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Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day observed with due solemnity throughout the country

Long thirty years have rolled by since Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat, breathed his last on this day of 5th August in 1976. Ever since, every year, people all over the country — workers, peasants, students, youths and women alike pay tribute to his revolutionary memory through mass meetings and holding other public programmes. Party leaders dwell at length on the teachings of the great leader, which, coupled with the basic tenets of Marxism-Leninism serve as the invincible weapons in the hands of the toiling people in their attempt to forge out their way to emancipation from the yoke of capitalist exploitations.

This year too, in almost all the states of the country 5th August has been observed with great enthusiasm, with Central Committee members in some cases and state leaders in others — addressing the gatherings.

The observance in all cases commenced with floral tributes and garland being placed on the portraits of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, followed by emotional rendition of the song composed on the great leader. Meetings everywhere ended with the *Internationale*.

On 5th August, the beloved

General Secretary Comrade Nihar Mukherjee garlanded the portrait of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh at the Salt Lake Commune, Calcutta.

Comrade Anil Sen, veteran member of the Central Committee, hoisted the Red Flag and garlanded the portrait of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh at the Central Office in Calcutta.

Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta, veteran member of the Central Committee, inaugurated the Exhibition of Quotations from the works of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh held in Calcutta from 1 - 3 August. At all party offices and party centres in different parts of the country Red Flag was unfurled and the great leader's portrait garlanded. All leaders and cadres wore the badge of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Orissa

The memorial day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the Proletariat, was observed throughout the state of Orissa in a befitting manner between July 22 and August 5.

On 5th August, a memorial meeting was organized at Cuttack with massive participation of party cadres, supporters, well wishers and common people from Puri and

Cuttack districts and parts of Mayurbhanj, Bhadrak and Keonjhar districts despite heavy rain and flood situation. The huge gathering made a deep impact on the people of Cuttack.

The meeting was presided over by Comrade Jagadbandhu Baral, member, Orissa State Committee, SUCI and Secretary Jajpur District Committee. Comrade Tapas Dutta, Member, Central Committee and Secretary, Orissa State Committee of the party was the main speaker. He could not speak due to his illness; his written speech was read out. Memorial meetings were also organized at Jaspur, Rourkela, Bhogarai, Bhandaripokhari, Salinia, Jagat-singhpur, Koraput and some other places of the state.

Here we publish a few salient points from Comrade Tapas Dutta's speech read out at the memorial meeting at Cuttack.

Comrades and friends,

....You know well that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh is the founder of our beloved party, SUCI, the only genuine Communist Party on the Indian soil. He built up our party through hard and arduous struggle. On 24th April, 1948 a convention was held



On 5th August at the Salt Lake Party Commune, Calcutta, Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, our beloved General Secretary offering Red Salute to the portrait of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh after paying floral tribute.

at Jaynagar, district 24 Parganas, West Bengal to form the party. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was elected the first General Secretary of the newly born SUCI. A resolution was passed on national and international situations; no written constitution was, however, adopted. The aim was to evolve the Constitution of the Party through a realization of real situation and conducting an intensive socialist movement covering all aspects of life among the party rank and file, and within the masses. It was a very difficult struggle. Through this long, painstaking and arduous struggle the Party Constitution was evolved and finally adopted in the first Party Congress in 1988.

...From its very inception, the Party has not only laid the utmost stress on ideological struggle, but also conducted many historic and significant mass movements and workers' movements under the leadership of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh amidst heavy odds and

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Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta, Central Committee member, inaugurating the Quotation Exhibition in Calcutta

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obstacles. Comrade Ghosh sent many ideologically equipped leaders to different parts of the country to build up mass movements and party organization. Comrade Pritish Chanda and Comrade Hiren Sarkar were sent to Bihar mines area and Dhanbad coalfields to build up workers' unions. A union was founded in Musabani Copper Mines and many movements of workers were organized.

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh himself came to the then Bamanda State in Orissa at the time of the Praja Bidroha. He was arrested by the police as soon as he reached Bamanda. Comrade Sachin Banerjee, Member of the Central Committee also came to Orissa several times. At his initiative, the first Oriya Party organ *Sarbahara* was published. With Gagan Patnaik, he organized workers' strike in Tamka Mines. After that in 1955, I was sent to conduct a study class at Akhuapada near Bhandaripokhari. I did not know Oriya language. How could I speak and what should I explain? Comrade Shibdas Ghosh told me: 'You don't have to explain many things. Only you convince them about revolution'. I realized that revolution was the main thing, the essence. Then in 1956, I was sent permanently to Rourkela. Since then, so many historic and significant workers' movements have been organized in this state. Workers' unions have come up in almost all the major industries. Many mass organizations have also been founded. Party organization has grown up at Cuttack, Jajpur, Angul, Sonepur, Poraput, Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar, Balasore, Bhubaneswar and other parts of the state. From Rourkela, many leaders were recruited for AIDSO. They went to different parts of Orissa to set up organization. In 1974, organised by DSO the All India Students Conference was held at Cuttack. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh himself was the main speaker.

....Our party has fought consistently against communalism and communal riots. In addition to workers' and students' movements, it has also organized series of militant peasants' and tribal people's movements. People of remote tribal villages still recount the days of those movements. It was not that all the demands were always fulfilled. But those movements helped them

build up their organizations, their instruments of struggle and raise their political consciousness. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh came to Rourkela so many times, conducted many schools of politics and addressed many large public gatherings. This was the way, SUCI was built up in Orissa.

... A leader does not fall from the sky. He emerges as a leader through struggle as per the correct process. Revolution can not be accomplished if the correct concept of revolution is not realized in thought and activities as also in personal life. It is essential to attain revolutionary character in personal life. Some comrades think that since the problems in their personal life are ordinary and unimportant, there is no need to discuss them. So they do not resolve their problems through discussions with the party leadership. One problem breeds a thousand others. So, without brooding over their problems, they should resolve them in discussion with the party leadership.

...Problems will continue to come. But a revolutionary has to accomplish the revolution. It is his life, revolution is his ideology. He can never desert revolution. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh has said that there is no life nobler than a revolutionary life. There is no treasure, more precious than revolution. A revolutionary character is the noblest of all. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh realized this at a very tender age and plunged himself heart and soul in the revolutionary movement. Following him, let us all resolve to acquire revolutionary character in order to properly discharge our revolutionary responsibility.

...Comrade Shibdas Ghosh is no longer there with us physically. But he is still alive in his thoughts, his ideology, in his party SUCI. Thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh are now spreading all over the world. All that he has bequeathed to us will guide us forward towards victory.

Angul, Orissa

Memorial meeting was held at Town Hall, Angul, Orissa, on 3rd August, 2006. It was presided over



Comrade Tapas Dutta offering floral tribute to the portrait of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh

by Comrade Bhimsen Behera, Secretary, SUCI Angul District Organizing Committee. Comrade Tapas Dutta, SUCI Central Committee member and Orissa State Committee Secretary was the main speaker. Comrade Dutta in his penetrating speech elaborately discussed the various aspects of the arduous life struggle of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in building up SUCI as a genuine communist party to organize the working class in India for accomplishing anti-capitalist revolution. Comrade Dhurjati Das, SUCI Orissa State Committee member also spoke in the meeting.

Assam

On the occasion of the 30th death anniversary of the great leader of the proletariat and the founder General Secretary of the SUCI, a big public meeting was held on 5th August, 2006 at the District Library Auditorium, Guwahati. Comrade Sidheswar Sharma veteran trade union leader and a member of the state committee of the party presided over the meeting.

Addressing the meeting as the main speaker, prominent mass leader, member of the Central Committee of the party, Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya dwelt at length upon the deep and penetrating theoretical contribution Comrade Shibdas Ghosh made towards further enriching the understanding of Marxism-Leninism and different aspects of the Indian anti-capitalist socialist revolution.

Discussing about the political situation of Assam from Marxist point of view, first of all he pointed out that while underdevelopment and extreme backwardness becoming worse everyday with no

governmental moves and measures to uplift the dismal situation, what is worse is that divisive, disruptive and separatist forces fomented by the ruling capitalist class and the parties subservient to the ruling class have not only struck at the very root of the united people's movement seeking solution of the burning problems endangering people's existence, but also have given birth to a situation in which real existence of the state of Assam as a composite state with outstanding characteristics is at stake. He, therefore urged upon the people of Assam to free themselves from the pernicious influence of all sorts of divisive and separatist ideas and come forward to embrace Marxism-Leninism which is the only scientific philosophy, sincerely adhering to which people of Assam can effectively confront the burning problems with which they are faced today.

