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LONG LIVE GREAT NOVEMBER REVOLUTION

(We are fast approaching the centenary of great October Revolution which heralded a new civilization, birth of a new society free from exploitation of man by man, paving the way towards the historical transition from capitalism to socialism proving the correctness of the noble ideology of Marxism-Leninism based on science and scientific truth. Had the world communist movement been free from revisionist attack and pursued the correct path as shown by the great Marxist authorities like Lenin, Stalin, Mao Zedong and Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the global scenario would have been different today and capitalism-imperialism would have found their doom in the grave. But, though painful, it is true that there has been a temporary setback of world communist movement because of revisionist conspiracy aided and abetted by world imperialism-capitalism that has dismantled socialism first in Soviet Union and then in China entailing collapse of the mighty socialist camp that stood as bulwark of peace and progress against war machination and war-mongering of the capitalist-imperialist sharks. In the unipolar world, the imperialist-capitalist powers headed by US imperialists are on a rampage—aggressing and occupying other sovereign states with brute military power, generating local and partial wars, brutally killing innocent civilians including children and women, perpetuating war psychosis and tension, fuelling ethnic-communal conflicts, engineering fratricidal bloodbaths, orchestrating regime changes through intrigues and subversive activities with impunity. But it is heartening to note that oppressed people are rising in protest against gruelling capitalist oppression and imperialist war cry throughout the world. Need of the hour is to unleash a

well-knit well-coordinated powerful organized anti-imperialist particularly anti-US imperialist militant peace movement under correct revolutionary leadership to smash this macabre design of the worst enemy of mankind. Keeping that necessity in mind, we have preferred to once again draw the attention of all to some of the invaluable teachings of the great Marxist authorities which will help developing the desired movement. In this connection, we also like to add that the most advanced, developed and enriched understanding of Marxism-Leninism in this phase of the era of Imperialism and Proletarian Revolution lies in Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought. In course of concretizing Marxism-Leninism on Indian soil and building up a genuine communist party based on Leninist model, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh developed and enriched the science of Marxism-Leninism and brought its understanding to a new height. As an ardent student and worthy continuer of Marx-Engels-Lenin-Stalin-Mao Zedong, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh provided genesis of modern revisionism, drew attention of all about the falling ideological standard of world communist movement, pointed out the emergence of new kind of individualism in socialist countries slated to pose grave danger to socialism itself and above all indicated that the elevated standard of a true communist today lies in complete identification of personal interest with social interest. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh also showed that how the latest discoveries of science have only been confirming Marxism-Leninism which is historically poised to emancipate humanity from the yoke of capitalist oppression. Glimpse of his thoughts can also be had from the select quotes from his works)



LENIN

“The question of imperialist wars, of the international policy of finance capital which now dominates the whole world, a policy that must inevitably engender new imperialist wars, that must inevitably cause an extreme intensification of national oppression, pillage, brigandry and the strangulation of weak, backward and small nationalities by a handful of “advanced” powers — that question has been the keystone of all policy in all the countries of the globe since 1914. It is a question of life and death for millions upon millions of people. It is a question of whether 20,000,000 people (as compared with the 10,000,000 who were killed in the war of 1914-18 and in the supplementary “minor” wars that are still going on) are to be slaughtered in the next imperialist
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STALIN

“The October Revolution cannot be regarded merely as a revolution “within national bounds.” It is, primarily, a revolution of an international, world order, for it signifies a radical turn in the world history of mankind, a turn from the old, capitalist world to the new, socialist world.
Revolutions in the past usually ended by one group of exploiters at the helm of government being replaced by another group of exploiters. The exploiters changed, exploitation remained. Such was the case during the liberation movements of the slaves. Such was the case during the period of the uprisings of the serfs. Such was the case during the period of the well-known “great” revolutions in England, France and Germany. I am
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MAO ZEDONG

“It is with the greatest optimism that we celebrate the anniversary of the October Revolution this year. I firmly believe that this anniversary marks the turning point not only of the Soviet-German war, but also of the victory of the world anti-fascist front over the fascist front.
Hitler was previously able to keep up the offensive without being defeated because the Red Army was alone in resisting fascist Germany and its accomplices in Europe. Now the Soviet Union has grown more powerful in the course of the war and Hitler’s second summer offensive has failed. Henceforward the task of the world anti-fascist front is to take the offensive against the fascist front and inflict final defeat on fascism.
The warriors of the Red Army
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SHIBDAS GHOSH

