

Which Class Interest Does It Serve ?

The CPI(M)-led Left Front's despicable appeasement centring round the imperialist British delegation's recent Calcutta visit has not only dealt a severe blow to the anti-imperialist tradition of the people, but has also caused severe damage to the democratic movement of West Bengal. The CPI(M) leadership is taking great pains to paint British imperialist capital as the messiah of Bengal. It has invited the capital of those very British imperialists who subjugated our beloved motherland for long two centuries, robbed and plundered the Indians, perpetrated massacre of innocents to perpetuate their imperialist rule, even after 47 years of independence.

In fact, from the arrival of the British trade delegation headed by British Trade Minister Mr Richard Needham on 13th November night, their hectic conferences with various commerce houses and heads of industry and the ministers headed by the Chief Minister Mr Jyoti Basu till their departure on 15th November reminds one of the days of the establishment of the British Raj brought about by the East India Company chieftain Robert Clive in collusion with Jagat Seth, Umichand and company. This whole exercise of appeasement came as a rude shock to the patriotic and freedom loving people of our country. Many people really could not imagine that the CPI(M) will join the chorus of industrialisation of India raised by the Congress(I) in order to hoax the people. But to their dismay they found that throwing away its anti-imperialist mask the CPI(M) knelt down before the British imperialists with a beggar's

bowl. This incident proves once again that the more the crisis of capitalism deepens the more blunt become tactics of social democracy. In fact, the more the crisis the more narrow becomes the arena of activity and efficacy of social democratic magic to hoodwink the people. The new economic and industrial policy of Narasimha Rao-Manmohan Singh & Co. in the interest of Indian monopolists to open the doors to the foreign multinationals has been branded by the CPI(M) leadership as out and out anti-people and disastrous for the country. Time and again this party has been seen to have opposed this policy in public, but now that very CPI(M) boastfully declares that the new economic and industrial policy has a great role to play in the industrialisation of West Bengal and the Left Front wants to utilise it. And this same CPI(M) which has abolished English from the primary level of school education in the state on the plea, among others, that 'learning of English' is some sort of 'slavish mentality' to British imperialism, is now engaged in appearing in all possible ways and inviting the British imperialist capital to West Bengal.

Naturally, this stand of the CPI(M) has elated the big industrial circles of West Bengal and the British Industry Minister Mr Needham is all praise for the pragmatism of the CPI(M) leadership and eulogised Mr Jyoti Basu by saying that he knows Mr Basu as always a pragmatic man. In their praise of the policy decision of the CPI(M) these imperialist sharks have said that once the leadership of the CPI(M) takes the pragmatic stand to encourage capital

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investment, both foreign and indigenous, the CPI(M) rank and file would no more raise any question and abide by the party's policy statement with strict discipline. Is it really so? Do the CPI(M) workers and supporters think so?

The fact is that the various utterances at different times by the top CPI(M) leaders including Jyoti Basu on the question of 'industrialisation of West Bengal' are not only self-contradictory and opportunistic but at the same time not consistent with CPI(M)'s party programme even. In the Clause 95 of the CPI(M) Programme it has been inter alia stated that the people have rejected "the tortuous path of capitalist development which is historically outmoded." (Page 42, November 1971 print) (Contd. on page 2)

NAGPUR TRAGEDY: INSTITUTE PUBLIC ENQUIRY BY MEN OF INTEGRITY

The massacre of nearly two hundred Adivasi people by police in front of the Maharashtra Assembly at Nagpur on 23.11.94 has sent shock waves among people. In protest of this brutality a bandh was observed on 24th November in which our party was a sponsor. The SUCI also called upon the people to observe bandh in entire Maharashtra on 28th November last along with other opposition parties. Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary, SUCI, has strongly condemned the brutal lathicharge by the Congress(I)-led Maharashtra police, resulting in the tragic deaths, sent an Open Letter to the President of India and has appealed to all the left and democratic parties and forces to build up a countrywide united protest movement to defend democratic rights. All the texts are given below.

Press Statement

In a statement issued to the press on 24-11-94, Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary, SUCI, has strongly condemned the brutal and barbaric lathicharge by the police on a procession of 50,000 strong tribals moving towards Maharashtra Assembly yesterday which has taken a toll of more than 150 lives caused mostly by stampede. He has also demanded institution of a high-power non-official enquiry by eminent personalities, adequate compensation to the next of kins of the deceased and the injured and exemplary punishment to those found guilty.

Open Letter to the President

Date: 26.11.1994

Dear Mr. President,
 The uncalled for and mindless police

sparing not children and women even, on 23.11.94, in Nagpur, Maharashtra, would make every Indian hang his head in shame.

The prompt show of customary sympathy by the Prime Minister for the dead would neither touch the heart of the matter nor bring to book the guilty. Nor can the State Chief Minister, by offering compensation, or by declaring a judicial probe, absolve himself or his administration of the responsibility or rather the criminal irresponsibility of and indulgence in such savagery unparalleled. The hypocrisy of the State Government is manifest in the attempt to shift the entire blame on the very Adivasis who were killed and brutalised and shield the administration, the police and the Home Minister thus.

Under the circumstances, we urge you to guarantee that the whole truth is revealed, full justice is done and the guilty is punished, without considerations of fear or favour. In the present circumstances, this can only be done by a high-power public enquiry commission constituted by jurists, journalists, educationists and other men of integrity and eminence.

We expect you to take immediate steps in this direction in a truly democratic spirit.

With best regards,

Truly yours,

Sd/Nihar Mukherjee
 General Secretary,
 S.U.C.I.

Appeal For United Movement

Date: 29.11.94

Dear Comrade,

We are aware that the hitherto unprecedented police atrocity in Nagpur on 23.11.94, killing nearly two hundred Adivasis, children and women included, has shocked and pained you no less than it has done us.

Undoubtedly, such naked onslaught on not only the democratic rights but even the sanctity of life of the people needs to be immediately and unequivocally condemned. Our party has already organised protests against this savagery and sent an Open Letter to the President of India, enclosed for your perusal. However, we strongly feel that this grave occasion calls for a countrywide united protest by all who wish to defend democratic rights, norms and values.

Only thus, we believe, can we uphold the interest and guard against such monstrosity.

We hope that you will surely respond to the need arising out of this grave situation and communicate at your earliest, with Comrade Pritish Chanda or Comrade Ashutosh Banerji, authorised Central Committee members of the party, at our Delhi Office to devise the common course of action.