Discussing about the crisis of the world communist movement that has been precipitated by the treacherous activities of the modern revisionists of different hues throughout the world which ultimately resulted in capitalist class staging come back in most of the socialist countries including the Soviet union and China, Comrade Bhattacharyya in the light of the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh emphasized that one of the essential requirements today, is to exactly locate the nature and depth of the erosion that the pseudo-communists, the traitor-revisionists have caused at the epistemological level, in different spheres of economics, politics, culture, ideology and philosophy and secondly the urgent necessity of shrugging off all elements of complacency, to free ourselves from stereo type way of thinking and activity, to give birth to a newer communist movement based upon higher and elevated understanding of Marxism-Leninism keeping the struggle for seeking complete identification of the self with the society, completely eliminating the individualistic contradiction that is standing in way of complete merger of self interest with social interest as the single most important object during this juncture as has been envisaged by one of the foremost and outstanding Marxist thinkers of the era, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

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INDO-US NUCLEAR DEAL

A document of unholy nexus posing serious threat to India's freedom and sovereignty

In March 2006, Bush, the US President, visited India and signed an agreement of US — India civilian nuclear co-operation. The basic framework for the deal was agreed upon by the Indian Prime Minister and US President in July, 2005. It was stated that recognizing the significance of civilian nuclear energy for meeting global energy demands in a clear and more efficient manner, the two leaders discussed India's plans to develop her civil nuclear energy programme. The US President promised to work for achieving full nuclear cooperation with India and seek agreement from US Congress to adjust US laws and policies to realize this objective. He also agreed to work with friends and allies of the US to adjust international regimes to enable full civil nuclear energy cooperation and trade with India, including but not limited to expeditious consideration of fuel supplies for safeguarded nuclear reactors at Tarapur. Indian Prime Minister reciprocated by agreeing to assume responsibilities and practices which consisted of identifying and separating civilian and military nuclear facilities and programmes in a phased manner and filing a declaration regarding India's civilian facilities with the international Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA); taking a decision to place voluntarily her civilian nuclear facilities under IAEA safeguards. Signing and adhering to an additional protocol with respect to civilian nuclear facilities, continuing India's unilateral moratorium on nuclear testing; working with the US for conclusion of a multilateral Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty; refraining from transfer of enrichment and reprocessing technologies to states that do not have them and supporting international efforts to limit their trade; and ensuring that necessary steps have been taken to secure nuclear materials and technology through comprehensive export control legislation and through harmonization and adherence to Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) and Nuclear Supplies Group (NSG) guidelines.

Chronicle of Developments

Things moved quite swiftly in this regard after Bush's India visit in March last. The Secretary to the Department of Atomic Energy submitted the Separation Plan to IAEA and initiated the process of negotiating safeguards on the declared civilian facilities. Having accepted the Indian civil military separation of nuclear facilities as "credible, transparent and defensible from a Non-proliferation stand point", Bush initiated three moves — reciprocal if you will — towards opening up unilateral nuclear cooperation and trade with India: (i) the congressional process of changing US law namely the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, (ii) the administrative process of drawing up the draft 'framework agreement' of civil nuclear cooperation with India in motion and (iii) proposing an India-specific amendment to the guidelines of the 45-nation NSG. Bush administration was categorical that as far as the US was concerned, India's public moratorium on further nuclear weapons testing is the linchpin of the US-India nuclear agreement.

On June 28, the House of International Affairs Committee of US cleared the agreement. The Senate Foreign Affairs Committee followed the suit on the next day. The House of Representatives passed a legislation on July 26, approving the agreement. While four amendments stated to be potential deal-breakers were rejected, two amendments were incorporated in the draft. First one was in regard to US support being restricted to India's civil nuclear programme and not any nuclear weapons capability enhancement. The other passed by voice votes mandated the US President to submit a report to the International Relations House Committee and the Foreign Relations Senate Committee detailing the "relative level of India's nuclear fissile material production compared to the previous year", that is, the amount of natural uranium India has mined and the amount of fissile material India has produced for military purposes during the previous year. The agreement now awaits

clearances in the 100 member US Senate in September following which US Conference Committee will hammer out a single legislation from the two versions of House of Representatives and the Senate for US Presidential assent.

Reactions to the Deal

The pro-deal lobby in India is euphoric over the developments. According to them the deal meant de facto acceptance of India as a nuclear power and the freedom to import nuclear fuel and technology to meet domestic needs. It would help revive the 14 civil nuclear reactors currently lying inoperative for want of fuel. In spite of not being a signatory to NPT, India would now receive the status of an associate member to the nuclear club. Not only that, with the discernible enthusiasm and unanimity generated in the US about the necessity of improving Indo-US relations in every sphere, it would enhance US investment in India and more employment of Indians in US firms they boast.

On the other hand, there is a strong resentment against the agreement from the well-meaning people, a section of thinking intelligentsia and a good number of renowned scientists. Eminent scientists like Homi Sethna, Dr A N Prasad, P K Iyenger and M R Srinivasan referred to the deal as a 'shock' and unwarranted in view of the current stage of Indian nuclear capabilities and availability of necessary technology for being used for peaceful purpose. "We have now reached a stage", eight prominent scientists wrote in their appeal to the Members of Parliament drawing attention to the disturbing clauses of the deal, "where we are in possession of all the technologies needed for the production of electricity from indigenous nuclear minerals and have successfully applied these technologies in diverse sectors from health, agriculture and industry to national and energy security". They wondered that when US has been out of the nuclear power reactor building business for the last 25 years, where was the question of getting that technology from them? It is also apprehended

by some that through this deal, US in the name of so-called 'global nuclear energy partnership' is going to reap a benefit to the tune of as high as Rs 40,000 crore by dumping its outmoded and outdated technology as well as reprocessed fuel on India. The scientific world of India is also claiming that the country does have sufficient reserves of natural uranium even to the extent of producing largest possible nuclear arsenal. The current shortage is stated to have been caused by glitches in the mining and milling operation that are already being addressed to.

The second criticism is that the two versions of the Bill as drafted by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and the House of Representatives Committee on International Relations contain provisions which are clear departures from the understanding contained in the text of the Bush-Manmohan joint declaration of 18th July, 2005 particularly in regard to the Separation Plan (of civilian and defence nuclear programmes). It is alleged that the House of Representatives and the Senate, on the pretext of facilitating easy passage to the deal, have put the things upside down. A number of clauses have been inducted to compel India fall in line with the US foreign policy objective, lead her to the Non-Proliferation treaty (NPT), she has not so far been a signatory to, through the backdoor and reduce her to a perpetual secondary status. Also India would lose US co-operation on civilian nuclear matter if she displeases the US administration on any count. Similarly, in case US decides to suspend supplies to India for any reason, India would stand debarred from sourcing the requirement from other members of Nuclear Supplies Group (NSG). Moreover, though the US President promised that 1954 Atomic Energy Act of US would be suitably amended to liberalize sale of nuclear fuel and technology to India, there is reportedly backtracking from that. Also the proposed relaxation is limited only to nuclear fuel and reactors and hence there is no lifting of the

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Deal — a tame surrender to US wishes

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existing sanctions on fuel reprocessing, enrichment and production of heavy water. Thus it is not a comprehensive nuclear technology treaty and is in contravention of US promise of "full civilian nuclear co-operation".

US line of propaganda

In view of this, it is extremely important for the people of India to understand the stand of the Indian government. The US imperialists are trying to impress upon the world people that proliferation of nuclear weapons is threatening the peace and security round the globe. So they are making allout efforts, taking all necessary steps to preserve peace and ensure security of the world populace by declaring a crusade against manufacturing of nuclear arms by any country. Theirs is, instead, an endeavour towards encouragement of using nuclear energy for meeting civilian needs. The current nuclear pact with India, contends Bush regime, is a part of that endeavor and the US administration is so serious in this regard that though India is a non-signatory to NPT, it has gone ahead with penning the deal. So polished and sugar-coated the US imperialist regime is in this propaganda that even a very honest man might well get carried by that and thus presume such to be the reality. Hence it becomes imperative to examine how far true the claim and contention of the US imperialism boasting itself as the self-appointed guardian of the global village, is.

Who triggered nuclear warfare?