“Broadly speaking, the point is that the American economy is a capitalist economy and its problem is the problem of excess capital, that is the problem of excess finance capital. You know, capital cannot remain idle. A common man may not know all this, but the students of economics should. In case you do not know, please try to understand it in this way that capital is a thing which cannot remain idle. ‘Mr Capital’ cannot sit idle. If ‘he’ is to sit idle, ‘he’ would definitely do some mischief or harm. Capital requires to be in motion all the time. What harm is caused if capital remains idle? It begets a tendency for inflation, when prices of commodities keep on soaring rapidly. The reason is that if capital is not invested then production cannot
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war, which the bourgeoisie are preparing, and which is growing out of capitalism before our very eyes. It is a question of whether in that future war, which is inevitable (if capitalism continues to exist), 60,000,000 people are to be maimed (compared with the 30,000,000 maimed in 1914-18). In this question, too, our October Revolution marked the beginning of a new era in world history. The lackeys of the bourgeoisie and its yes-men — the Socialist-Revolutionaries and the Mensheviks, and the petty-bourgeois, allegedly “socialist”, democrats all over the world — derided our slogan “convert the imperialist war into a civil war”. But that slogan proved to be the *truth* — it was the only truth, unpleasant, blunt, naked and brutal, but nevertheless the *truth*, as against the host of most refined jingoist and pacifist lies. Those lies are being dispelled. The Brest peace has been exposed. And with every passing day the significance and consequences of a peace that is even worse than the Brest peace — the peace of Versailles — are being more relentlessly exposed. And the millions who are thinking about the causes of the recent war and of the approaching future war are more and more clearly realising the grim and inexorable truth that it is impossible to escape imperialist war, and imperialist peace (if the old orthography were still in use, I would have written the word *mir* (In Russian, the word *mir* has two meanings (world and peace)) and had two different spellings in the old orthography, in two ways, to give it both its meanings) which inevitably engenders imperialist

war, that it is impossible to escape that inferno, *except by a Bolshevik struggle and a Bolshevik revolution.*

Let the bourgeoisie and the pacifists, the generals and the petty bourgeoisie, the capitalists and the philistines, the pious Christians and the knights of the Second and the Two-and-a-Half Internationals vent their fury against that revolution. No torrents of abuse, calumnies and lies can enable them to conceal the historic fact that for the first time in hundreds and thousands of years the slaves have replied to a war between slave-owners by openly proclaiming the slogan: “Convert this war between slave-owners for the division of their loot into a war of the slaves of all nations against the slave-owners of all nations.”

For the first time in hundreds and thousands of years that slogan has grown from a vague and helpless waiting into a clear and definite political programme, into an effective struggle waged by millions of oppressed people under the leadership of the proletariat; it has grown into the first victory of the proletariat, the first victory in the struggle to abolish war and to unite the workers of all countries against the united bourgeoisie of different nations, against the bourgeoisie that makes peace and war at the expense of the slaves of capital, the wage-workers, the peasants, the working people.

This first victory is *not yet the final victory*, and it was achieved by our October Revolution at the price of incredible difficulties and hardships, at the price of unprecedented suffering, accompanied by a series of serious reverses and mistakes on our part. How could a single

backward people be expected to frustrate the imperialist wars of the most powerful and most developed countries of the world without sustaining reverses and without committing mistakes! We are not afraid to admit our mistakes and shall examine them dispassionately in order to learn how to correct them. But the fact remains that for the first time in hundreds and thousands of years the promise “to reply” to war between the slave-owners by a revolution of the slaves directed *against* all the slave-owners *has been completely fulfilled* — and is being fulfilled despite all difficulties.

We have made the start. When, at what date and time, and the proletarians of which nation will complete this process is not important. The important thing is that the ice has been broken; the road is open, the way has been shown.

Gentlemen, capitalists of all countries, keep up your hypocritical pretence of “defending the fatherland” — the Japanese fatherland against the American, the American against the Japanese, the French against the British, and so forth! Gentlemen, knights of the Second and Two-and-a-Half Internationals, pacifist petty bourgeoisie and philistines of the entire world, go on “evading” the question of how to combat imperialist wars by issuing new “Basle Manifestos” (on the model of the Basle Manifesto of 1912. *The first Bolshevik revolution has wrested the first hundred million people of this earth from the clutches of imperialist war and the imperialist world. Subsequent revolutions will deliver the rest of mankind from such wars and from such a world.*) **(Fourth anniversary of the October Revolution-** SW Vol. 33. p. 55-56)

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at Stalingrad have performed prodigies of heroism which will affect the destiny of mankind. They are the sons and daughters of the October Revolution. The banner of the October Revolution is invincible, and all the forces of fascism are doomed to extinction.

In celebrating the victory of the Red Army, we the Chinese people are also celebrating our own victory. Our War of Resistance Against Japan has been going on for more than five years, and although there are still difficulties ahead the dawn of victory is already in sight. Victory over the Japanese fascists is not only certain but is not far off.

It is the task of the Chinese people to concentrate every effort on beating the Japanese fascists.” **(In celebration of twenty-fifth anniversary of the October Revolution-** 6 November 1942)

“As our revolutionary teacher Lenin pointed out time and again, the great revolution carried out by the Soviet people forty years ago initiated a new epoch in world history.

Historically there have been revolutions of many kinds, but none to compare with the October Socialist Revolution.

For thousands of years the working people of the world and all progressive humanity have dreamed of building a society in which there would be no exploitation of man by man. This dream was realized on one-sixth of the earth’s land surface for the first time in history by the October

Revolution. This revolution proves that, without the landlords and the bourgeoisie, the people are completely capable of building a free and happy new life in a planned way. It also proves that different nations of the world are completely capable of living together amicably once there is no imperialist oppression.

