism-revisionism, disorganise the centralised and planned socialist economy and bring into it anarchy, speculation, and disorganisation and into the society complete chaos and disorder. This has already happened in the erstwhile USSR and will happen wherever this vital task is neglected.

It is not at all a fact that cultural revolution hampers or impedes socialist production, as the revisionist Deng leadership would have the people believe. On the contrary, it alone can continuously consolidate and improve the social conditions, including production, and help its all-out advancement by continuously revolutionising the moral qualities as well as the creative abilities of each and everyone. For, cultural revolution reshapes and remoulds the minds of the people inspiring and imbuing them with identifying their personal interests with those of the proletariat, the party and socialism. It thus paves the way for the eventual transformation of the antagonistic contradiction

between the individual and the social interest into a non-antagonistic one.

### IDENTIFICATION WITH THE CLASS, THE PARTY AND REVOLUTION—HALLMARK OF TRUE COMMUNIST CHARACTER

Moreover, proletarian cultural revolution does not begin only after the revolution has been accomplished and state power captured by the proletariat. Cultural revolution necessarily precedes technical revolution. That is to say, it precedes the actual seizure of power. Mao Zedong said it in a different way: Before every revolution it is necessary to work in the ideological sphere. The greatest teacher of the proletariat, Marx said that before changing the world, workers will have to change themselves first. All these are basic teachings without grasping which one will never realize what Marxism-Leninism really is and how noble an ideology it is indeed. Comrade Ghosh pointed it out when he said that like in every other great philosophy of the past, the kernel and essence of Marxism-Leninism also lay in its ethical and cultural standard. A true Marxist is a man of great character, cultural, ethical values and aesthetic taste, just as all great Marxist leaders had been.

The level of this proletarian culture in a communist can be assessed objectively only by the degree of identification of his or her personal interest with that of the proletariat, the party and revolution—and that too only on the criterion of his or her objective role in organizing the class and mass struggles under the leadership of the party. This is the real test of one's sense of loyalty to the party and revolution without which one can never become a true communist even if gifted with considerable intellectual and organisational or other abilities.

Therefore, we must beware of slackening our vigilance in this struggle. We must always guard against all unprincipled compromises on questions of ideology, organisation and personal life. Because, such compromises are bound to lower our level of consciousness, render us defenceless before all sorts of bourgeois and revisionist illusion. The remedy lies in constantly and continuously upgrading ideological, political, ethical standard of the party—starting from the leaders at the top to the ordinary cadres at the bottom. We should always keep in our mind the fact that there is no final point in this struggle and no one is infallible.

This is why our party is repeatedly emphasising the indispensability of conducting a two-fold struggle: to engage on the one hand in building up class and mass struggles with a view to organising mighty democratic mass movements throughout the country; build up through these movements the people's struggle committees, as their own instruments of struggle, along with a strong volunteer corps and, in its wake, give birth to people's own alternative political power, as embodied by the Soviets,

## NATION PAYS HOMAGE TO THE GREAT LEADER

The Sixteenth Anniversary of the demise of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was observed all over the country through literature campaign and propagation of thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh through various means. In the states state-level mass meetings were organised and all the meetings after garlanding the portrait of Comrade Ghosh started with the song 'the great leader' and ended with the 'Internationale'. We are publishing here the news of the states so far received.

### HARYANA

On 5th August the Haryana State Organising Committee held a mass meeting commemorating the revolutionary life and struggles of Frederick Engels and Shibdas Ghosh at Rohtak under the presidency of Comrade Balwant Singh, convenor, Haryana State Organising Committee.

Comrade Pritish Chanda, member, Politburo of the Party, the main speaker, in his speech unmasked the character of the so-called Left parties who have proved to be the part and parcel of the establishment to protect this capitalist system. When in power they behave just the opposite to what they profess when in opposition. He appealed to the people to strengthen the SUCI, the only hope of revolution in India. On the international questions, he said that the proletariat will again be victorious with their invincible weapon of Marxism-Leninism.

Others who spoke in the meeting were Comrades Balwant Singh and Satyawan.