There is no denying to the fact that invention of nuclear power has been a great scientific discovery and ought to be harnessed for the development and progress of mankind. But we know that it was the US imperialists who instead preferred to abuse this immense nuclear power to descend upon the world an era of horror and holocaust, destruction and devastation. US was the first to manufacture atom bomb and dropped it on the city of Hiroshima on the Sixth day of August, 1945. Man-made demon was out of the bottle, never to go back into it again. So gleeful were the US imperialists at the sight of mass killing of innocent people that they dropped a second bomb in Nagasaki

three days later not only to have another round of genocide but to cripple a vast section of the people through generations by making them victims of radiation-borne diseases. The people of the whole world were stupefied at the horror of the atom bomb and there were all round condemnations and protests against such a savage and criminal assault on mankind. In order to shield this unpardonable crime, the US imperialists, cunning as they were, advanced the argument that these bombings caused Japan to surrender and marked the end of World War II. But the facts spoke otherwise. A 1946 top-secret study by intelligence staff of the US War Department's operational division which came to light in 1988, revealed that the American leaders in fact bluffed the whole world. According to Gar Alperovitz, author of Atomic Diplomacy: Hiroshima and Postdam, the study "bluntly concluded" that it was Soviet Union's decision to liberate Manchuria province of China from Japanese occupation and not the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki "that was the decisive factor in ending World War II". Moreover, the study revealed that a large scale invasion of Japan by US was never really on the cards. The eminent American nuclear historian, Peter Kuznich and Mark Seldon, in their article published in the New Scientist magazine early this year, said that the bombing was meant "to kick start" the Cold War rather than end World War II. (An Atom of Truth — Sumer Kaul — The Statesman : 8/8/06). The initiation of thermo-nuclear war changed the military thinking, complexion of war and peace, brought new dimension to international relations, balance of power, priorities and perceptions.

Change in world co-relation of forces and balance of power

Thus it is clear that it was the US imperialists who first, under false pretext, used nuclear power for destructive purpose and triggered nuclear warfare. When they found that exemplary courage and military acumen of heroic Soviet people led by Stalin, the great leader of the proletariat, were inflicting crushing defeat on fascist Germany and were about to force Japan to surrender, they decided to counteract the influence and the position of esteem of USSR as the

saviour of mankind by flaunting their military supremacy through dropping nuclear bomb. But they could not fathom the progress USSR under Stalin made in the scientific arena as well as the grit and determination of the Soviet people to preserve peace at any cost. Stalin could immediately make out the intention of the US imperialists and rightly concluded that to guarantee world peace against 'nuclear blackmailing' by imperialism and expose real face of imperialists' nuclear war threats, it was essential to match, if not stay ahead of, the US in thermo-nuclear armory. Within a span of just four years, USSR succeeded in developing not only atom bomb but even more powerful nuclear weapons including Inter-Continental Ballistic Missiles (ICBM). It appeared that USSR alone was strong enough to confront the combined strength of the imperialist camp headed by the US.

Moreover, with many of the East-European countries, Mongolia and China becoming socialist, a powerful socialist camp under the leadership of Soviet Union was established over a vast part of the globe. Anti-imperialist national liberation struggles in the colonies and semi-colonies intensified forcing the imperialists to retreat in many cases. A host of former colonies of imperialist countries became free and these resurgent independent national colonies in their bid to develop in the capitalist line through consolidation of their respective capital and attempt to enter into already shrunk world capitalist market strove to forge a kind of combination among themselves to offer a united opposition to the traditional imperialist-capitalist countries. All these led to substantial change in the balance of world powers and despite validity of the Leninist theory that in the epoch of imperialism, antagonistic contradiction among the imperialist-capitalist countries for capture of market leads to war, the international situation became favourable for imposing peace on the bellicose war-monger imperialists by accentuating anti-imperialist militant peace movement throughout the world and force the US imperialists to retreat from their aggressive posture.

Polarization based on possession of nuclear armory

Side by side, as USSR under

Stalin leading the mighty socialist camp possessed enough nuclear muscle, perceived any attack on the sovereignty or territorial integrity of any socialist country as an attack on itself and thus worked as a bulwark of world peace, other socialist countries did not feel any necessity of developing any nuclear armory of their own in self-defence. But such was not the case with other imperialist-capitalist countries. Driven by the bourgeois aspiration of growing as superpower, the advanced imperialist-capitalist countries headed by the US imperialists began stepping up their efforts in developing nuclear arsenal and went on intensifying their noxious politics of nuclear blackmailing. Britain test exploded an atom bomb in 1952 followed by France in 1959. Many other capitalist countries, nurturing bourgeois vanity and driven by the urge to emerge as a power of reckoning, took to developing nuclear arsenal. So it was in the early fifties of last century that the world started getting polarized into two groups— the possessor of nuclear weapons and the non-possessor of the same. This also widened the scope for nuclear blackmailing by the imperialist-capitalist powers armed with nuclear teeth though it came to be recognized that with more number of countries possessing nuclear weapons, the apprehension of a war turning nuclear was far more receded than what it was during the days of Hiroshima-Nagasaki when US rulers were sole possessor of atom bomb, since in the event of a nuclear warfare each warring country even the US would face enormous casualty. At the same time, it was perceived that with Leninist theory of inevitability of war in the imperialist era being still valid, possibility of outbreak of war using conventional weapons was very much on the cards. So was the need for foiling imperialist machination to precipitate war by creating wave of anti-imperialist militant peace movement throughout the world.

Call for complete and all-out disarmament by Socialist camp

Simultaneously, the socialist camp under Stalin's leadership, to free the earth from the horror of war, gave call for complete and allout disarmament including full

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US imperialists pioneered destructive use of nuclear energy

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nuclear disarmament. Stalin as a giant revolutionary leader knew that it was ultimately the people's power which would be decisive in defending a country's integrity and sovereignty. If a country was really attacked by invading imperialists, effective resistance could be provided only by the people of the land based on granite-strong unity, imbued with true patriotic fervour and aroused by higher and nobler ideology. History corroborated to this. The humiliating defeat of Nazi Germany at the hands of Soviet Union, the inspiring victory of the Vietnamese people against the brute military might of Pentagon are glaring examples. Because of correct grasp of this vital aspect of invincibility of people's power, Stalin gave maximum importance on accentuating anti-imperialist militant peace movement round the globe as effective deterrent to imperialist menace. The call received widest support from the peace-loving people of the world.

Imperialist camp paid no heed to the call

But the imperialist bloc led by US imperialism did not pay any heed to this world people's opinion and instead stuck to developing yet more sophisticated nuclear weapons and pursued all sorts of nefarious activities — snooping under the guise of providing aides, committing political murders, engineering coup d'etat, fostering partial and localized wars and escalating war-phobia and tension. Thus while complete and all-out disarmament including full nuclear disarmament was the legitimate demand of world populace for lasting peace, it was US imperialists and their associates who, in utter disdain to world people's opinion went on accelerating manufacture of lethal nuclear weapons to perpetuate tension and hostility. However, spate of anti-imperialist struggles inside various countries and wave of international communist movement did produce some countervailing effect in abating to some extent the imperialist tyranny and war mongering and it was gradually prevailing on the toiling masses that more was added dimension to the movement, more cornered would be the imperialist brigands.

Menacing surge of modern revisionism reversed the trend

But the world situation which was so favourable for peace and surge of anti-capitalist revolutionary movement to usher in a new era of human progress and end of exploitation of man by man received a severe jolt when the Khrushovite revisionists usurped the power in USSR after the demise of Stalin. Moving away from the Stalinist path of pursuing correct socialist international policy, the revisionist Khrushovite leadership succumbed to capitulation to and appeasement of imperialist camp in the name of peaceful co-existence and stalling outbreak of nuclear warfare. This boosted the US imperialists in shooting up their international gangsterism with renewed enthusiasm. Having been able to make out that the Soviet Union under revisionist leadership posed no real threat to it, world imperialism led by US imperialism, in order to smash socialism, turned its gun then towards socialist China and tried to encircle her from all sides.

To foil this imperialist machination abetted by the weak-kneed policy of revisionist Soviet leadership, socialist China under the able leadership of great Mao Zedong was compelled to develop nuclear weapons. So long Mao was alive; China provided the shield of defence to all countries against imperialist aggression and intimidation. But when China also fell to revisionist grip after Mao's death, there was again a discernible tilt in the balance of power in favour of the imperialists. Browbeating by imperialist forces particularly US imperialism went on increasing and the weaker nations found it extremely difficult to hold out against US threats.