In the past forty years the Soviet people have travelled a hard road. The imperialists tried by every means to destroy the world’s first socialist republic. The enemies of the Soviet Union appeared for a time to be stronger than the Soviet Union and twice launched armed attacks against it. But the courageous Soviet people, led by their glorious Communist Party, thoroughly smashed the attacks of the aggressors.

The Soviet Union has been invincible because it is a country in which the socialist system has replaced the capitalist system and the dictatorship of the proletariat has replaced the dictatorship of the exploiting classes? a country which develops its social productive forces at a speed of which the capitalist countries are incapable? and a country which truly practices proletarian internationalism, genuinely opposes national oppression and helps oppressed nations to emancipate themselves. Such a country enjoys the enthusiastic support of all its own people and the peoples of all the countries in the world. The Soviet Union enjoys these two kinds of support to a degree without parallel in the history of nations.

The face of the Soviet Union has changed completely in the past forty years. Before the revolution Russia was relatively backward economically and technically. Now the Soviet

Union has become one of the world’s first-class industrial powers. The living standards of the Soviet people have been steadily rising. The scale of development of educational, scientific and cultural establishments in the Soviet Union far surpasses that of the capitalist countries. The Soviet Union set up the world’s first atomic power station, made the world’s first batch of passenger jet planes and intercontinental ballistic rockets and launched the world’s first and second man-made earth satellites. The whole world acknowledges that the success of the Soviet Union in launching the man-made earth satellites on two occasions has opened up a new era in the conquest of nature by man. Not only the Soviet people, but also the world proletariat and all mankind can take pride in all this. (Applause.) Only a few reactionaries are unhappy about it.

Throughout the world the people have begun to see their own future ever more clearly in the successes gained by the Soviet people. Essentially, the path of the Soviet Union, the path of the October Revolution, is the bright common way for the progress of all mankind. (Enthusiastic applause.) The masses of the people throughout the world celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the October Revolution warmly, because the history of the past forty years has convinced them that the proletariat is certain to defeat the bourgeoisie, socialism is certain to defeat capitalism, and the oppressed nations are certain to defeat the imperialists. Of course, difficulties, twists and turns still face the people. But it was well said by Lenin thirty-six

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ON LEFT UNITY

Comrade Provash Ghosh at the Press Conference on 1 October, 2015

[It came out in the local media of West Bengal that in a meeting of CPI (M)-led Left Front, our Party was accused of not honouring commitment of organizing joint movements as because we refused to take part in the so called 17-party combination as well as Left Front's agitation against TMC government for hike in electricity tariff. It was also commented that we are doing so for bargaining with TMC. To refute the baseless and motivated allegations and present the facts, Comrade Provash Ghosh held a press conference on 1 October, last. English translation of his address in Bengali at the press conference is appended. Responsibility for translation error or inadequate expression, if any, lies with the Editorial board of Proletarian Era].

Yesterday (30 September, 2015) the newspapers carried news of discussions held in a meeting of the Left Front. Since none of the Front constituents has denied or questioned the news, I take that what has been published is true. What is most surprising and shocking to us is that such a discussion took place in the presence of Biman Basu [Veteran Polit Bureau member of the CPI (M)] but he did not oppose that. Although he was present in the discussions we had with CPI (M) on the issue of mutual understanding. It was in August, 2014 when he first wanted to have a talk with me. We did meet and discuss. Thereafter he contacted me and informed that their General Secretary would come down to Kolkata to meet me. In the month of October, last year, most probably on the 16th October, I had a long discussion with Prakash Karat, their former General Secretary at the CPI (M) office in Kolkata. Comrade Ranjit Dhar, veteran Polit Bureau member of our Party was with me. On behalf of CPI (M), Biman Basu was present in that discussion. Prakash Karat proposed that we have joint programmes. After listening to his entire proposal, I told him that earlier also we had always wanted joint movement with CPI (M) and other left parties. In some cases, it did take place whereas there was break of unity on some other occasions for various reasons. I reminded him that in 1951-52, when Famine Resistance Committee was formed under the leadership of Dr. Suresh Banerjee (he was a member of the first ministry in West Bengal after independence but later he resigned), CPI was not included because of the opposition of RSP, Forward Bloc and RCPI who then were big parties in West Bengal. Though our Party was then small, it was at our instance and because of our proposal that CPI was included. I told Prakash Karat that there was a break in the unity between them and us for the first time in 1971. After fall of the second United Front government, CPI and Forward Bloc entered into an alliance with us whereas CPI (M) and others formed a separate combination. Again in 1972, CPI and Forward Bloc united with Congress and we forged unity with CPI (M). That unity was broken by CPI (M) in 1974. Because, at that time, based on certain democratic demands, a powerful movement of students and youths against the Indira Congress-led central government surged forth and swept across many parts of northern, central and eastern parts of the country. At a certain point, Jayprakash Narayan (JP), a veteran Gandhite

personality, came to its leadership. We requested CPI (M) to participate in the JP movement. CPI at that time openly supported Indira Gandhi. We in our analysis showed that while CPI (M) did not join the movement raising the bogey of presence of rightist forces in it, they were having a clandestine understanding with Indira Gandhi. We said that since the leftists were not in the movement, the rightist forces were taking advantage of that. Even today we believe that had the leftists been in the leadership of JP movement in 1974, BJP could never come to the position they are in today.