With revolutionary greetings,

Comradely yours,

Sd/ Nihar Mukherjee
 General Secretary

The L. F. Govt. has become a part & parcel of this exploitative system

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But the CPI(M) now is advocating for that very historically outmoded path of capitalist development which the party has denounced in its Programme. In fact, after assuming power in West Bengal the CPI(M) is following that industrial policy of outmoded capitalist development. In this 'bourgeois-landlord state headed by big bourgeoisie', the CPI(M) leaders even go to the extent of claiming to build up West Bengal as a number one industrially developed state of India. And this is what is termed as pragmatic policy. Its General Secretary Harkishan Singh Surjeet has stated that though there is no difference of opinion among the party leadership regarding the industrial policy of West Bengal Government even then the Politburo will bring out a document answering to some questions raised in the party. The document will explain the role of the Left Front Government in the economic development of West Bengal in the background of Central Government's economic policy, he stated. In this connection, Mr Surjeet in explaining his party's viewpoints said: "West Bengal is not an independent state and we are not building socialism there. We are functioning within the capitalist system with extremely limited powers." (*People's Democracy*, 30.10.94) In other words, the Left Front Government of W. Bengal remaining within this historically outmoded path of capitalist development expects to bring about a rapid industrialisation of the state in collaboration with the foreign and indigenous monopoly houses and thus will elevate the state as the foremost industrial centre of India! What more false and impractical theory of industrialisation and left opportunist explanation can be than this!

As a matter of fact, the CPI(M) leadership is trying to achieve three objectives at a time. (1) The CPI(M), in conformity with the economic and industrial policy of the Centre formulated in the interest of the indigenous and foreign multinationals, wants to keep the support it got from the international and national capital unaffected; (2) For the utter anti-people role of the Left Front Government for the past 17 years, much hatred and indignation have accumulated in the public mind. The life of the working class here has become unbearable owing to unbridled exploitation, deprivation and oppression by the capitalists. Under the circumstances, the CPI(M) leadership in order to divert the attention of the people is trying to utilise the slogan of industrial development as a tactics. Side by side, by raising the slogan 'no movement, no strike, only industrialisation' it is striving to appease the capitalists both foreign and Indian. At the same time, it wants to create a false air that at last something tangible is going to come out soon—all ultimately aimed at achieving the parliamentary ends. (3) In an attempt to mislead its honest workers, supporters and the pro-communist section of the population among whom it has still some leftist image left, the CPI(M) wants to advance a 'Marxist analysis' in favour of this anti-people and pro-monopoly industrial policy under the smokescreen of 'capitalist system', 'we are not building socialism', 'extremely limited power', etc., etc. Keeping this in view, the CPI(M)

Politburo has been told to prepare a document on the subject in spite of the fact that there is no difference of opinion among the leaders!

It has become necessary in the interest of the mass and class struggles to expose, along with the out and out anti-people economic and industrial policy of the Central Congress(I) Government, the real design behind the slogan of 'industrial development' and the 'Marxist analysis' of the CPI(M). However 'novel' it may claim this very policy the CPI(M) is surreptitiously pursuing ever since it came to power in West Bengal in 1977.

Mr Jyoti Basu and other CPI(M) leaders are unleashing a propaganda campaign everywhere that an unprecedentedly favourable industrial climate conducive to the rapid industrial growth has been created in West Bengal which can in no way be disturbed or obstructed. But the question cannot but arise as to who is going to obstruct this? If it has been sought to mean that it is the movement of the working class, but not the unfettered closure, lock-out, lay-off, retrenchment and various other measures of the employers at their will against which the workers had no alternative than to resort to movement, that is standing in the way of industrialisation, within whatever limited scope is there at present—then surely it does not fit in with reality. Even if for argument's sake anyone goes by the pet theory of the bourgeois statesmen and their spokesmen then also the picture is somewhat different. In the past 17 years was there any working class movement that could obstruct this so-called industrialisation? Can any such incident be cited in their favour? Rather, the owners of the mills and factories have misappropriated crores of rupees of provident fund and ESI dues workers, closed the industry without giving the remuneration for the period worked, increased the workload, deducted the salaries, took recourse to retrenchment, lay off and lock out, etc. In a word, the entire burden of crisis of the industry has been shifted on the shoulders of the working class with the tacit approval of the government. And in almost all these anti-working class measures the big trade unions like the CITU and the INTUC of the CPI(M) and the Congress(I) respectively as the appendage of the owners have either forced the workers to accept the anti-labour steps or created an air that there was no alternative than to go by the wishes of the employers. Many workers' families have perished or took to the path of suicide. This is the general picture of West Bengal.

The inner meaning of all these talks is that Mr Jyoti Basu wants to 'prove' before the foreign and Indian money-bags how much serious they are really about industrial development of the state to help them to reap super profit. His real intention becomes exposed when we hear him say 'We want responsible trade union movement only'. What does Mr Basu mean by the word 'responsible' and what is its limit beyond which it will be branded irresponsible? By these does Mr Jyoti Basu want to join the chorus of the owning class that the bad industrial climate in the state is because of trade union movement? Is it at all a fact? Does Mr Basu want to assure the capitalists that they can exploit the workers in any way they like to reap super profits while

the workers will have to abide by the wishes of the employers even if the anti-labour steps like retrenchment, lay off, wage-cut, increased workload are resorted to by the owners? And in that case the government will protect the interest of the industries meaning thereby the interests of the capitalists with all powers at its command. Is it what Mr Basu means by 'responsible' trade unionism? And if the workers take to the path of struggle in order to protect their own interests it will at once be labelled as 'irresponsible', to mend which the iron-hand of the government will come down heavily on the workers. Hence, nobody will be allowed to 'vitiate' the industrial environment which Mr Jyoti Basu and his party have been building up bit by bit during these 17 years!

But the most important question that cannot but arise is—is the clamour for industrialisation in West Bengal by the CPI(M) leaders really meant for the overall development of the living conditions of the people of the state which will help alleviate hunger and poverty? But the experience of the people is just the reverse. Take the case of Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation. The owners of the CESC, the Goenkas, on the one hand are giving a show of industrialisation in the state while on the other hand they, on various pleas, with the Left Front Government's approval, are increasing abnormally the power charges which has already gone beyond the reach of the lower middle class and middle class of Calcutta. Under the circumstances, does not this hue and cry of the Left Front Government that 'obstruction to industrialisation would not be tolerated' in reality mean that however higher the rate of electricity the Goenkas may increase, resistance to it will not be tolerated? 'Because that will jeopardise the process of industrial development of West Bengal initiated by the Goenkas.'