Dismantling of Socialist camp and escalated gangsterism of US imperialists

Finally after dismantling of the socialist camp following revisionist intrigue, world imperialism led by the US imperialists brought out the demon out of it, began pursuing brigandage and overlordism with impunity. Not only creating economic blockades through imposition of sanctions etc., US imperialists also escalated military intervention in various countries to bully them and bring them under their subjugation. US imperialists

fostered a war in the Gulf in early nineties, followed by pounding on Afghanistan. Through its puppet regime of Zionist Israel, they began carrying out savage assault on Palestine. Flouting and trampling all norms, laws and opinion, they, under fraudulent pretext invaded Iraq. Then they made Iran, socialist North Korea and Cuba targets of next attack by concocting pretexts. Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Seymour Hersh in an article in The New Yorker has revealed that Bush administration was closely involved in planning Israel's recent military operations on Lebanon much before as a prototype for a potential US pre-emptive attack to destroy Iran's nuclear installations. (AFP news quoted in Times of India dated 15-08-06.). Syria is also being intimidated regularly. It is thus the US imperialists and their accomplices, who have been taking the world populace to ransom, indiscriminately killing innocent citizens, perpetrating all kinds of war crimes, violating peace and keeping the international atmosphere tense and surcharged.

US double standard on nuclear question

Thus under guise of prudery for world peace, the US imperialists are betraying a worst double standard. There is a limit to hypocrisy and duping! While they are exerting pressure on others to abandon all nuclear arms, they themselves are arrogating to themselves the unfettered right to produce and stockpile all kinds of deadly nuclear weapons overriding all international norms and opinion by flaunting brute military muscle. Some of the nuclear arsenals US possesses today are thousand times powerful than the bombs dropped on Japan sixty years back. Bush administration has openly declared that anyone refusing to fall in line with its dictates is an 'enemy' country, member of an 'axis of evil' and should be ready to pay a price for such defiance. Apart from imposing economic sanctions and threat of military intervention as stated above, US imperialism has today gone to the extent of wiping out the countries daring to show 'obduracy' to disobey its wishes. In fact it has been sending shivers down the spine of all. Those who are unable to stand up against US threat are tamely surrendering to be

subservient to this most bestial nuclear super power. On the other hand, among the countries that are being targeted by US imperialism for refusal to give in to its pressure, the tendency to acquire nuclear arms spurred by the need for self-defence is growing. It is true that in the process, tension is mounting round the globe, a specter of horror and panic is looming large over the horizon. While people are dying of hunger and malnutrition, unable to eke out a bare subsistence level livelihood, huge resources are being diverted towards building up defence capabilities including nuclear armoury.

Need for developing worldwide anti-imperialist movement

No one can deny the inalienable right of any sovereign independent country to defend its freedom and territorial integrity against any foreign invasion. But as we have mentioned earlier, the objective fear that US imperialism and its associates or stooges would use nuclear weapons to overrun the 'enemy' countries is far reduced today in view of multiple custody of nuclear weapons. That has been proved in the case of annexation of Iraq, military intervention in Afghanistan and pounding on Lebanon where sophisticated conventional weapons have been used.

This once again reaffirms the conclusion that it is only organized people's power that can deter imperialist sharks from committing heinous crime on the mankind. Hence is the imperative need to develop an intense anti-imperialist militant peace movement in each and every country with communists at the core, integrate and consolidate all these movements to release a protracted and determined struggle against imperialist rampage and buccaneering. Such globally co-ordinated anti-imperialist movements on a firm ideological base will ultimately drive away the disarray and frustration in world communist movement, infuse it with the desired revolutionary fervour and culminate in smashing world imperialism-capitalism by revolution.

Capitalist India's thrust on developing nuclear arsenal

The question of capitalist India's acquiring nuclear power has to be

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seen in this perspective. There is no reason to oppose peaceful use of nuclear energy. But, is the ruling bourgeoisie, as an inseparable part of world imperialism-capitalism intending to remain confined to civilian use of nuclear power or buttressing an agenda of emerging as a nuclear military power in pursuit of expansionist aspiration? In 1974, the Congress government led by Indira Gandhi raising the bogey of national security exploded its first nuclear bomb in Pokhran with much pomp and grandeur seemingly to announce India's graduation as a nuclear military power. But it did not go well with the people having a glorious anti-imperialist tradition. Rather the toiling Indians groaning under the yoke of ruthless capitalist exploitation and irked at being increasingly dispossessed of the basic civil and democratic rights, were outraged at the colossal wastage of precious resources for fruitless purpose. In the face of this public ire, the then Congress government, as trusted representative of the ruling Indian bourgeoisie aspiring to grow as a regional superpower by flexing nuclear muscle, could not proceed with the plan of increasing nuclear defence programme and had to remain content within the precincts of civilian application.

But when the BJP, the other confident of the ruling capitalists, was saddled in power, there was considerable lull in the democratic mass movement as because pseudo-Marxists like the CPI(M), CPI completely shunned the path of movement and joined the bandwagon of bourgeois power politics by appeasing the ruling class. Taking advantage of this absence of desired level of people's resistance, the BJP, in order to please the class, revived the nuclear agenda and orchestrated second nuclear blast in Pokhran raising national chauvinistic slogans and pleading the need to augment defence preparedness to counter any attack from Pakistan or China. Our party at that time strongly deprecated this explosion of nuclear bomb as it was in no national interest but to serve the heinous motive of the exploiting Indian bourgeoisie to further its expansionist urge at the cost of public money, keeping the myriads

of countrymen semi-clad, semi-fed and doomed to sub-human life condition. We repeated that producing atom bomb was no guarantee to combat any foreign aggression as the likelihood of a nuclear warfare is much diminished in today's world of multiple nuclear powers. So it was hoax, purported to buttress an ulterior motive. It was only firm solidarity of the patriotic ideologically imbibed people that could, we reiterated, safeguard the freedom and sovereignty of the motherland. Boasting of nuclear supremacy keeping the people plunged in appalling poverty and abject misery is hypocrisy par excellence.

And what had been, by the by, the fallout? Could it help containing, what the Indian government made so much hype of, the hostile Pakistan state? Within a few months Pakistan reciprocated by conducting a counter explosion. Rather it escalated the tension further, generated bad blood and even fostered border conflicts and war in Kargil. On the other hand, penury and pauperization, torment and distress of the people were on a spiral. Manmohan Singh, just other day, admitted that India's nuclear weapons programme is the "cardinal principle of nuclear policy".

Nuclear deal – signalling an ominous future

In this background, one has to understand the real import and implications of the current Indo-US nuclear pact. If the various aspects of the deal are examined, it would be observed that these by no stretch of imagination are in the interest of the common people back-broken by worst capitalist exploitation. Rather the treaty in the form that has been approved so far in the US House is discernibly unequal and heavily loaded in favour of the US pirates. It is going to impose unfair restrictions on indigenous research and development in nuclear science and technology of India, place it perpetually under the supervision and control of external bodies regulated by US imperialists. Hence it is essentially a ploy on the part of Bush administration to make forays into the internal affairs of India, infringe on her freedom and ultimately force her to be curtsied before the US strategic interest in Asia. In fact, such action has already

begun. Within hours of the US congress approving the deal, the Bush administration slapped sanction on two Indian firms for missile-related transactions with Iran and the Indian government obliged by asking the two companies not to have trade with Iran. Surely the people have not asked the government to enter into such an agreement with the US imperialists. The weak, compromising policies of the bourgeois political parties and the treachery of the pseudo-Marxists have paved the way for this humiliating deal. The obnoxious odour wafting out of this treaty is of the killing venom to devour the countrymen in the days to come.

Both US and Indian bourgeoisie needed the deal

What prompted the Indian government representing aggregate interest of the ruling Indian bourgeoisie to enter into a nuclear agreement with such haste? To understand that, we need to trace back history a bit. The Indian bourgeoisie has long been nurturing an aspiration to emerge as a junior partner of world imperialist bloc, establish itself as a regional superpower in the south-east Asia and create its own sphere of influence. Though after independence, under public pressure, the bourgeois government of India had to adopt the policy of non-alignment, its pro-US tilt never went unnoticed. The Indian bourgeoisie tried to use its position of non-alignment to bargain aids and favours from both imperialist and socialist camps and in the process some restraint worked on it in openly colluding with the US imperialists. But after dismantling of the socialist camp, the Indian bourgeoisie made no secret of its desperation to develop closeness with US imperialism, even by offering plethora of concessions and concurring, overtly or covertly, with many of its nefarious moves, with a view to seeking its blessings and backing to materialize the dream of becoming a regional superpower. So was floated the process of befriending US rulers through positive gestures and sending feelers to them about its eagerness to serve US interest in the economic and political spheres. It is in this scheme of things that nuclear interest also

featured for obvious reasons.