### BIHAR

The Bihar State Committee of the party organised a mass meeting on 5th August at Hindi Sahitya Sammelan Hall, Patna, with Comrade Amriteswar Chakraborty, Secretary, Bihar State Committee of the party in the chair.

The main speaker of the meeting was Comrade Shankar Singh, member, Politburo

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from the grassroots levels upward. Experience of these struggles alone can steel our communist character properly. Today, this is the one and the only way to help mature the revolutionary potentialities hidden within the womb of the apparently dark present international and national situation. I believe that individually and collectively, you will all take up the challenge to carry forward the struggle to its logical culmination.

Red Salute Comrade Shibdas Ghosh!  
Long Live Anti-Capitalist Socialist

Revolution!  
Long Live Proletarian Internationalism!  
Long Live SUCI!

## Nation Pays homage to the Great Leader

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of the party. Comrade Singh in his address said that the very many questions on the national and international situations were appearing in the minds of the common people of our country. And the correct answer to each of these questions can be found in the invaluable teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of the present era and the departed founder General Secretary of the SUCI.

Comrade Singh further said that the analysis of Comrade Ghosh regarding the defective approach and wrong steps of different communist parties the world over has proved true. So, to get rid of the mistakes and to ensure and accelerate the emancipation of the people, the cultivation of thoughts of Comrade Ghosh is a must. And through this we can pay our homage to his memory in the best way. He appealed to the comrades and the people to proceed along this course.

### ORISSA

The Orissa State Committee, SUCI, observed 5th August through a state-level mass meeting at Saheed Bhavan Hall, Cuttack with Comrade Binapani Das, member State Secretariat in the chair. People from different parts of the state converged on the meeting place after parading the main thoroughfares of the city.

Comrade Tapas Dutta, member of the Central Committee of party, the main speaker, in his address analysed the present crisis as a result of restoration of capitalism in the Soviet Union and East European countries and the emergence of US imperialism as the all powerful force which was bent on endangering the sovereignty of weaker nations not bowing down to its dictates. These things did not at all prove that Marxism was wrong or unscientific, he said. Comrade Suresh Dasgupta, member of the Central Committee, SUCI, was also present on dais.

### KERALA

5th of August, the death anniversary of two giant communist leaders, Frederick Engels and Shibdas Ghosh was observed through a meeting at Indraprastham Auditorium, Kottayam, on the day with Comrade C K Lukose, party's State Secretary in the chair.

Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta, member, Central Committee of the party was the main speaker. He said the Congress(I), the most trusted political agent of the ruling capitalist class, was bringing in anti-people economic, political and industrial measures to safeguard the crisis-ridden capitalism. He said, only that anti-Congress (I) shade and stance which is anti-capitalism can serve the interest of the people.

On the international situation Comrade Dasgupta said, as per the laws of social

science revolution and socialism can be the only future of mankind and hence the present severe setback cannot but be a temporary one.

### TAMILNADU

The Tamilnadu State Committee, SUCI, organised the state-level memorial meeting at Sivakashi, on 9th August presided over by Comrade Jagannathan, Secretary, Tamilnadu State Committee of the party. The main speaker of the meeting was Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta, member, Central Committee, SUCI.

Comrade Dasgupta while elaborating the national and international situation highlighted the thoughts of Comrade Ghosh and showed how correct and timely were the teachings and warning of Comrade Ghosh. He appealed to the people to build up powerful democratic movements.

Comrade Pattabiraman, member State Secretariat of the party translated Comrade Dasgupta's speech in Tamil. Earlier hundreds of workers of match and printing industries marched through the main streets of the town and converged on the meeting place.

### WEST BENGAL

The West Bengal State Committee of the SUCI observed 5th August with due solemnity. The Central meeting was held on the day at Esplanade East, Calcutta. A huge mass of people listened to the speeches of the President and the main speaker, Comrade Manik Mukherjee, member, State Secretariat and Secretary, Calcutta District Committee, SUCI was the President and Comrade Pravas Ghosh, member, Central Committee of the party was the main speaker. In his speech, Comrade Ghosh said that in the absence of the powerful socialist camp, the USA, the chieftain of world imperialism, had increased its economic and military onslaughts on the nations of the third world endangering their sovereignty and world peace. He urged to unleash powerful movement to stall this neocolonial and imperialist onslaughts.