So we see the CPI(M)-led West Bengal Government is helping the Goenkas to hike the CESC power charges whatever and whenever they liked and side by side the State Government is also raising unabated the electricity rate of the State Electricity Board. And this way the government is abiding by the dictates of the IMF and the World Bank to increase the power tariff while raising a mock fight against the Centre over infiltration of imperialist capital and these financial bodies. But strangely enough, the same CPI(M) which the other day gave a call to the Indian people to fight against the infiltration of the imperialist capital through the GATT '94, which according to them, might endanger our sovereignty and might give rise to the need to wage a second war of independence itself is now inviting the foreign capital. So the new economic and industrial policy of the Centre and the GATT, signed by the Centre, which according to them were disastrous and dangerous for the country and the people and in the interest of imperialism, are being pursued by the CPI(M) itself.

So naturally it is certain that if in future any foreign company invests in power sector in the state on condition of an unusually high rate of return, the West Bengal Government will readily oblige them with all sorts of help at the cost of the people. But the people's protests will in no way be tolerated as that would

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Mr Jyoti Basu stands for employers' interest at the cost of workers

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'endanger the process of industrial development'. This bogey will be raised in every case, be that privatisation of state sector, indiscriminate computerisation, retrenchment, etc. The Central Congress(I) Government is following this same policy and tactics advancing the same pleas. And this is their performance for the good of the country! Of course for the country, because by country they mean the microscopic minority of the population —the monopolists, capitalists and the business circles and their henchmen who during these 47 years have ruthlessly exploited the people and amassed huge wealth to quench their greed for super profit.

Further, Mr Basu is advocating this interest of the capitalists by saying that national and foreign capital will come here not out of benevolence but to earn profit. This is the law of capitalism and nothing new in Mr Jyoti Basu's utterances. Capitalist system invariably means the system of earning maximum profit by the capitalists. This system of rule of capital has been going on unabated in India since independence. Political and economic domination of India before and after the new economic and industrial policy introduced in 1991 was and still is at the hands of the Indian capitalists. The only difference is that before 1991 the capitalist class did not proclaim loudly and aggressively that the rule of the owning class is supreme, earning the super profit is their birth right and unemployment, poverty and destitution and other concomitants of the system shall have to be accepted by the people as their inevitable fate. This has been possible due mainly to the weakness of the Indian working class movement as also because of the setback in the international communist movement. To thwart this onslaught on the working class the only way left before the genuine communists is to strengthen class and mass struggles conducive to the struggle for emancipation of the people.

But we see Mr Jyoti Basu advocating the justifiability of the profit making interest of the employers. And this is Jyoti Basu and his party's pragmatic attitude. Is not the so-called pragmatism an utter betrayal to the working class? This is social democracy which protects the interests of the capitalists while mouthing the slogan of working class interest.

The CPI(M)-led Left Front claims to usher in an industrial development of the state through the investment of British capital. In this context, Mr Charles Needham has emphasised the rejuvenation of the jute industry as one of his proposals. But strangely enough, one British citizen, Mr Mike Brearly, the owner of the Victoria Jute Mill, has put the mill under lock-out for about a year depriving the workers of their due wages even in collusion with the CITU and INTUC and BMS. And when the workers started a protest movement, the police of the Left Front Government retaliated by coming down heavily on the workers injuring many and secretly murdered Bhikhari Paswan, a worker, and threw his dead body into the Ganga from the Bally bridge as reported in a section of the press. And Mr Brearly is freely roaming without any hand of law touching him.

What is the real intention of the British capital? It has been made quite clear by Mr Needham at a meeting of the Confederation of Indian Industries. He said: "India should reduce import barriers and ensure reasonable rate of returns to attract both foreign investments and

that in the name of giving technical assistance the British imperialists want to exploit an open Indian market for the sale of their produce. It is applicable in case of USA, Japan and other imperialist powers who in order to overcome their severe economic crisis want the unrestricted Indian market. Whatever capital from these countries is flowing in is being invested in the stock market with a huge return. There is no growth of production in the real sense nor the growth of productive capacity. In spite of all this, why is the share index rising by leaps and bounds? It is because of the foreign investments in the share capital. Whatever little foreign capital is being invested in industry it is only in the production of fast food and varieties of foreign food bringing happiness and elation in the hearts of a fortunate few. The Indian monopolists also are not opening any new enterprises. Taking advantage of liberalisation policy they are swallowing up medium industries by their power of capital and thus extending the horizon of monopoly capitalism in the Indian economy. In this background, it becomes clear how far real is the claim of industrial development in this era of moribund capitalism which cannot bring about even a fringe benefit in the living condition of people's life. This fact once again proves that in this era of imperialism and proletarian revolution it is quite impossible for the monopoly and finance capital to bring about unfettered and unabated industrial development in any capitalist country. Had it been possible then why do the imperialist countries with their huge power of capital suffer from such severe internal crisis? And here the question arises that those who cannot develop their own industry and cannot reduce the intensity of unemployment problem, how can they bring about industrial development of India and help us alleviate the same problems of ours? It is not a sheer deception then?

The Left Front Government headed by the CPI(M) falsely claims that as a result of extensive agricultural development in the rural economy of the state the income of the agricultural population has increased paving the way for a bright industrial prospect of West Bengal. If this claim is genuine then why is a vast section of the rural people continuously rushing to the cities to earn their livelihood? Why are the jobless families from the villages crowding the city pavements? Why are the village girls to save their families from economic ruination coming to the cities to join the flesh trade? Besides, if the purchasing power of the people of West Bengal, 75% of whom still live in the villages, goes up then why instead of establishment of newer industries are the existing ones closing? And if the Centre stands in the way of development of largescale industry in the state, then why have during the last 17 years of the Left Front rule rural and smallscale industries not developed? This industrial stagnation, closure, etc., are not the feature of West Bengal alone, it is a feature of the Indian economy suffering from a severe crisis of market. The Indian capitalist class wants to grab the absolute power in their own hands to hire and fire labour in the name of liberalisation thereby bringing about an absolute domination over the total economy.

But what should be the working class approach towards industrialisation? The CPI(M) which claims to be the working class party is repeatedly emphasising one point — "We are functioning within a capitalist system with

state, how can the stage of revolution remain people's democratic is altogether a different subject. But how is it that to work under a system means to help sustain and stabilise that system? Do the communists say or believe like this? Never. Because in every capitalist country the communists and their party have to work under a capitalist system with extremely limited scope till revolution to build up and intensify the class struggle in order to destroy the exploitative system through revolution. It is true in this case also. And this 'recognition' of the existing system is not an unheard of or a novel Marxist discovery. The fundamental question that cannot but arise is that what role the communists will play if elected to power? Being in the government, will they become the servitors of this system and crush the class and mass struggles and consolidate the system based on injustice and exploitation? Or else, with extremely limited powers even will they intensify the class and mass struggles complementary to revolution? The CPI(M)-led Left Front being in power in the state is virtually advising the working class to accept the dictates of the capitalists while giving lip service to workers' interests and their movements. This stand of theirs is nothing new and is in full conformity with what they have been doing all these 17 years in appeasing and protecting the interests of the capitalist class and crushing the movements of the workers, peasants and other exploited section in a fascistic fashion thereby gaining more confidence of the exploiters. The CPI(M)'s mass organisations, especially the workers and peasants wings, have been virtually working as the tools in the hands of the urban and rural exploiters. The industrial policy of the Left Front Government has nakedly exposed the out and out deceptive and social democratic character of the CPI(M) in protecting and consolidating this exploitative capitalist system. We appeal to the honest members, supporters and sympathisers of the CPI(M) to deeply ponder over these questions seriously to find out the truth.