BJP was first pressed into action to melt the ice. Subsequently, the Congress was entrusted with the responsibility to finalize the arrangement. Pro-US tilt of the Indian rulers became apparent from many national and international stands of the Indian bourgeois government. Of late, by refraining from directly condemning US invasion of Iraq, voting against Iran in IAEA conference, and proclaiming to fight 'terrorism and insurgency' in tandem with the US, the Indian bourgeoisie could convince its US counterpart that it was ready to work as close associate, if not accredited apostle, of US imperialism.

On the other hand, the US imperialists were being haunted by the thought of consolidating its hold on the South-East Asian region and keeping both Russia and China, now their capitalist contenders, at bay through intermediation of India. So they felt the necessity of making some friendly overtures to India, liberalizing some of the trade norms, offering some concessions and co-operation in various economic and diplomatic areas and relaxing a bit restrictions hitherto imposed on providing help and assistance in the field of nuclear technology. Through all these, it sought to create a dependable ally in India and project her as an US-backed power of reckoning.

Thus there was a convergence of interest of both the sides in materializing the deal. US imperialists, as we know, had always nurtured a policy of deconstructing 'recalcitrant' states and reconstructing them as US clones the moment such states gave blank cheque to abide by their directives. So India, till the other day a victim of so-called nuclear apartheid and host of other sanctions because of disagreement over signing NPT and such other factors is being described in glowing terms, flattered as an emerging power, made frontlines in the US publications which hitherto referred to her with condescension. In response, India became effusive in fulsome praise for US initiative in establishing global peace and yielded many a concession to it in the nuclear agreement that could well be held as subversion of her sovereignty and freedom. So this is

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discernibly an unequal deal worked out through mutual understanding of the respective ruling bourgeoisie of the two countries, inalienable parts of moribund decadent despotism – capitalism, the root of all evils. Clearly, it has opened the door for the US imperialists, the most hated enemy of mankind, to intervene and interfere in the internal matters of India making the condition of the people yet more stifling and suffocating. Once a surrender is made centering on the nuclear deal, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to avert further surrenders under pressure. Hence it is incumbent on each and every peace loving citizen to oppose the deal tooth and nail and thwart under pressure of movement every attempt on the part of US imperialism to cast its influence in the region, pull the strings from behind by using India as a pliant state.

CPI(M), CPI obstructing development of anti-imperialist movement

Unfortunately, the process of development of a fierce anti-imperialist movement is greatly impeded by the treacherous role played by the CPI (M)-CPI proclaiming themselves as lefts. Instead of exposing the vested interest of the ruling Indian bourgeoisie in auctioning the country's interest through the deal, its craving for occupying the post of a regional superpower with the backing of the US imperialists, these pseudo-Marxists are now confining themselves to evolve, what they call, a "sense of Parliament" on the nuclear deal and demanding a resolution detailing the contours of the deal to be satisfied that there is no 'shifting goalpost' from the Bush-Manmohan Declaration of July 18, 2005, as if conformity to the said declaration would make the deal acceptable and sanctified. At the same time, the CPI (M) leaders have clarified that they would not embarrass the Congress-led government, running on their support, on the issue. "We may shout against the government on the floor of the parliament ... as we have reservations over the proposed deal. But under no circumstances, we will vote against the UPA

government. We don't want the fall of the Union Government, right now." stated categorically by Jyoti Basu, the veteran CPI (M) politburo member." (*Economic Times* – 8/8/06). "If the PM is completely opposed to it (sense of parliament), what can be done? It's not an issue to bring down the government," reiterated Sitaram Yechuri, another CPI (M) politburo member (*Times of India*, 4/8/06). Earlier also, the CPI (M) and its associates, apart from making some show of protest to play to the gallery, made no serious opposition to palpable pro-US moves of the government and allowed the issues to fizzle out. Even today, when there is a countrywide roar against US soft drink majors like Pepsi and Cola for using excessive pesticides in their products, CPI (M)-led government in West Bengal is unfazed, unconcerned lest any anti-US stand jeopardizes inflow of US imperial capital to the state. It is thus clear how serious the CPI(M) is in its so-called tirade against the government for voting against Iran or supporting US

policies. In fact the party and its associates have given a pass to the ruling Indian bourgeoisie in achieving its class-objective through this most dangerous deal and obliterating the grave danger the deal is fraught with, by expressing satisfaction over the Prime Minister's speech in defence in the Parliament.

It ought to be understood that it is because of staunch opposition of the Indian people, even of the people inside its own country that US imperialism, despite commanding lethal nuclear power, could not so far be able to full-fledgedly impose its dictates on India. People's resistance had been providing the necessary bulwark. But if there is any dilution in this regard, any slack in mounting people's pressure, the US imperialists would be greatly advantaged in implementing their nefarious design. It is only under pressure of this tide of people's movements that the imperialist machinations and nuclear blackmailing could be smashed and diffused.

Annul the treaty — resist US hegemonism

So this most atrocious heinous treaty has to be opposed tooth and nail Already, there is simmering discontent and mounting resentment against this nuke deal throughout the country. The deal is being viewed as an affront to the Indian people, a national humiliation. Question is being raised as to who authorized the government to beg for nuclear assistance from the hated US imperialists and for that succumb to the dictates of the Pentagon regime? Hence the task is to build up an intense united anti-imperialist people's movement to thwart US hegemonism incorporating in it the demand for abrogating this most humiliating nuke deal, lock, stock and barrel. This movement ought to be integrated with the broader anti-imperialist militant peace movement round the globe. Under no circumstances the toiling people of the country should allow the ruling bourgeoisie to enslave the country to US imperialism, the worst enemy of mankind in the world today.

Delhi Convention of workers and employees gives call for struggle

A National Convention of workers, held in Delhi on July 25, 2006 with massive representation from the constituents of the Sponsoring Committee of Trade Unions, including UTUC-LS, Industrial Federations and independent unions, adopted a declaration starting from August 16 till December 14, including a General Strike on December 14, 2006. The convention was conducted by a 17-member Presidium that included Comrade Shankar Saha, the General Secretary, UTUC-LS, Comrade Jiban Roy of CITU, Comrade Amarjit Kaur of AITUC among others.

Leaders of different central Trade Unions issued calls to the entire mass of workers and employees to make the programmes adopted by the Convention successful. Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, the All India President of UTUC-LS and one of the speakers, said in his speech that

as a result of the policies and measures of globalization, the present situation has turned so grave and serious that there will remain nothing called a permanent job. The processes are already very much in operation curtailing, even wresting all the social securities like Provident Fund, Gratuity, Pension etc., earned through prolonged and painstaking struggles. The small and middle scale industries, which are said to provide more employment are gasping under the unbridled infiltration of foreign capital in these sectors. No doubt, all this demands united struggle. But here we should ponder: the struggle against whom? We must conduct this struggle on correct ideas about the enemy and the friends.

The Convention was addressed also by Comrades M K Pandhe of CITU, Gurudas Dasgupta of AITUC, Thompon Thomas of HMS, Abani Roy of UTUC, Swapam Mukherjee of AICCTU and others.

The Convention demanded of the UPA-led Union government to change its policies and take urgent action on the demands of the working people and other sections of toiling people of the country. The demands included firm and swift measures to check price rise and strengthening of PDS; respective comprehensive legislation for the unorganized sector and agricultural workers; enactment of Urban Employment Guarantee Bill; removal of ban on recruitment and stopping downsizing of workforce; stopping contractorization and outsourcing of jobs, privatization and disinvestments of profit making PSUs; implementation of all labour laws, statutory minimum wages, equal wages, maternity benefits etc.; review of Electricity Act 2003 and National Electric Policy 2005; ensuring right to strike for the workers and employees; land reforms along with stepping up of public investment in agriculture and irrigation and others.

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unanimously adopted by the meeting. The first one strongly urged the Government of India to adequately realize the strong feeling of the people of Assam for arriving at peaceful negotiated settlement with the leaders of ULFA movement and create no hindrance under this or that pretext. The resolution also urged upon the ULFA leadership to see that a negotiated settlement become possible within the earliest opportunity so that a climate for conducting people's united democratic movement can be restored as quickly as possible.

The second one strongly condemned and demanded immediate stoppage of US imperialist backed Israeli aggression on Lebanon, calling upon the anti-imperialist, freedom loving people of the world to firmly stand by the people of Lebanon.

Earlier Comrade Kalyan Choudhury, Secretary of the Assam State Committee of the party addressed the meeting emphasizing the great importance of developing united working class movement in Assam on the basis of Marxism-Leninism and the Thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Comrade Siddheswar Sharma concluded the meeting with an appeal to the people of Assam to grasp the Thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh who has illuminated the path of Indian revolution.