Based on that difference, CPI (M) broke unity with us. In the 1977 election, the same very CPI (M) entered into an understanding with the Janata party within which were RSS and Jan Sangh. We were not a party to that. From 1974 onwards, we alone developed leftist movement uninterruptedly against the central government as well as the left front governments in West Bengal and Kerala. I also told Prakash Karat that in West Bengal our Party fought against all the anti-people policies of the Left Front government including abolition of English at the primary level. When the left front government abolished pass-fail system upto class IV, we developed protest movement. Now the central and state governments have gone a step ahead and abolished pass-fail upto class VIII. We are fighting against that also. In course of these movements and in various other ways, 161 leaders and cadres of our Party were murdered during the Left Front regime. All this I told Prakash Karat. At the same time, I told him that when we were fighting against anti-people policies of the Left Front government in West Bengal, we wanted unity with CPI (M) for developing movement against the central government and other state governments. But it was the then CPI (M) leadership which did not agree. Their condition was that if we stopped movement against West Bengal government, then only they would form unity with us at all India level as well as in different states. We did not accept that condition. So, even if we wanted unity, it did not materialize at that time. But when we were developing movements against the Left Front government in West Bengal and many of our workers and leaders were being killed, we always voted in favour of left candidates in the Rajya Sabha elections.

Then we said that even today we are in favour of unity. Only in Kerala, this unity would not be possible as there is already a left front comprising SUCI(C), RMP and MCPI. About West Bengal, we categorically told that for a long time we fought against your government on people's demands. So many of our comrades have been killed. Forty nine leaders and workers of our Party have been implicated in false cases and made to serve life imprisonment. Our comrades faced so much of repression and torture. So there is bitterness between us at various levels. In such a situation, there cannot be a total unity overnight. We can only make a beginning by building up joint movements on two issues—anti-imperialism and anti-communalism. Thereafter, as the understanding would get better, unity would gradually be extended. But, we

cannot have joint struggle with you against the Trinamool Congress (TMC) government on the issues like education, healthcare, electricity, transport fare, terrorism as because we fought against your government on the same issues. If any other issue crops up, we shall surely consider. I have openly told in what perspective we had formed unity with TMC and why did we break that unity. We had made all those things amply clear in press conferences held subsequently. It had come in the media. We also have published booklets on that.

On 1 November, 2014, there was a meeting of six parties in Delhi. A joint programme was decided in the presence of representatives of CPI (M), CPI, RSP, Forward Bloc, SUCI(C) and CPI (ML)-Liberation. That was the beginning of the current unity efforts. In West Bengal, there have been some joint programmes of these six parties. I want to mention there that I was invited at the party congress of CPI (M). In the presence of the CPI (M) leads, I have told their delegates that Congress can never be considered as a secular democratic party. Secularism means religion will not be mixed with politics. Congress all through has practised religion-based politics. In our country, it was Subhaschandra, Saratchandra, Nazrul, Bhagat Singh and others who were exponents of secular politics. But Indian national Congress did not uphold secularism even at the time of independence movement. As an inevitable consequence of that, the country was partitioned. Later, Congress has extensively encouraged religion-based politics. Congress even engineered communal riots. The horrific riots of Rourkela and Bhagalpur were orchestrated by Congress. Congress was first to open the lock of Babri Masjid. Taking advantage of that, BJP demolished the entire mosque. BJP has been organizing riots in many places. So, we do not consider Congress as secular or democratic. SP, RJD, LD (U)—these are all casteist parties. We do not consider these parties also as secular-democratic. In their party congress itself, I have stated all these, provided definition of secular-democratic principles and leftism and showed who could be called secular-democratic and so forth. If you want, we can provide copy of that speech to you. I said that the leftists were the only alternative to Congress in the country in 1950s. In the 1950s and 1960s, West Bengal was the nerve-centre of leftist movement in India. What was the reason for that? On the one hand, there was impact of world socialist system and world communist movement while on the other hand, the leftists then used to struggle, conduct militant struggles. Leftism then had credibility. But, today that has been razed to the ground. In their party congress, I said that if leftism is to be brought back to glory, what is needed is militant mass and class struggles. We are stressing on that. Militant mass and class struggles have to be developed at all India level under the leadership of the lefts—this was the very expression of mine. In their party congress, I have also said that we do not want a hotchpotch electoral unity. We have entered into unity not based on electoral arithmetic but for the interest of movement. And I have also said that this unity should be based on

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CPI (M) did not join JP movement raising bogey of presence of rightist forces but in election entered into an understanding with the Janata party that included RSS and Jan Sangh

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the Marxist principle of unity-struggle-unity. That means, while there should be unity based on agreed minimum programme, that unity would be further firmed up through bettering the understanding by way of ideological struggle within the united movement. This was what we said before the delegates of the CPI (M) party congress. Our stand is totally clear. Today also we are pursuing the same line.