Gujarat SUCI comrades' fight for plague victims

Plague that broke out in September last in Surat and spread in other parts of Gujarat, and in some parts of India, was a grim example of the callousness of the rulers of our country towards millions of people.

Our party with its modest strength had tried its best to stand by the people, rallied the citizens to put pressure on the government and the municipal authorities and had conducted an extensive anti-plague campaign throughout the state. The party strove to set up a network of 'Anti-plague People's Cell' in every part of the state including far off villages which would work vigilant bodies against outbreak of such epidemics in future and in the long run develop democratic movements demanding to change the anti-people health policy of the government, to allot more funds for health care and education of the common people and to adopt proper, scientific and efficient management of urban wastes.

In the last issue of the Proletarian Era dated 07.11.94 the news in details of the First All India Plenum of our party, the SUCI, was covered wherein it was mentioned that the draft on the Present International Situation, Resolution on National Situation, Amendments to the Constitution and Report of the General Secretary were unanimously adopted with some important amendments.

The holding of the Plenum became necessary because of the changed international situation after the restoration of capitalism in the Soviet Union and the east European countries through counter-revolution. We are highlighting here some aspects of the present international situation as assessed in the thesis adopted in the Plenum, reiterating at the same time some standing observations of our party.

The major changes and developments that have occurred in the present day international situation as a result of the dismantling of socialism in the Soviet Union and other east European socialist countries have had serious repercussions on the world correlation of forces, on the respective role of the major contradictions in shaping the world events, on the questions of war and peace, liberation struggles and the proletarian revolution. Despite existence of four socialist states on the globe it cannot be denied that the socialist camp is no longer in existence today.

In this changed world situation when socialism has suffered a setback and there exists no more any powerful socialist camp the two-fold contradiction of the resurgent national bourgeois countries, simultaneously with both the socialist and imperialist camps, which had been significantly influencing the course of world events earlier and was rightly viewed by Comrade Shibdas

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Ghosh as the fifth major contradiction, has, in effect, become inoperative. But it is also noticeable that the dismantling of socialism in a number of countries, particularly in the Soviet Union, has immensely accentuated the contradiction between the imperialist powers and the relatively underdeveloped capitalist countries. A more ruthless neo-colonial onslaught on the vast world of relatively under-developed and developing countries by the giant multinationals and different financial agencies of the imperialist powers is spreading its tentacle menacingly. Consequent upon the dismantling of the socialist camp and weakening of the socialist system, the non-aligned movement has been greatly weakened and the bargaining power of the relatively backward capitalist countries considerably reduced and the contradiction between them and the imperialist powers has been sharpened more. Among the developing capitalist countries those which are relatively weaker because of the differences in their degree of development manifest their anti-imperialist role in a more pronounced way than that of the more developed ones. Some among the latter, like India, have already acquired imperialist character and appeared as new competitors in the world capitalist market, and to get a foot-hold for their own monopolists in foreign market, they are going for newer understanding with the traditional imperialist powers.

The tentacles of the international finance capital have spread almost all over the world and its influence is so far-reaching that even a

democratic movement of the people of any country against their own ruling classes cannot succeed without fighting the international finance capital and imperialist power bloc of today.

The document said that although after liberation of most of the colonies and the semi-colonies, contradiction between imperialist powers and the colonies can no longer play a major role as it used to play earlier, nevertheless colonial rule and exploitation by the imperialists continue still today. Naturally, the struggle of the people of these countries cannot but play a significant role in the world.

It also stressed that in the changed international situation the most important development is that the forces of reaction and counter-revolution have gained over the forces of socialism, peace and progress; but, at the same time, the contradiction between the imperialist powers, has been fast sharpening.

After the collapse of the socialist camp through counter-revolution in the USSR and the east European socialist countries, the US imperialism is dreaming of a 'unipolar world' under its absolute hegemony. This has invariably given birth to more resentment among other imperialist forces and they are trying to unite against the USA. The growing scramble for redivision of the world among the imperialist powers in regard to the market and economic advantages portends far worse conflicts in the coming days. It is precisely in this aggravation of the imperialist contradiction that the danger of outbreak of

Invitation to SUCI to Attend Moscow Seminar on 'Stalin Today'

On behalf of the International Committee for the Restoration of the Soviet Union an invitation letter dated Moscow 22nd August '94 reached our party on 4th November last requesting us to participate in a seminar in Moscow on "Stalin Today". The seminar was scheduled to be held on November 5-6.

For the Indian postal department it is a matter of shame before the world that it failed to give timely delivery of such an urgent letter which prevented our party from participating in this august seminar. We print below the invitation letter and also the paper of the seminar: "Stalin Today". - Editorial Board, Proletarian Era.

The Letter: Moscow 22/8/94
Dear Comrades,

Our international organization was founded in the summer of 1993 in four countries in the American, European and Asian countries. Currently our international committee has expanded since its establishment to eleven countries. Apart from this we have relations with some tens of organizations around the world.

Our committee works in two spheres. First, as a lack of knowledge of the situation in Russia is prevailing we offer a means of breaking the information blockade around the country. Within our means we attempt to indicate the general ideological lines of the Russian communist movement. The Russian comrades are not always able to keep abreast of the latest developments in the international communist movement. Secondly, our committee is

attempting to channelise material assistance to the growing revolutionary communist movement in Russia.

The international committee is in close touch with two communist organisations: The Russian Communist Workers' Party, led by the heroic Comrade Victor Anpilov, which has a membership of more than 100 thousand and which leads the mass movement "Workers of Russia" and which comprise hundreds of thousands of members throughout Russia; and the All-Union Communist Party (Bolshevik) led by Nina Andreeva which has some 80 thousand members and is very influential in Russia and abroad. Both parties are ideologically close and desire to form a unified revolutionary Marxist-Leninist communist party. In contrast with many other countries the Russian communist movement as represented particularly by these communist parties are a real political force in the country. In the ideological sphere these parties, as Marxist-Leninists, base themselves on the validity of Leninism as the Marxism corresponding to the epoch of imperialism and the struggle against parliamentarism and social-democracy. Both parties have adopted the Marxist-Leninist tradition of Stalin.