Delhi & Haryana

Memorial Meetings were held on August 5 in Delhi and on August 6 at Bhiwani, Haryana. In Delhi, Comrade A. K. Majumdar, member Delhi State Organising Committee, SUCI presided over the meeting, while at Bhiwani Comrade Satyawar, Secretary, State Organising Committee, Haryana took the chair. Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, member, Central Committee, SUCI was the main speaker on both the occasions. Comrade Pratap Samal, Secretary, Delhi SOC and Comrade Ramphal, member, Haryana SOC also spoke on the occasion.

In his speeches Comrade Krishna Chakraborty said that 5th August is the occasion when the revolutionaries of India renew their pledge for developing movements conducive to the emancipation of Indian working people from the clutches of slavery and exploitation under the rule of the capitalist class



Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya addressing at Guwahati, Assam

and for establishing socialism through successful revolution following the teachings of the great proletarian leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Revolution can be accomplished only if the masses can be freed from the confusions created out of the downfall of socialism in Soviet Union and some other countries including China, as well as confusions created by the utterly social democratic parties like the CPI(M)-CPI.

Comrade Chakraborty reiterated that we can act upon the situation correctly only if we are acquainted with the scientific analysis of the society, which, like nature, is also law governed. Marxism-Leninism reveals those laws to us, teaches us how to know them and act accordingly. Socialism is the inevitability in inexorable course of law-governed of social development in the same way as capitalism once emerged following the doom of feudalism.

Lenin showed that the main task of every revolution is to take over the state power from the hands of ruling class. Without this, the economic system cannot be changed. So far CPI and CPI(M) are concerned, their fight is not against capitalism as a system. SUCI fights against the capitalist class, the capitalist system as a whole for establishing a new social system free from exploitation i.e. a new civilization, a new culture and not against some individual capitalists only. Capitalism has now become most reactionary though it was progressive, even revolutionary, in its

early stage during industrial revolution in England and the French revolution. But with the emergence of monopoly capitalism and financial oligarchy through merger of industrial capital with banking capital, with the export of financial capital, capitalism acquired the character of imperialism having lost all its progressive character. Today capitalism has historically become moribund. But it is not going to die by itself. Here is the need for revolution. Every social change requires conscious role of men. Today objective conditions are mature for revolution. Subjective ones are not prepared yet, Comrade Chakraborty observed.

Lenin pointed out that there can be no revolution without a revolutionary theory, and without a revolutionary party with required strength. Realizing this historical truth and following Lenin's teachings, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh built up SUCI as a genuine communist party in India based on the Leninist teachings of party formation. In course of that struggle Comrade Ghosh devoted himself and identified his whole life with the cause of working class, revolution and the party and emerged in the process as a great leader of the proletariat.

Today, anti-people policies of globalization adopted by the world capitalism-imperialism with a view to coming out of its intense economical crisis and stalling re-emergence of socialism, are coming down heavily upon the toiling people's life. At the same time, by introducing two party system, the ruling class is keeping one or the other of bourgeois parties or combinations, like Congress or BJP, in power to continue its oppressive rule in the most successful way. All the major parliamentary parties and their governments are following anti-

people policies of the ruling class, with CPI(M) and CPI discharging treacherous role of compromise between capitalist class and the working class.

The attacks are coming not only in the economic sphere but also in political, social and cultural spheres. In such situation, it is necessary to strengthen the SUCI at grass root level. Peoples' struggle committees have to be formed. It is essential to overthrow the capitalism which is in power today. And for all this, we should learn and realize the great teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in order to accomplish



Comrade Krishna Chakraborty addressing at Bhiwani, Haryana revolution in this soil and help the international communist movement too.

Comrade Chakraborty continued: following the revolutionary theory Lenin made revolution successful in Soviet Russia. A worldwide working class movement was created as a result of it. Following the behest of Lenin, Comrade Ghosh made his best efforts to create essential ingredients necessary for revolution in India. Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, the present General Secretary of SUCI, has been providing the correct analysis of the events developed after the demise of Comrade Ghosh. It remains for the people to come forward, recognize and strengthen the revolutionary leadership of SUCI. Comrade Chakraborty urged.

Ghatshila

The 30th memorial day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was observed in the Study Centre of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thoughts at Ghatshila by SUCI Jharkhand State Organizing Committee. Comrade Ranjit Dhar, Staff member and member, West Bengal State Secretariat, SUCI hoisted the Red Flag in the campus of the Study Centre in the presence



A part of the gathering in the memorial meeting at Delhi

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of state party leaders, party activists, supporters and sympathisers from different districts of Jharkhand. This was followed by paying floral tributes before the statue of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Comrades Ranjit Dhar, Hem Chakraborty (Secretary, SUCI, Jharkhand), Malay Bose, Study Centre), Ranjit Modak (UTUC-LS, Jharkhand), Ramlal Mahato (AIKKMS, Jharkhand), Keya Dey



Komsomol volunteers presenting guard of honour in front of the statue of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh at Ghatshila.

(Right) Comrade Ranjit Dhar addressing the gathering

(AIMSS, Jharkhand), Mohan Singh (AIDSO, Jharkhand) placed floral tributes amidst slogans "Long Live Revolution" and "Red Salute to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh." On behalf of the Study Centre Comrade Tushar Giri placed floral tributes before the bust of Comrade Ghosh. This was followed by paying homage to the leaders of the international communist movement and departed central leaders of SUCI.

Later in the day a meeting was organized in the Study Centre campus. Besides party leaders, activists, supporters and sympathisers, a larger number of general people too attended the meeting. Before the meeting a guard of honour was presented by Komsomol in front of the statue of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. The meeting commenced with the song composed on Comrade Ghosh. Comrade Hem Chakraborty, presided over the meeting. Comrade Ranjit Dhar was the main speaker on the occasion. Citing several examples, Comrade Ranjit Dhar in his speech explained how Comrade Shibdas Ghosh enriched Marxism-Leninism by applying it in the concrete situation of India and how the thoughts of Comrade Ghosh illumined not only the path of revolutionary struggle of India but also provided rich guideline to correctly appraise many significant international problems and events. He said that the thoughts of Comrade Ghosh are now being appreciated by different communist parties of the world and some of

them already have published some of his articles in their own languages. Comrade Ranjit Dhar stressing upon the aspect of proletarian culture in a revolutionary party upon which



Comrade Ghosh always laid great emphasis, highlighted the salient points of the struggle released by the Central Committee of the party to rejuvenate and consolidate the organization with renewed vigour. He said that responding to this call of the hour would be the greatest tribute to the great leader of the proletariat, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Calcutta

At the call of the West Bengal State Committee, a central rally was held at Rani Rashmoni Avenue, Calcutta, on the evening of August 5. Braving the incessant rains, people in thousands, even from villages in far-away districts, came in processions to fill the venue from the early afternoon. By the time the meeting started, the whole area was full of a mass of people, and the crowd spilled over to the adjoining areas and upto the tram tracks. The huge gathering, patiently sat through the proceedings amidst rains and listened attentively to the speeches of the leaders.

Comrade Provash Ghosh, West Bengal State Secretary and member, Central Committee, was to have been the main speaker. But as he was down with malignant malaria, Comrade Manik Mukherjee, Central Staff and a member of the West Bengal State Secretariat, addressed the gathering as the main speaker. Comrade Yakub Pailan, member, West Bengal State Secretariat, presided.

In his speech, Comrade Manik Mukherjee said: Comrade Shibdas

Ghosh dreamt of a radical transformation of the Indian society for putting an end to exploitation of man by man by establishing socialism through anti-capitalist socialist revolution. Through life-long arduous struggle, he built up the genuine revolutionary party, the SUCI, as the weapon for directing the revolutionary struggle in order to translate this dream into reality. Each year, on this occasion, we take the pledge to renew the struggle for adopting Marxism-Leninism and the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the living embodiment of Marxism-Leninism in this era, in our lives, to assimilate it and to hold aloft before all sections of the toiling masses the correct line of anti-capitalist socialist revolution, to organize them in mass movements and to take these mass movements

from higher to still higher stages in order to complete the preparations for the revolution. 5th August is the occasion for heart-searching to examine and analyse whether we have been able to advance towards fulfilling this pledge. If we have failed, then we have to identify the causes of failure and conduct incessant struggle against them on the basis of the teachings left by the great leader through repeated study, cultivation and practice of these teachings.