In this background, I would like to say that we have been accused of not participating in the programmes thrown by the 17 party combination. First of all, there has not been any combination of 17 parties. What has been formed is the alliance of six parties. CPI (M) proposed to call representatives of some more parties in the meeting. Initially, our representative did not object to that based on good faith. Is there anyone in this house who can tell the names of all of the 17 parties? I shall not be able to tell of more than one or two. Representatives of such parties began to be present in the joint meetings. They all are yes-men of CPI (M). We said that we cannot be a party to such meetings of seventeen parties and agree to their decisions. On 17 September, Comrade Saumen Basu, State Secretary of our Party, went to Biman Basu at 22.30 hours and informed him that we have no relation with the 17-party combination. Then why were they talking of 17-party combination? Based on the decision of the Delhi meeting, a combination of six parties has been formed. We shall unite on two issues in West Bengal and if any new issue comes up, we shall examine if we should participate in any programme on that issue. I have been informed that Biman Basu attentively listened to what we had said and agreed. He also assured that they would no more talk of 17-party combination. So, there has not been violation of any decision on our part. This is my first point.

Suddenly, the mass organizations of our Party received a letter stating that under the auspices of 123 organizations, a convention would be held at Rani Rashmoni Road in Kolkata. The venue has been booked and all necessary permissions obtained. You come and join. Who decided this? When was this decision taken and with what purpose? We do not know anything of that. We are not lackey of anyone that someone else would decide and we should follow. There was prior no discussion as to who decided the programme with what objective and on which demands. They all on a sudden decided the programme themselves and then told us to join. So, none of our mass organizations took part in that programme.

All Bengal Electricity Consumers' Association (ABECA) was formed in 1992. Where was the Left Front then in movement on electricity? It was the Left Front government which was then continuously raising the power tariff. They also slashed power subsidy. We have written document of that. The clause of Monthly Variable Cost Adjustment (MVCA) which the Trinamool Congress is using to hike power tariff was promulgated by Left Front government only. Trinamool Congress is following what the Left

Front had started. A list of the movements organized by ABECA and the demands achieved so far has been given to all our journalist friends present here. The list also contains the details of how many movements have so far been conducted by ABECA after installation of the TMC government, which have been the demands achieved and which are yet to be achieved; how many times these movements were attacked; how many times the organizers and participants were sent to jail—everything. Suddenly the Left Front adopted a programme of two-day long agitation against rise in power tariff. How could we join that? It was they who raised power tariff repeatedly. It was they who sold Calcutta Electricity Supply Corporation (CESE) to the Goenkas at a nominal price of Rs 8 crores. How can then we join such a programme of theirs? It is necessary to mention here that ABECA is not our party organization. It is the only organization of the electricity consumers. There are many non-political persons in it. Our party workers also are within it. Another example is Save Education Committee. Late Justice V R Krishna Iyer was President of All India Save Education Committee. Similarly many renowned intellectuals like late Dr. Sukumar Sen, Dr. Nihar Ranjan Roy, Dr. Pratul Gupta, Premendra Mitra, Dr. Sushil Kumar Mukherjee, Santosh Kumar Ghosh and others were in its West Bengal counterpart. Along with them, our party workers also worked in the All India as well as West Bengal bodies of Save Education Committee. Terror was first perpetrated by Siddhartha Shankar Ray, the former Congress chief minister of this state, in early 1970s. There had also been extensive terror during the Left Front regime. The same is continuing in TMC rule also. In this backdrop, can we unite today with Left Front on the question of terror? Then we shall have to say that as terror was orchestrated by erstwhile government, so is terror being indulged in by the present government. Unless we say this, it will be tantamount to deceiving people. We cannot do that. It is not our politics. From 1974, we alone have been struggling both at all India level as well as in West Bengal. It is not at the mercy of anybody. So, we shall participate in the joint struggles on issues which we agree with them. Where we do not have agreement, we shall not. Biman Basu knows everything that we told Prakash Karat. Our State Secretary once again reminded him of that. Even after that, when we were insisted on joining the programmes of 17-parties, our State Secretary clarified everything in a statement to the media. Even Ganashakti, the mouthpiece of West Bengal state CPI (M) had published that. I am shocked why Biman Basu, despite knowing our stand very clearly, remained tight-lipped on this question in the Left Front meeting.