The Committee is planning to organise in Moscow on November 5-6, 1994 a seminar with the theme "Stalin Today" as part of an international meeting. We especially hope that your organization will participate in these activities.

We request you to respond to this present letter as we wish to establish fraternal relations

with you. We hope that you will send us the confirmation of the participation of your organization in the international seminar.

"Stalin Today" - the theme:

The historical events in the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies of Central and Eastern Europe have finally shown that the negation of the role of Stalin leads to anti-Marxism and anti-Leninism and the destruction of the socialist mode of production.

It should be abundantly clear that the question of Stalin is not the problem of a particular personality. The problem is much deeper. What is required today is to enquire into the Stalin Era in terms of the basic principles of dialectical and historical materialism and Marxist political economy. This task is an enormous one and we can only begin it in a small way. For forty years we have been subjected to the creation of a large number of myths and misrepresentations about Stalin and his times. These have retarded a communist comprehension of the problems arising in the Soviet Union in the process of the construction of socialism and communism. The anti-Stalin campaign formed an anti-Marxist view of the entire epoch of socialism with its great achievements of Socialist Industrialization, Collectivization, the defeat of Fascism in the Great Patriotic War, the creation of a democratic camp of nations. Under the leadership of Stalin the workers and peasants ruled the country and a harmonious family of socialist nations was created. The epoch of Stalin was the epoch of the socialist revolution. In the ascendant. This entire heroic period is now sought to be blackened by imperialist reaction and the defeated enemies of socialism, (Contd. on page-5)

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war lurks.

But all these changes notwithstanding their immense importance, could not change the characteristic feature of the present era. The document has emphatically characterised the present era as the era of imperialism and proletarian revolution as shown by Lenin.

The document also says: In the prevailing situation when confusion is running high in the world communist movement, there is a tendency in some section of the communists to try to interpret the principles of scientific socialism each in its own way, negating the fundamental tenets of Marxism-Leninism. It has to be remembered that despite all these significant developments and consequent changes in the world situation the fundamentals of Marxism-Leninism and their subsequent elaboration and enrichment by Stalin, Mao Zedong and Shibdas Ghosh would remain valid during this entire epoch of imperialism and proletarian revolution and would continue to show the proletariat the path of emancipation.

Regarding the Present Chinese Situation:

The present revisionist Deng leadership using the catchword of 'Socialism with Chinese characteristics' has introduced the so-called 'socialist market economy' which is nothing but a feature of capitalist economy with a socialist label. By denouncing the revolutionary line of Mao Zedong the Deng leadership, in effect, is proceeding step by step to discard Marxism itself. But, despite all these aberrations and deviations, the class character of the state as

well as the relation of production and its motive force in China is still in the main socialist. But if this out and out revisionist line of the present leadership is not defeated ideologically, politically and organisationally, and the present retrograde developments are allowed to reach the nodal point the possibility to restoration of capitalism cannot be ruled out.

On Question of Democracy and Individual Liberty the documents says: In a society divided into two opposite classes, the exploiter and the exploited, there can be no supra-class democracy which can serve the interests of both the antagonistic classes at the same time. It is either the democracy of the bourgeoisie, the exploiters, or of the proletariat, the exploited. Bourgeois democracy is based on private property and exploitation, it is the microscopic minority—the owning class whose interest is served and protected in bourgeois democracy and rights and interest of the overwhelming majority is trampled upon. On the contrary, proletarian democracy is based on the social ownership of production and means of production which guarantees free and all-out development of the majority of the people in the society.

Regarding Multi-party Parliamentary System: The bourgeoisie and their henchmen propagate that without a multiparty parliamentary system there cannot be any democracy at all.

Only those who are ignorant of the

emergence and development of the bourgeois parliamentary system will fall prey to such a heinous propaganda. During the era of bourgeois democratic revolution against the absolute rule of monarchy, parliament came into being as an institution of the rule of the competitive capital in the bourgeois society in its period of free competition. But with the growth of monopoly capitalism and the elimination of free competition, parliament in every bourgeois country has become a facade behind which the actual rule is exercised by an industrial-military-bureaucratic complex.

As there are antagonistic contradictions among the capitalists, more than one party representing different capitalist houses as well as different other classes are bound to exist in capitalist societies. But in the case of working class, there exist basically no conflicting interests. So there can be no question of the existence of more than one genuine working class party in a country - and so also in a working class state.

On the Question of 'Market Economy'

In unison with the bourgeoisie the modern revisionists are advocating for and eulogising the 'market economy'. But this market economy is nothing but capitalism. Even though commodity production and circulation exist in socialism upto a certain stage of its development towards communism, there is a basic difference between commodity production in socialism, where the means of production is owned no longer by private individuals but are socially owned, and where the system of wage slavery and exploitation has been abolished, and the commodity production in capitalism where

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Moscow Seminar

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the Trotskyites and Bukharinites as well as the Khrushchovite-Brezhnevite traitors.

The positive re-evaluation of the role of Stalin within the Russian communist movement has stimulated a similar re-evaluation amongst the communists internationally. In this context the forthcoming international seminar with the theme "Stalin Today" has an added significance in the fight against the myths created around Stalin and the creation of a scientific Marxist-Leninist view on this question. The International Seminar which is to be held under the auspices of the International Committee for the Restoration of the Soviet Union with the support of Victor Anpilov and Nina Andreeva, is being held in Moscow on the 5th and 6th of November, 1994. Participants will be coming from a number of countries. Papers will be read on a number of subjects including:

The "Cult of Personality", on the Conduct of Scientific Debate under Stalin, Victory of Socialist Collectivization, the Question of the Transfer of Nationalities in the Great Patriotic War, the Struggle for Socialism in the People's Democracies of Central and Eastern Europe, the Question of the Operation of Commodity-Money Categories under Socialism, an Overview of the Trends Advocating "Market Socialism" in the Stalin Period, Re-evaluation of Molotov and an Assessment of Socialist Culture in the Stalin Period.

Russian speakers shall be actively participating in the Seminar.

Demonstration by Haryana SUCI

Rohtak 10.11.94 : SUCI in Haryana organised demonstrations at district headquarters on 10 November last throughout the state. Comrade Anoop Singh at Rohtak, Comrade Satyawan at Rewari, Comrade Rajender Singh at Narnaul, Comrade Hari Prakash at Sonapat, Comrade Shyam Sundar at Kurukshetra, Comrade Omparkash Shastri at Karnal, Comrade Roshan Lal at Kaithal, Comrades Ramphal and Sarwan Kumar at Gurgaon and Comrade Nathe Singh at Narwana led the demonstrations. These demonstrations turned into dharnas at DC Offices and a memorandum was submitted to the Chief Minister of Haryana demanding from him an immediate action to fulfil the demands. Hundreds of women, youth, students, peasants,

agricultural labourers and industrial workers joined the demonstrations. The demonstrations caused enthusiasm and hope among the common people.