Continuing, Comrade Manik Mukherjee said : By struggling against all difficulties and adversity on the basis of teachings of Comrade Ghosh, our party has extended organizational activity in 22 states, although with varying strength. But in every state, the best sons and daughters of the society including even the highly educated, being attracted by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought, are coming forward in hundreds to become party whole-timers to develop themselves as revolutionaries, to engage themselves in building up mass movements, are taking up responsibility by disregarding the lure of lucrative careers. Internationally, there is a growing recognition and influence of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought and the role of our party among the working class parties and the anti-imperialist forces.

On the international situation, Comrade Manik Mukherjee said: The euphoria of world capitalism at the victory of counter-revolution in the Soviet Union and East Europe was short-lived. The propaganda bubble that technological revolution has brought about a newer, better capitalism, assiduously fostered by bourgeois economists and intellectuals, has burst. World capitalism is getting more and more crisis-ridden. To pass the whole burden of capitalist crisis on to the shoulders of the common man, world monopoly capital has been implementing the globalization policies. As the onslaughts on the people are rising in pursuance of these policies, so also is rising the people's discontent against the capitalist system. Indian monopoly capital is a partner in this global



Comrade Manik Mukherjee addressing at Calcutta. Seated (From L to R) Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta and Comrade Yakub Pailan

capitalist conspiracy and has been implementing these anti-people globalization policies through successive governments at the Centre and in the states subservient to it.

On the national situation, Comrade Manik Mukherjee said: To keep people's discontent under control, the Indian ruling class has been trying for long to foist bourgeois 2-party system of rule in the country, in the style of the advanced capitalist countries. The BJP-led NDA government was thus replaced by the Congress-led UPA government at the Centre. This new government, pursuing the same anti-people policies is bolstered by the support of the CPI(M) and its associates, who, in typical social democratic fashion, wave red flag and talk about Leftist, communist vocabulary but skillfully act as the last prop of capitalism, shielding it from mass wrath. As a beneficiary

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of the 2-party capitalist system, the CPI(M) enjoys power in West Bengal and Tripura and alternatively in Kerala state and pursue the same capitalist class policies vigorously, crush all discontent and mass movements ruthlessly, and at the same time confuse, mislead and hoax the people by holding up the rosy picture of millennium within the very moribund capitalist system.

In conclusion, Comrade Manik Mukherjee exhorted all to assimilate Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's teachings and on that basis foil the capitalist and social democratic attacks and conspiracies, build up and intensify mass movements on the burning problems of people's life.

Tripura

A memorial meeting was held at Shakuntala Road in Agartala, Tripura on 5th August. Resolution was placed by Comrade Subroto Chakraborty condemning the US-backed Israeli attack on Lebanon and Comrade Sanjoy Chowdhury spoke in support. Comrade Shibani Das presided over. Comrade Pratiba Mukherjee, member, West Bengal State Secretariat and the main speaker in the occasion, spoke at length on the invaluable teachings of Comrade Ghosh and pointed out the arduous struggle he had led right from a very tender age to found a genuine communist party which was indispensable for achieving people's emancipation. Through this all-embracing struggle covering every aspect of his life, he had, on one hand, established SUCI, on a firm base and, on the other, bequeathed a treasure house of knowledge which serves as the beacon light in building up revolutionary movement in our country, as well as the world communist movement of the present days. She called upon the gathering to be pledged in the battle to mould themselves in thought, deeds and life-struggle with greater determination and elevate to the standard of worthy disciples of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh so as to be able to play the proper role in the backdrop of the present day critical national and international situations.

Gujarat

Gujarat State Organizing Committee of the SUCI organized the state level memorial meeting on 6th August at Surat which was well-attended despite rain by the party comrades, supporters, sympathizers and friends from all over the state.

In her address as the main speaker Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee, Central Staff, SUCI explained that moribund capitalism is the root of the all-out crisis engulfing the day to day life of the common people. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, reminded Comrade Mukherjee, had cautioned time and again the communist parties of the world about the lowering of ideological standards of the communists that paved the way for modern revisionism to permeate into the working class movement leading to dismantling of the socialist camp. When pseudo-communists like the CPI, CPI(M) are becoming servitors of the capitalist class it is only the SUCI, the genuine communist party on the soil is leading peoples' movement throughout the country on the burning issues of life. Stressing upon elevation of the cultural-ethical-ideological standards of the party, in particular, and the common people, in general, she called upon all to strengthen the SUCI, for bringing about anti-capitalist revolution. Other speakers included Comrades Dwarikanath Rath, secretary, Gujarat State Organizing Committee, Jayesh Patel, President, Gujarat State Committee, AIDS, Sumitraben Patel, Bharat Mehta, and Satyendra Singh. Comrade Ram Bharat Maurya, Secretary, Surat City, SUCI presided over.

Karnataka

"While the so-called communist parties like the CPI (M) and CPI are implementing the policies of globalization and covertly supporting the anti-people policies of the UPA Government notwithstanding some show of protests, it is the Socialist Unity Centre of India (SUCI) built by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of the era, which is holding aloft the banner of Marxism-Leninism, the highest and noblest ideology and culture of the time and is the only party to capable of shaping and leading to their logical culmination the people's struggle against the pernicious policies of capitalist



Comrade Pratiba Mukherjee addressing at Agartala, Tripura

globalization, its war and peace manoeuvres" said Comrade K. Radhakrishna in his speech in Bangalore. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Meeting was held on 5th August in Karnataka at B M Sri Kalabhavana in Bangalore where Comrade K. Radhakrishna, Karnataka State Secretary of the party was present as the main speaker and B R Manjunath, Bangalore District Secretary presided over.

Comrade B.R. Manjunath in his presidential speech called upon to strengthen SUCI which is developing democratic mass movements on the burning issues of people's life and thus pay real respect and homage to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Anantapur, A.P.

On the occasion of 30th death anniversary of the great leader of the proletariat Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, Anantapur District Organizing Committee organized a meeting at Anantapur Press Club on August 6. Comrade Radhakrishna, Karnataka State Secretary of the party, was the main speaker.

Comrade K. Sridhar, A.P. State Secretary, discussed about the anti-people policies adopted by Y.W.



Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee addressing at Surat, Gujarat (above). A part of the impressive gathering (below)

Rajsekhar Reddy Government.

Comrade B. S. Amarnath, Anantapur District Secretary, presided over the meeting. He dealt at length on the international situation and described it as a 'jungle raj'. In the name of fighting terrorism, the US-led imperialists destroyed Afghanistan, ruined Iraq, and now is backing Israel to launch monstrous attack on Lebanon. Comrade Radhakrishna recalled the teachings of Comrade Ghosh about rise of modern revisionism since the era of renegade Khrushchov and its inevitable result of counter revolution.

While dealing with the national situation, Comrade Radhakrishna said how the ruling capitalist class is out to destroy the moral backbone of the people. They want to introduce, in the name of sex education, actually pornography and create social sanction for all rotten culture.

Comrade Radhakrishna mentioned, because of all out crisis in people's life coupled with failure of all bourgeois parties and petty bourgeois parties people are more and more attracted to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's thought and SUCI throughout country.

Kerala

On 5th August memorial programme was conducted under the auspices of Kerala State Committee, SUCI, with due solemnity at Karunagappalli Town, Kollam district of Kerala. The Memorial meeting of comrades, supporters and sympathizers from the 13 districts of Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha, Kottayam, Idukky, Ernakulam, Thrissur, Palakkad, Malappuram, Kozhikkode, Wayanad and Kannur, at the Friendship Auditorium was presided over by Comrade Venugopal, State Committee member. Comrade C. K. Lukose, secretary, Kerala State Committee, in his address as the main speaker, dealt upon the unique life struggle conducted by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh along with his handful of compatriots in building up SUCI as the genuine revolutionary proletarian party on Indian soil. He also discussed about the invaluable contributions of Comrade Ghosh to the treasure house of the revolutionary science of Marxism-Leninism. In fact Comrade Ghosh in the process of concretizing

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Marxism-Leninism on Indian soil enriched and elevated the understanding of this noble philosophy to a new height and it is Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought that stands out as the most comprehensive and up-to-date understanding of Marxism-Leninism which alone can guide the world working class revolutionary movement along correct path amidst the prevailing confusions. His works are being translated into Spanish, French and Turki, and in Syria and accepted by communist and working-class parties in these countries as well as others, Comrade Lukose noted. In this background he emphasized on the historic significance of call for revitalization and consolidation of the party given by the Central Committee under the



Comrade C K Lukose addressing at Egmore, Chennai

leadership of our beloved General Secretary Comrade Nihar Mukherjee.