The leaders of RSP and Forward Bloc have even indicated that we have united with them to bargain with TMC for electoral benefits. This is a very indecent remark on their part. Only those who indulge in bargaining and appealing for a few seats can stoop to the level of saying that 'we

have entered into an issue-based unity with CPI (M) for bargaining with TMC'. Our Party had never done all these things in the past nor will do it in future. From revolutionary objective and keeping the interest of mass movement in mind, our Party takes specific stand in specific circumstances. We always openly place our political viewpoint before the people. That is why the people repose confidence in us. They firmly stand by us not only when we build up movement but also when we face threats or attacks. We kept people fully informed when we united with TMC in the perspective of Singur-Nandigram movements. It was our Party who first built up movements in both Singur and Nandigram. It was not possible for us to make the movements victorious by fighting single-handedly and facing attacks from the then Left Front government. TMC wanted to join the movements. At the initial stage, we developed the movements not at party level but by forming mass struggle committees. But, we had conflicts with TMC as well. We had been resisting forcible land-grab in Singur for two days. We could involve the peasants in that resistance movement. TMC chief scuttled that movement by sitting in a hunger strike in Kolkata. Left Front government grabbed the land. But they could not do that in Nandigram. Local TMC leadership under Subhendu Adhikary supported our line. For that, TMC chief was hostile to him. Resistance could be built in Nandigram. There were mass killing and mass rape on the part of the ruling CPI (M) and its government to suppress the movement. At that time, we first gave a call to dislodge CPI (M) from power. Before that, from 1977 onwards, we fought against CPI (M) but never gave call to oust them from power. We fought them alone. Earlier TMC gave us proposal for electoral unity. We refused. In 2001, Biman Basu and departed Anil Biswas of CPI (M) gave us proposal for electoral unity at their state headquarters at Alimuddin Street. Had we agreed to that, we could have more seats, even ministries. But we declined that offer. We told them that let them come back to leftism. Then we would think about that.

At Nandigram, it was not just an attack with bullet and baton. There was genocide and even mass rape. Earlier, there were attacks to crush democratic movement. But, there was never any resorting to mass rape. It was for this reason that based on Singur-Nandigram movements, there was rising public opinion against CPI (M). In that backdrop, we raised the slogan that CPI (M) must go. This was the first time we gave the call for removing CPI (M) from power. Because, had they continued to be in power, they would have intensified the magnitude of repression to crush movement. We said all these openly then. TMC fought for power and we fought in the interest of mass movement. At that time, when we were in the process of entering into unity with TMC, I myself along with some other leaders of our Party went to the offices of RSP and Forward Bloc with a call to join with us. Despite agreeing with our views, they expressed their helplessness

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We are not for hotchpotch electoral alliance but want unity only to develop militant class and mass struggles

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to accept our proposal. I do not want to embarrass either Ashok Ghosh (Forward Bloc leader) or Kshiti Goswami (RSP leader) by revealing what they told us then. But I do remember the very words they told us. So, I do not want to make them uncomfortable by saying that here.

The second reason for which we went with TMC was that we knew even if we do not support them, they would win the election. TMC leadership could not understand that. But we could by analyzing public psychology based on Marxist methodology. We could also understand that during election campaign TMC would attack Marxism and leftism. The election in the state would be on an anti-Marxist, anti-leftist wave.

TMC wanted to have unity with us because, first of all, our Party had played an important role in developing the Singur and Nandigram movements for which public opinion was growing fast against the Left Front government. In that situation, TMC needed unity with us for electoral interest. Secondly, though our Party gets less votes by fighting election alone, it enjoys prestige and credibility among the people. So, if any other party forms unity with us, it helps them. We gave condition to TMC that we would agree to unity provided they refrained from attacking Marxism-leftism. TMC accepted that condition. And we also wanted that TMC should not usurp the entire credit of Singur-Nandigram movements. We had three objectives—Left Front must go because of mass killing and mass rape; secondly, guarding the possibility of the electoral campaign being conducted against Marxism-leftism and thirdly preventing TMC from appropriating all credit of Singur-Nandigram movements. For argument's sake and keeping aside for the moment the question of the strength of our Party, let us assume that we had not supported TMC. Could Left Front be returned to power in that event? Why did the Left Front chief minister lose to one of the bureaucrats of his time by a margin of 26,000 votes? What was the mindset of the people at that time? What condition they created by staying 34 years in power? It is true that we wanted them to be defeated. But at the time we wanted to ensure that there was no attack on the ideology of Marxism-leftism. And we also wanted to guard that TMC was not in a position to totally usurp the credit of Singur-Nandigram movements which the workers of our Party built up with their blood.

We also wanted that let TMC be in power. Then people would soon come to see its real face. Now people are realizing that in hard way. I want to remind you that from 1979 onwards, our Party cadres had shed blood and even given life to develop movements against the Left Front government against harrowing price rise, hike in transport and power tariffs as well as on various demands like re-introduction of English and pass-fail system at primary level. These movements continued for two decades. TMC was not born then. Congress was then thoroughly discredited for moving on an understanding with CPI (M). TMC was formed with the aggrieved Congress workers and in order to rein in the growth of our

Party, the bourgeois media gave wide publicity to it. In order to confuse people, the media spoke in so many superlatives about TMC supremo like “fighting leader”, “girl of fire” and so forth. Had TMC been in opposition, people would have continued to harbour such illusion about it even today. It was necessary to remove that illusion in the interest of movement.