Different speakers addressing the sit-in-demonstrations, said that aggravating problem of non-supply of power and water necessary for drinking and irrigation had added problems to life and coupled with unbound political corruption had intensified people's misery. The Central Congress (I) government had not yet formulated any national policy on water and electricity. The Opposition parties, in order to defend the present exploitative system, were not trying for a solution. They were using the problems in their narrow political interest by fomenting caste and regional feelings, ultimately even turning the people of one state or area against another. The recent agreement on Safety Yamuna Link (SYL) canal and other projects could be cited as examples, they said.



Protest Demonstration on 10th November parading the Rohtak Street.

November Revolution Anniversary observed in different states

GUJARAT

Ahmedabad, 17.11.94 : Organised by Ahmedabad District Organising Committee of SUCI the November Revolution Day was observed here today in Himavan Hall of Paldi in the evening. The meeting was presided over by Comrade K. Khadadiya, Comrade Dwarikanath Rath, the In-charge of State, was the main speaker. Comrade Vismay Shah, the District Organising Secretary, delivered the introductory speech on the significance of November Revolution. Comrade Rath in his long speech dealt with the International significance of the November Revolution and urged to take lessons from it while concretising Marxism on our Indian soil. After the *Internationale*, the meeting ended.

KERALA

Trivandrum, Nov. 7 : SUCI workers held a colourful demonstration, carrying the portraits of Comrade Lenin and Comrade Stalin, in Trivandrum City in connection with the 77th anniversary of the Great November Revolution.

It started from East Fort and concluded at the Martyrs' Column.

The demonstration was led by Comrade B. K. Rajagopal, State Committee member of SUCI.

WEST BENGAL

November Revolution anniversary was observed in the state through various programmes and on 17th November a meeting was observed in Calcutta, at the Metro Rly. Station where Comrade Provas Ghosh, member, Central Committee and Secretary, West Bengal State Committee of the party spoke as the main speaker. Comrade Sanat Dutta, member, West Bengal State Secretariat of the party was in the chair. The meeting started with the *Internationale*. Comrade Provas Ghosh in his address highlighted the significance of November Revolution especially in today's perspective and said the revisionists starting from the Khrushchev and Brezhnev to Gorbachev and Yeltsin betrayed the Great November Revolution and pushed Russia in

Six Left party combine launches movement in Andhra Pradesh

Hyderabad: The new economic, industrial and financial policies adopted by the Central and State Governments are seriously harming the living conditions of the people of different strata. With the signing of the GATT '94, this trend has reached its highest peak. The prices of the essential commodities are increasing by leaps and bounds daily while purchasing power of the people is steeply falling as its concomitant evil. No remunerative prices are meted out to the actual tillers of the crops; the works of the pending projects are going on only on the papers. The welfare of the people and the project works of the continuing schemes precariously hangs only on foreign help with humiliating conditionalities. In the perspective of such a gloomy national scenario now obtaining in the country, the four major political parties, viz. SUCI, MCPI, CPI(ML-Prajapandha) and CPI(ML-Janaskathi) working in Andhra Pradesh, came forward to forge a platform of joint struggle on the following issues.

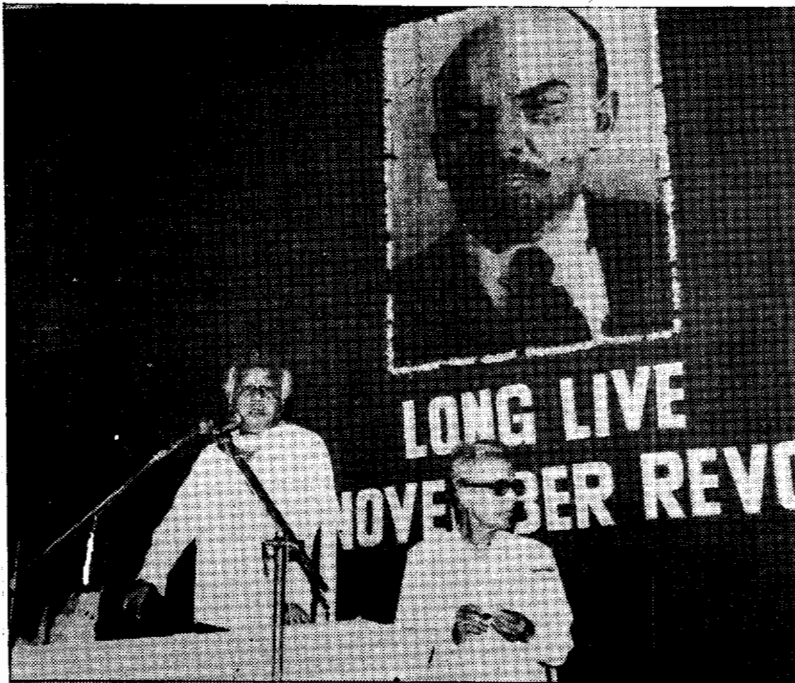
It is worth recalling, the two parties — Marxist-Leninist Committee and CPI (ML-Liberation), who initially kept silence, subsequently joined this combination.

The wide-ranging issues cover the burning problems in people's life with special emphasis on specific problems continually plaguing the people's life in the state. Among others, unemployment, price-rise, problems of agricultural and landless labourers, problems of education, health, communal harmony as well as issue of drinking water were highlighted.

Responding to the call of National Platform of Mass Organisations, the 6-party combination played their due role to make success the programmes of 'Rail Roko' on September 20, torch light procession on September 27 and General Strike on 29th September last.

This combination according to its decision held the Andhra Pradesh State Convention against the signing of the GATT on 15th September last at Gandhi Bhavan, Hyderabad. About 2000 delegates including a large section womenfolk attended it. The convention was conducted by a presidium constituted with Comrades E.P.A. Rasheed (SUCI), Soma Rajanna (MCPI), N. V. Krishnaiah CPI-ML(Janaskathi), K.Yadagiri CPI-ML (Prajapandha), K. Ventateswara Rao (Marxist-Leninist Committee), K.Venkata Narayana, CPI-ML (Liberation). The leaders of all the constituent parties addressed the convention to express their solidarity with the cause of the common people. Comrade K.Sridhar, Secretary, A.P.State Organising Committee spoke on behalf of the SUCI.