### ASSAM

The Assam State Committee of our party held on 5th August Comrade Shibdas Ghosh memorial meeting at the District Library Auditorium, Guwahati. Comrade Asit Bhattacharya, member, Central Committee, SUCI and the main speaker explained, among others, how imperative it was to grasp and uphold the great teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in retrieving the lost glory of communism.

Earlier a resolution was adopted strongly opposing the idea of intensifying military operation in the state and stressing negotiated settlement of the ULFA problems. It called upon the ULFA leadership, in view of the people's unpreparedness, to abandon armed struggle and thus save valuable young lives from the onslaughts of the Indian army.

### KARNATAKA

On the occasion of the 16th anniversary of the demise of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the Karnataka State Committee of the party held a mass meeting on 5th August at Gokhale Institute, Malleswaram, Bangalore. Comrade K Radhakrishna, State Secretary of the party, was in the chair.

Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, member Central Committee, SUCI, the main speaker, in his address, severely criticised the revisionists both in the national and international arena who caused severe damage to the communist movement. He said imperialism which was shivering in mortal fear after the victory of the Soviet Union over the fascist Germany and rise in tide of worldwide anti-imperialist struggles and peace movements under the worthy leadership of Stalin was today threatening world peace and endangering sovereignty of nations the world over—due to the long practice of revisionism starting from Khrushchev to renegade Gorbachev, Yeltsin. He also criticised the CPI(M) and CPI who all through had been supporting the Congress(I) at the time of its peril and thereby protecting the crisis-ridden capitalism.

### GUJARAT

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial meeting was held on 10th August at Gujarati Sahitya Parishad, Ahmedabad on behalf of the Gujarat Unit of the party Comrade Bhismay Shah, Secretary, Ahmedabad District Organising Committee, was in the chair.

The main speaker, Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, member, Central Committee of the party, dwelt at length on the philosophical aspects of Marxism. He said that as scientific truth never dies so also Marxism, which is the science of all sciences. The propaganda of the reactionaries and the capitalist-imperialists against Marxism-Leninism is nothing new and history will establish this truth that Marxism-Leninism is the destiny of mankind.

### TRIPURA

The Agartala District Organising Committee of SUCI observed 5th August through a meeting at Kaman Chowmohani, Agartala, on the day, presided over by Comrade Milan Majumder, Secretary, Agartala District Organising Committee.

The main speaker of the meeting was Comrade Prativa Mukherjee, member, West Bengal State Secretariat of the party. Comrade Mukherjee in her speech severely condemned the US imperialists which is extending its claws to destroy the sovereignty of Iraq, Cuba, and Libya. She urged the people to build up movements against the minority Narasimha Rao government which is inviting the US neocolonial onslaught on India and implementing anti-people policies with the help of the so-called Left parties like the CPI(M) and CPI.

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## Sukinda Mines Workers Resisting Lockout

Sukinda, 10.8.92—The management of the Saruabil Chromite Mines has declared lock-out, when the workers led by Sukinda Upatyaka Mines Workers, Union (SUMWU) affiliated to the UTUC(LS) opposed the surreptitious move of the management to introduce machines which would have thrown thousands of workers out of job. This was in contravention of the tripartite agreement reached earlier with the management in 1989 after a protracted struggle. The management has suspended leading workers of the SUMWU including the secretary of the local unit and implicated them in false criminal cases. Still the movement is getting intensified day by day.

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UP

The UP State Committee of the party organised a state-level meeting at Pratap Garh, Allahabad on 7th August at Palit Ramnarayan junior school ground in which Dr. Sudhansu Kumar Malva, Professor, Allahabad Degree College, presided. The meeting was conducted by Comrade Jagannath Varma.

The main speaker Comrade B N Singh, Secretary, UP State Committee, in his speech severely criticised US imperialist onslaught on the countries of the Third World. He said that the change of government could not change the lot of the people. The only path left before us for the people's emancipation was the people's movement under the leadership of SUCI, the only genuine working class party in India

### MADHYA PRADESH

On 9th August, the Madhya Pradesh State Organising Committee, SUCI, observed Comrade Shibdas Ghosh memorial anniversary at Motilal Nehru School Sagar, at 6 30 PM.