Despite our unity with TMC, we gave candidates against Congress in the Parliament election. That is why, Congress had attacked us aggressively. After election, when TMC formed government with Congress, we opposed it. Comrade Tarun Mandal, our lone MP sat in the opposition and played his due role with the outlook of a revolutionary party. You all know that. TMC told us that in the assembly election, they would leave for us only the two constituencies where we had sitting MLAs. They told that they would give us seats in the proposed Vidhan Parishad (Upper House). We refused. We said we were against formation of any Upper House. It was from us that the people first came to know that TMC was thinking of constituting an Upper House. We lost our Kultali seat in the election. In fact, we were made to lose. Because, TMC voted there in favour of CPI (M). They only have to answer whether their state leadership or local leadership was instrumental behind it. At Joynagar, we received virtually no vote from TMC dominated areas. TMC offered us ministry in West Bengal. We declined.

We also declared before assembly election that once TMC is saddled in the governmental power, we shall be the first in the street to develop movements. Fact is also that. We were first to build up movement against TMC. On 8 September, 2011, our student wing AIDS0 organized a huge rally in demand for reintroduction of pass-fail system upto class VIII. On 26 September of the same year, we had organized a procession of the educationists. On 8 November, workers and employees took part in a mass law-violation. On 12 September, I myself at this old age walked from College Square to Deshapriya Park on various demands of education including reintroduction of pass-fail system. Where was the movement of RSP-Forward Bloc at that time? From then onwards, regular movements at local, district and state levels against the TMC government on various demands have been organized by our Party. Recently, during the mass-violation movement on 5 February, two of our workers lost their eyes because of atrocities by the police of TMC government. We have been raising contributions from the public to meet the expenses of their medical treatment. This time also, we could have our MP returned for the second time in the parliamentary election. TMC had sounded us for having an understanding. We rejected it knowing fully well that we would be defeated. Ours is not a party for votes. In the meeting of 24 April in Kolkata Maidan, I had said ours is not a party to increase the number of MLAs and MPs. We are not for winning at any cost. Being imbued with Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought, we struggle with revolutionary objective. At the same time, as long as there is parliamentary illusion

among the masses, we would have to take part in electoral battle with a view to removing that illusion. If we can win, well and good. If not, there is nothing much to lose as such. We consider a character like Kshudiram and Bhagat Singh much more precious than ten or twenty MLAs and MPs. Even today we have thousands of workers who can fight facing bullets. This is our Party based on Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought. I have also emphatically stated in the CPI (M) party congress that we are not for entering into unity for electoral benefits. We want unity only to develop militant class and mass struggles. I have also reminded all of Lenin's teaching that the real strength of a revolutionary party does not lie in the number of members in parliament but lies only in the fire of class and mass struggles.

What is the condition of RSP and Forward Bloc? If I say that, they would feel injured. Ours was a smaller party in 1950s. They used to taunt us. I apprehended that after demise of Ashok Ghosh, Forward Bloc would collapse. But, right now I find them in mess even when he is alive. What about RSP? At the mercy of CPI (M), they have increased much the number of their MLAs and MPs. We do not practise tailism of any party. We can modestly claim that not in the number of MLAs or MPs but based on organizational strength, we are next to CPI (M) in West Bengal. Who can deny this fact? But though CPI (M) has more strength than us, after being in power for 34 years, things have come to such a pass that most of their workers are inactive today. I asked one of CPI (M)'s top leaders: 'in 1972 you faced much assault from Congress. We too had faced it. But at that time also, you were not in such a peril as you are in today. Why are you not able to inspire your workers to take to the field after enjoying power for 34 years? We are not in that dire a strait. His answer I should not quote here. CPI (M), CPI, CPI (ML)-Liberation and SUCI(C) have organizations at all India level. What is the level of existence of RSP and Forward Bloc? It is not that all of us command equal strength in all the states. There are some places where we have better organization while in some other places others have better presence than us. The pattern is like this. In Kerala, RSP MP won with the backing of Congress. We do not practise such politics. With whom shall we bargain and for what purpose? We are not for that kind of politics. In the media, there is talk of Siliguri model and Bidhannagar model. Now, I am hearing of Asansol model. Everywhere, there has been unity of CPI (M) with Congress and even BJP against TMC at lower level at municipality and panchayat elections. During discussion with Comrade Saumen Basu, Biman Basu answered that these so called models of theirs were against terror and vote loot. But there is a belief growing among the public that these models are nothing but undeclared seat adjustments. 'You give us vote in one constituency and I will vote for you in another constituency'—this is stated to have been the understanding. What is correct, reality would only unfold. Recently, General Secretary of CPI (M) had said this in his speech here. Earlier, they

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had supported Congress against BJP. According to them, there are 'secular' and 'democratic' forces within Congress. Marxist Path, their theoretical organ also endorsed the same line. We have noted all these. We do not know what this would lead to. But we shall try our best to preserve the unity of the six parties till end.