Comrade Sridhar in course of his speech explained the reason why the Indian Government opposed the GATT Proposal in 1986 and again in 1993 accepted it toto. As the mighty socialist camp was existing in 1986 the imperialists led by the USA could not dare launch its economic offensives through the package of GATT Proposal on the weaker Third World countries. Only after the fall of the socialist camp India and for that matter all other weaker states lost its bargaining power on the one hand and more particularly was pushed towards the imperialist camp, on the other. Concluding his speech, Comrade Sridhar said that, in the present condition united struggles of the people are very much needed.



SUCI's Open Letter to Rly. Minister on Bombay Mail disaster

Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, our beloved General Secretary, expressed deepest shock over the tragedy that occurred due to devastating fire in the Dn. Bombay-Howrah Mail on 26th October. Comrade Mukherjee, in an Open Letter dated 27.10.94, lambasted the railway minister for disowning his ministry responsibility and said any minister, committed to democracy, would have tendered his resignation immediately in such a grave situation. He demanded judicial enquiry and compensation of Rs. 5 lakhs each to the next of kin of every deceased and Rs. 2 lakhs for every injured, irrespective of the nature of burn and injury.

Comrade Provas Ghosh, member, Central Committee and Secretary, West Bengal State Committee, SUCI, addressing in Calcutta on 17th November, on the occasion of the Great November Revolution. On the extreme left is the president of the meeting Comrade Sanat Dutta, member, State Secretariat and on the right Comrade Kalika Mukherjee, member, State Committee.

utter humiliation and its people in uncalled for misery. Referring to the role played by the CPI(M)-led Left Front government in the State he said Mr. Jyoti Basu was appeasing the imperialists to open industries here and dishing out that it was for the good of the people and the foreign and Indian monopolists would earn profit but would not exploit the workers. It is an utter lie and self-contradictory too, he said. Comrade Sanat Dutta also spoke.

Orissa SUCI writes to NHRC against criminal assault by JD

The Orissa State Committee of the party had brought to the notice of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) the organised criminal attack on innocent people, more particularly on the weaker sections and women of Pritipur village of Jajpur district of Orissa by criminals and touts of the ruling Janata Dal in active connivance with the police.

Our party has been organising mass movement for quite some time, now against the vested interest in the Binjharpur area of Jajpur district, particularly against the usurpation of government doles — which has been reduced to a pittance in recent years — granted under different schemes. Before our party had taken its organisational roots in the area, the vested interest in collusion with the government officials including the police virtually treated the area as their fiefdom. Though the spread of the party has successfully reduced such activities, the vested interests are still active. The latest atrocity committed by these forces was the rape of helpless women by a police functionary. Our party with all its might had protested this heinous crime. Let alone punishing the perpetrator of the crime the police along with ruling party criminals had let loose a reign of terror against party members, supporters and sympathisers. In a chain of events the Pritipur party office has been seriously damaged and party property looted and standing crops of supporters and sympathisers forcibly reaped. To cap it all the antisocials have

SUCI fights terror tactics of SP-BSP in UP

Badlapur-Singramau (Jaunpur - UP): The Socialist Party-Bahujan Samaj Party government in UP resorted to an unprecedented practice unheard of in independent India when it called an all UP Bandh in support of its own casteist reservation policy on 13th September, 1994. Wherever people did not respond to the bandh call violent methods were resorted to by SP-BSP functionaries.

On 13.9.94 the SP MLA from Khuthan constituency entered into Badlapur along with 35 armed anti-social accomplices. Seeing the market open they started beating up small traders. The local station officer of the police was also not spared as he had not 'arranged' for the closure of the market. Eminent citizens who came forward to protest were beaten up.

After closing down Badlapur market, the MLA and his goons hijacked a jeep and reached Singramau and seeing the market open there too started firing indiscriminately to terrorise people

put on a blockade on Pritipur village so that most of the villagers, who are agricultural labourers, could not go out for their livelihood.

Besides building up mass movements to thwart these attempts Comrade Tapas Dutta, member of the Central Committee of the party and Secretary, Orissa State Committee in a letter written to the NHRC on 22nd September, 1994 has urged it to take appropriate action to stop the abuse of human rights in the area.

which resulted in serious injury to at least 10 people. But the common people of Singramau who had already anticipated that after closing down Badlapur the MLA along with his goons would come to Singramau, which is hardly 10 km. away, had come out into the streets in large numbers. Far from being intimidated by the firing, the people resisted the attack and forced the MLA to flee from the place. The MLA had since filed false cases against prominent citizens.

To protest against the growing criminal activities of the ruling party functionaries, 'All Party Citizens' Unity Platforms' have been formed both in Badlapur and Singramau at the initiative of our party, the SUCI. The citizens platforms have since organised protest rallies against criminal activities at Badlapur and Singramau on 14th September and 15th September respectively. Thousands of common people participated in these rallies and put up road blockades on the Banaras-Saharanpur National Highway for long hours. The blockades were withdrawn only after the Sub-Divisional Magistrate of Badlapur made public announcements in both the rallies that the MLA would be booked under article 307 of the Cr. PC.

The Badlapur rally was conducted by a presidium which among others had Comrade Shyam Chandra Singh of our party. Both the rallies of 14th and 15th September were addressed among others by Comrade V. N. Singh, Secretary, UP State Committee of our party, Comrade Dinesh Kant Dubey and Comrade Sripal Dubey, both State Committee members and Comrade Surendra Nath Mourya, member, Jaunpur District Committee, SUCI.

Students' Protest Rally at Trivandrum

Trivandrum, October 28:

A huge students' protest rally, organised by the AIDSO Kerala State Committee, was held in front of the Secretariat today. The demands included total withdrawal of fee hike, retention of private registration in universities, continuance of pre-degree course under the universities and colleges, retention of first year examination and simultaneous withdrawal of internal assessment introduced instead of university examinations, withdrawal of self-financing colleges and to start new government colleges and government aided

colleges, withdrawal of anti-democratic United Universities Bill and to stop the implementation of new education policy.

Hundreds of students from different colleges including girls with flags and festoons, raising slogans enthusiastically participated in the demonstration.

Comrade C.K. Lukose, Secretary, SUCI, Kerala State Committee, addressed the rally in front of the Secretariat, from where it marched to the Kerala University. He said, "The government is shamelessly evading the responsibility of giving education to the people. Moreover, education has been degraded to an industry. The Karunakaran government is even destroying the development achieved by Kerala at the primary and higher education level". Comrade Lukose accused, "It is a lie that the

government which has swindled crores of rupees from the public exchequer, has no fund for education".

Comrade B.K. Rajagopal, state president of the AIDSO, in his address, appealed to the SFI leadership to give up opportunistic stand and build up a mighty joint movement on the basis of correct demands and approach.

The AIDSO leaders also demanded that the problems of engineering, polytechnic and nursing students be quickly resolved.