Comrade Ashoke Ganguly, Secretary, State Organising Committee, the main speaker, in his speech said that the present catastrophe faced by the communist movement was envisaged long back by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh by the correct Marxist analysis.

Comrade K. D. Sharma, member State Organising Committee was the President of the meeting. Comrade Badsha Khan, Central Staff, was present on the dias.

We are yet to receive the 5th August news from Delhi, AP, Rajasthan and Maharashtra.

## Movement against Capitation Fees in AP

In Andhra Pradesh, against the Janardan Reddy Government's recent order on private colleges permitting donation and capitation fees for 50% of the seats, termed management quota, as also against allowing 12 medical and 8 dental colleges to be run by private individuals, the AIDS0, AP State Organising Committee jumped into movement. Later, a joint movement started in which, besides AIDS0 SEI, AISF, Telugu Vidyarthi, PDSU (Thirugubatu) and CPI(ML) Praja-Pantha group also joined. AIDS0 led rallies once on 29th July to the Secretariat and another on 3rd August to the High Court.

The movement has now spread to many professional colleges and students are boycotting classes and examinations.

## Karnataka

### AIDS0's remarkable victory

The students of Karnataka achieved victory of their movement by forcing the Congress(I)-led state government to withdraw its decision to hike fees of admission and examination in the Pre-University courses. The State AIDS0 mobilised students in thousands throughout Karnataka and developed a popular movement which created pressure on the administration to revert its decision.

### Kerala convention against US war machination

A month-long extensive campaign throughout the state against imperialist-neocolonial attacks and threat of war culminated in a people's convention at Sahithya Parishad Hall, Ernakulam on 20th July. The convention was inaugurated by Justice V. R. Krishna Iyer, President of the Front Against Imperialist Neo-colonial Attacks and Threat of War and for Peace. Reputed social activist & writer Mr. P. P. Ummer Koya was the guest-in-chief. Among others Dr. P. K. Sukumaran, veteran social activist, Mr. S. C. S. Menon, reputed trade union leader and Mr. Hafiz Mohammed, a well known young writer addressed the convention. The proceeding was conducted by a two-member presidium consisting of Sri M. V. Devan, an eminent artist and Sri K. P. Kosala

## CPI(M)'s Attack to Annihilate SUCI State Leader

A band of CPI(M) criminals with lethal weapons swooped violently on SUCI leaders at Maipith, Kultali P.S. in the district of South 24-Parganas, West Bengal in the broad daylight on 26th August last, assaulted them grievously and tried to abduct them—all before the very eyes of the police.

The dastardly attack was mounted on a meeting in the Maipith area of Kultali P.S. espousing solidarity with the people of Cuba and observance of 'Martyrs' Day on 31st August'. Comrade Yakub Pailan, the popular peasant leader, Secretary, South 24 Parganas Dist. Committee and a veteran State Secretariat member of the party, while holding a meeting along with seven other district leaders of the party, was mercilessly assaulted. The police reached there the following day on 27th noon after our party comrades rescued them with broken limbs and grievous injuries despite 'assurance' given by the Home Secretary and a senior Cabinet Minister of the 'Left Front' Government to immediately rescue them the previous day.

Just before going this news to the print, report has reached that the CPI(M) has again perpetrated murderous assault today (28.8.92) in another area of Kulrali P.S. The party has called a bandh on 29th August in Kultali & Joynagar and other areas.

### TN Education Meet

A district level Save Education Convention was held on 24th July at Nagercoil, Kanyakumari District, Tamilnadu against the anti-people policies of the Centre and State Governments. Many educationists, public figures, teachers and students participated in the convention. The convention passed a resolution demanding the withdrawal of the New Education Policy, 1986 and stoppage of capitation fees. The convention also made a demand to retain the computer study centre of the A. T. Women's University and prawn development research centre of the Madurai Kamraj University in Kanyakumari District.

Ramdas, a veteran trade union leader. The state unit of the Front Against Imperialist Neo-colonial Attacks and Threat of War & for Peace was elected at the end of the convention.

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