In the evening a well disciplined and spirited demonstration was held in the town, in which people from different walks of life participated. It was followed by an impressive mass meeting. Comrade A. Jalaluddin, member, Kerala State Secretariat of the party, chaired the meeting. Comrade C. K. Lukose was the main speaker. Comrade V. Venugopal, Comrade Jyothikrishnan, Secretary, Kollam District Committee and Comrade Shyla K. John, member, District Committee of the party and state secretary of AIMSS, also spoke.

Tamilnadu

Tamilnadu State Organising Committee of SUCI organised Comrade Shibdas Ghosh memorial meeting on August 7, 2006 at Egmore, Chennai.

The meeting was presided over by Comrade S Narayanasamy, member, Tamilnadu State Organising Committee. Comrade C K Lukose, Secretary, Kerala State Committee, SUCI, was the main speaker.

Durg, Chhatisgarh

The memorial day of great leaders Frederick Engels and Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was observed in Durg on August 6. Comrade Badsha Khan, veteran leader of the party was the main speaker. He highlighted the necessity of acquiring higher and nobler ethics-culture and morality for the present day revolutionaries following the examples of and learning from the teachings of great revolutionaries, such as Engels and Comrade Shibdas Ghosh were.

AIDSO leader Comrades Atmaram, Mahendra Sahu, Debendra Patil, AIMSS leader Comrade Sandhya Roy, workers' leader of HMKP Comrade Abdul Farid also spoke in the meeting.

Punjab

A public meeting was organised on August 6 in Budhlada town, Punjab. Comrade Pratap Samal, Comrade Aminderpal Singh, Comrade Than Singh from Patiala, Comrade Jagtar Singh and G.N. Gurjout Singh from Mansa, Comrade Vinod from Chandagarh and Comrade Manjit Singh of AIDSO offered floral tributes to the portrait of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

The main speaker of the occasion, Comrade Pratap Samal elaborating the international and national situation emphasised how the crisis ridden capitalism-imperialism is putting the entire burdens upon the shoulder of the common people, is making their life miserable day by day. In such a situation we have to take lessons from the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, who has concretised Marxism Leninism in the Indian soil to develop intense mass and class struggles - Comrade Samal concluded.



Part of gatherings at Kerala (Left) and Andhra Pradesh on 5th August to observe Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day

The programme was presided over by Comrade Aminderpal Singh, Incharge of Punjab unit of our party. **Guna (MP)**

A meeting was held on August 12 at Guna, MP. Apart from large number of students, ladies and common people, many eminent personalities of Guna also were present in the programme. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Lokesh Sharma, senior District organising committee member. Comrade Pratap Samal was the main speaker. Comrade Pradeep R.B., incharge, Guna party unit and Comrade Shubha Dixit, District Organising Committee member also spoke on the occasion.

Gwalior (MP)

The memorial day of the great leader of the proletariat and eminent marxist thinker of this era Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was observed in Gwalior by the party unit.

A public meeting was held on August 13 at Gwalior, MP. Comrade Pratap Samal was the main speaker. Meeting was presided over by Comrade Sunil Gopal, the unit incharge of Gwalior.

The meeting was well attended by large number of students, ladies and by many eminent personalities of the area.

Mumbai-Thane

Memorial Day was observed by SUCI Mumbai-Thane Unit on August 12 at East Parel, Mumbai on the occasion of 111th and 30th death anniversary of two great leader of proletariat of their era - Comrade Frederick Engels and Comrade Shibdas Ghosh respectively.

A meeting was organized which was attended by people from all around Mumbai-Thane district. The meeting was addressed by Comrades Kumar Kulashethra,



Comrade K. Radhakrishna addressing at Bangalore, Karnataka

Jairam Vishwakarma and A K Tyagi, the main speaker of the meeting. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Umashankar Maurya and conducted by Comrade Kedarnath Pandey.

Little Andaman

In Little Andaman, nearly 1300 KM away from the mainland, at the Ramkrishnapur Community Hall, a public meeting was organised to observe the occasion, with veteran teacher Narayan Mondal presiding over and Comrade Ashok Samanta addressing the gathering as the main speaker. Comrade Samanta highlighted some of the aspects of the unique struggle which Comrade



Comrade Badsha Khan addressing at Durg, Chhatisgarh

Shibdas Ghosh had led. He pointed out, it was Comrade Ghosh who correctly illumined the path of Indian revolution lead the toiling people to get organized on the basis of higher ethics and culture to overthrow capitalism and thereby achieve emancipation.

Memorial meetings were also held in different towns and cities of Bihar and UP.

Karnataka power sector contract workers on the way to victory

The Karnataka Power Transmission Contract Workers' Union affiliated to the United Trade Union Centre-Lenin Sarani (UTUC-LS) proceeded towards a major victory on 31.7.2006, after a protracted battle against their threatened unjust retrenchment. The Union had organized a mass dharna in Bangalore since 24.7.06 when the MLC Sri Y.S. V Dutta (Spokesperson of the JD(S), a partner of the ruling JD(S)-BJP coalition in the state), on behalf of the government visited the dharna spot and assured the workers that their services would be continued and the measures to be taken would be finalised at the joint meeting to be held on 10.8.06. He requested the workers to discontinue their agitation. This has signalled the initial victory of the movement.

It is to be recalled that the Karnataka government dismembered the erstwhile Karnataka Electricity Board (KEB) into KPTCL and five electricity Supply Companies (ESCOMS), in accordance with the policy of power sector reforms i.e. privatisation and commercialisation. Since then regular employment was most unjustly and illegally replaced by contractisation, through so-called contracts. Over 5000 employees designated as Shift Engineers, Operators and Helpers employed in about 600 substations were subjected to extreme exploitation. They were paid very meagre salary and denied all statutory benefits, viz., PF, ESI, leave, etc. The contractors further contributed to their woes by

whimsically demanding a cut in their salaries, under threat of termination.

When thus the hapless employees were searching a way out of their hardship, they found their genuine friend and leader in UTUC-LS. Through a massive state level convention organized in Bangalore in the year 2000, the KPTCL Power Transmission Contract Workers' Union was shaped up. Since then a series of struggles were organized throughout the state including the historic 100 hour strike and mass dharna in 2003. As a result, substantial gains were made viz., payment through cheques, PF, increased salaries.

Recently, on 6.6.06, the KPTCL issued circulars intending to directly recruit, on contract, different categories of staff replacing the existing ones working so long in different substations under the present 'contractors' at present and serving totally even for 8-10 years. In protest, responding to the call of the union, a massive token demonstration was held in Bangalore on 7.7.06, demanding either maintaining status quo or employing existing staff first on direct contract before taking others. As the KPTCL authority turned deaf ears to the just demands, the union wasted no time in calling for indefinite mass dharna in Bangalore from 24th July onwards. Over 1000 workers sat in dharna in front of the KPTCL headquarters and valiantly resisted attempts by the police to disrupt the dharna.

On the stern refusal by the Energy Minister to listen to the union leaders on the issue, the union



A view of the week-long mass dharna by struggling electricity workers of Karnataka in Bangalore

at once called for work boycott at all substations from midnoon of 27.7.06. The daily dharna and the plight of the employees threatened with destitution attracted the sympathy of all right-thinking people and many MLAs and MLCs of all parties – ruling and in the opposition, both. Statements in support of the movement were issued by luminaries of the state in the field of education, art and literature, science and by veteran freedom fighters. In view of the pressure mounting on the government, it could not but respond to the demands of the workers. In this regard All India Powermen's Federation has sent memoranda to the Energy Minister, Karnataka and M.D of KPTCL urging them to meet the most justified demands of the union.

It is in this background that Sri Sailendra Dube, Secretary General of National Co-ordination

Committee of Electricity Employees and Engineers has assured Comrade Shankar Saha, General Secretary, UTUC-LS of all help and assistance in compelling the government to meet the workers' demands. A meeting of the government and the union was arranged on 10.08.06 to resolve the issues, with the assurance that nobody will be retrenched.

According to reliable sources, the former Prime Minister Sri Devegowda has intervened in the matter for a just settlement of the issue. Comrade K. Radhakrishna, state president of UTUC-LS congratulated the workers for their perseverance and audacious struggling spirit. He commended their initial victory but asked them to be vigilant till the assurances are fructified in practice and to be alert against all sorts of ill-attempts to foist opportunistic deal by collaborationist forces in the movement.



A part of the massive gathering on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day in Calcutta on 5th August braving torrential rain

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