From the Secretariat the demonstration marched to the Kerala University where they were stopped by the security guard. It was led by Comrades B.K. Rajagopal, Jyothi Krishnan, State Secretary, AIDSO, V.K. Rajendran, K.P. Saji, Francis, and Sreejith Sudhakar—all executive committee members. A protest meeting before the university was held and addressed by Comrade Rajagopal.

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the means of production is concentrated in private hands and the motive of production is to earn maximum profit, and not only the means of production, human labour power is also reduced to a commodity. Thus 'socialist market economy' is nothing but a bunkum and trickery.

The Document also asserts: Capitalism has plunged in an allout and irreconcilable crisis and it has no way out -- its doom is inevitable. But capitalism will not crumble down of its own or automatically. To ensure its destruction a conscious and united struggle of the proletariat and a real revolutionary party capable of leading this struggle in a right course are the indispensable factors.



Students' demonstration from the Trivandrum Secretariat to the University

Comrade Subrata Das, member, Calcutta District Secretariat and Office Secretary, Calcutta District Committee, SUCI, passed away at 5-40 a.m. on 11th November, 1994 at the NRS Hospital, Calcutta, at the age of 62.

Immediately after he fell sick as a result of cerebral haemorrhage in the early morning of 7th November, he was rushed to the hospital by the comrades and breathed his last after four days of grim battle against death. As a mark of respect the Red Flag at the party's district headquarters and in all local committee offices was dipped at half-mast.

Imbued with the thoughts of the great leader of the proletariat, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, Comrade Das left the CPI(M) and joined SUCI in 1966. At a time when the CPI(M) was a powerful force with wide mass support and when it did not assume such a rotten and anti-people character as of today, to join then the SUCI not so well-known and popular, leaving the CPI(M), was not an easy task. Only this revolutionary conviction that the CPI(M) was not a working class party and the SUCI was the genuine party of the proletariat decided his course of action. What attracted him most was the cultural-ethical values as upheld and practised by the SUCI.

Since he joined the party, he engaged himself in a struggle to acquire higher communist character and in this struggle he involved his family members and made them either the activists or supporters. In all his personal or family matters he always sought the advice of the party and acted accordingly. He



Red Salute Comrade Subrata Das

was very much endeared by the comrades for his deep love and emotion towards them.

Comrade Subrata Das started his political activity in the Dum Dum area and participated in all political and social movements in the locality and in the process he became the Local Secretary of the party's Dum Dum Unit. Under his leadership, he developed the Dum Dum Unit as one of the powerful units of the district. He was elected member of the Calcutta District Secretariat of the party in 1988.

The news of Comrade Das' demise cast a shadow of gloom in the Dum Dum area. His body was first taken to the locality in the morning of 11th November and in the afternoon

brought to the district office where floral tributes were paid. Among those who placed wreaths on his body were Comrade Provash Ghosh, member, Central Committee and Secretary, WB State Committee of the party, Comrade Manik Mukherjee, member, WB State Secretariat and Secretary, Calcutta District Committee of the party, Comrade Protiva Mukherjee, President, AI MSS and a Central Staff of the party, Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee, General Secretary, AIMSS and a Central Staff and others. Floral tributes were also paid on behalf of the UTUC(LS), AIDS, AIDYO, AIMSS, Komsomol, Pathikrit, Ganadabi, Proletarian Era, Ganadabi Press and different local committees of the party and its mass organisations. From the party office his body was brought to the crematorium in a procession at Keoratala, South Calcutta.

A condolence meeting was organised at Subarna Banik Samaj Hall, Calcutta, on 15th November. After the garlanding of portrait of Comrade Das by various party units and mass organisations, Comrade Manik Mukherjee in his speech highlighted some exemplary aspects of the life of Comrade Das.

On 20th November another meeting was held at Dum Dum to pay homage to his memory. Comrade Ranjit Dhar, member, Central Editorial Board and a Central Staff, spoke as the main speaker. The leaders of the CPI(M) and the RSP also spoke in the meeting.

SC orders CBI probe in Murder of Comrade Shyamapada Rout

A division bench of the Supreme Court, comprising Justice S.C. Agrawal and Justice M. K. Mukherjee has withdrawn from the Orissa police the case of the abduction and murder of Comrade Shyamapada Rout, leader of the mines workers' union at Sukinda and a leading organiser of the UTUC (Lenin Sarani) and directed the CBI to investigate into it and submit a report.

Sixteen months back, in July 93, in a blood-curdling event Comrade Rout was kidnapped and killed, his body never found, which was masterminded by Mr Prafulla Ghadai, State Minister for Mass Education. In this connection, we may mention here that the Janata Dal Chief Minister Mr Biju Patnaik on one occasion

declared on the floor of Assembly his intention to rout SUCI from Orissa.

Following the grim affair, petitions were made at different official levels including the Governor to trace Comrade Rout, demonstrations organised and public opinion grew stronger on the same demand to all of which the concerned authority rather showed a callous attitude. Finally, Comrade Archana Rout, widow of Comrade Shyamapada Rout moved the apex court on 16th August last.

Comrade Mayadhar Nayak, in a Press conference in Bhubaneswar revealed this which was well covered by state and national dailies.

Joint Protest dharna before Haryana SEB offices

Rohtak, 21.11.94: As per the decision taken on 6th November '94 at a meeting of leaders of SUCI, CPI(M), CPI, Janata Dal and Samajvadi Party, a joint programme of dharna was organised before 10 Haryana State Electricity Offices throughout the state today under the auspices of the 5-party combination in protest against acute crisis of power supply both in the urban as well as rural areas.

A memorandum signed by the leaders of five parties was sent to the Haryana Governor demanding redressal of the power problem. Comrades Satyawan and Anoop Singh, member, SUCI Haryana State Organising Committee, Inderjit Singh and Pirthi Singh, CPI(M) State Secretary and member, CPI(M) State Committee respectively, Dr. Harnam Singh, Secretary, Haryana CPI, Shri Gurdial Singh Saini President, State Janata Dal and Shri Hukam Singh, State ex-minister of Samajvadi Party, attended meetings on the spots of dharna.

In the Assembly elections of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh the following candidates of our party are contesting :

| KARNATAKA : | |
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| Name of the candidates | Constituency |
| Dr. H.G. Jayalakshmi | Malleswaram |
| K. Somashekhar | Bellary |
| A. Ramanjinappa | Siruguppa |
| ANDHRA PRADESH | |
| E. P. A. Rashid | Khoiratabad |

An Announcement

As a result of nonavailability and abnormal rise in prices of newspapers we are compelled to enhance shortly the prices of Proletarian Era. The rates of yearly and half-yearly subscriptions as also the price of per issue would be announced in the meantime. We hope, the readers will realise the difficulty and co-operate.

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