We are ready for the next election. We might win some seats. But the way money-muscle-media-administrative powers combinedly work against us, we might not even win a single seat. But as a revolutionary party, we do not care for that. We have been developing movements and will continue to do so. Our strength is growing, not only in West Bengal but throughout India. In the so called wind of 'change', not a single of our workers, let alone any leader, switched side. Ours is a revolutionary party of a different mettle. We are an expanding force. But it is not enough. We need to increase our strength manifold. We have given you a concise list of the movements we are building up in this state in different spheres. You please compare what we have done for developing movements after TMC's ascendancy to power vis-a-vis what others have done. In the list, there is mention of the place and time of all

the movements we have conducted so far. As per our proposal, the six parties during their meeting in Delhi decided to protest throughout the country against the visit of war-monger US President. Similarly, at our instance, there were protest demonstrations round the country against the corruption of BJP government. It was our Party which in every state played an all out and active role in making the all India strike of 2 September a complete success. Wherever possible, we involved others. Where it was not, we did it single-handedly. There is no city, village, village mart or marketplace where our workers did not carry out the campaign. The people of the state have been witness to that.

The commitment we made about developing joint movement of six parties while talking with Prakash Karat will be duly honoured by us. We shall be together in any movement against imperialism-communalism in this state. As regards any other issue, if we consider it appropriate, we shall join. But if we find the issue not proper, we would not. In Bihar election, there has been understanding in some seats. In some other seats, there is friendly contest. In the Delhi election also, there were understanding in some seats while there were friendly fights in other seats. Biman Basu came to see me when I was

sick. I have a relation with Biman Basu right from the days of students' movements. So, I do not think it was just a courtesy visit. That is why I am surprised how could such a discussion accusing us of not honouring commitment take place in his presence. He was fully aware of our stand. I have openly told him that in the next election, there could be seat adjustment between us. But such adjustment would not be in South 24 Parganas and East Midnapur districts. In South 24 Parganas, so many of our workers and leaders were murdered at the hands of CPI (M). So, there cannot be any adjustment. Nandigram, the venue of the historic peasant's struggle is in East Midnapur. So, no adjustment will be there as well. There might be adjustments in other seats while friendly contests might take place in some places. For example, by-elections are going on in some panchayets of this state. We are contesting in a few seats. Our workers have been conducting many movements at district, bloc or police station levels. Yesterday also, there was baton charge on our movement in Midnapur town. In the seats we are not fighting, we have asked everyone to vote in favour of left candidates. But if the left candidates enter into clandestine understanding with either Congress or BJP, there will be no question of voting for them.

Solidarity Message to the Workers World Party, USA, from Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist)

On the occasion of the National Conference of the Workers World Party of the United States of America, I, on behalf of my Party, the Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist), send you warm revolutionary greetings and convey our best wishes for the success of your Conference and for the progress of your struggle. The Workers World Party is dedicated to the struggle for bringing about a socialist revolution in the United States of America. We admire your endeavour to fight for the people's cause and to build up militant working class movements on the American soil overcoming all impediments. Your Conference is being held at a time when the country is gearing up to elect a new President in the coming year. When Barack Obama was elected as the President, USA was in turmoil over an unprecedented economic catastrophe as well as the unjust wars of aggression and intervention. Many citizens, being confused, had high hopes that under the new administration of the first African-American President there would be some amelioration of their economic plight and a reversal of USA's war policy and progress towards international peace. But the events that followed have belied all these hopes. The effects of the financial meltdown continued and became more severe; poverty intensified and a vast section of people faced economic ruination. The system could find no way to contain the economic crisis, rather the entire burden of the crisis was loaded on the backs of the workers, the oppressed and the poor. Acute cultural and moral degradation has spread its

tentacles through the society, destroying moral values and ethics, and particularly dehumanizing a considerable section of the younger generation, just one manifestation of which are the repeated and horrific incidents of mass murder at educational institutions. As the people's discontent is rising, the state apparatus is becoming more and more repressive. African Americans and immigrants continue to be victims of racial discrimination. There are alarming incidents of police brutality against them, even killing them.

Post Second World War, the economic might made USA a creditor nation, but now, notwithstanding the apparent wealth and opulence, USA is the most indebted country in the world. Severe economic crisis has forced USA to intensify all-out militarization of economy - arms manufacture and selling are now its cardinal points. A disastrous fall-out is that the military hardware is finding its way to the Islamic fundamentalists and is used in terrorist activities in different countries. The Obama administration has committed more troops to fight the US wars of aggression in Afghanistan, Iraq and Middle East. USA and its imperialist allies are bent on destabilizing through wars or internal sabotage all regimes showing anti-imperialist disposition and are destroying democratic movements in the region. US imperialism is not only resorting to direct aggression under false pretexts, but is also fuelling and strengthening religious, particularly Islamic, fundamentalists, like Osama Bin Laden, Al Qaida, Taliban, ISIS, etc., and is inciting intra-religious

conflicts. Iraq is devastated and the country is now bleeding from civil war, with ISIS on the rampage. NATO-US military intervention has transformed Libya into a state of anarchy. The theatre of war is now extended to Syria, with USA openly instigating civil war by lending armed support to the rebels. It is militarily threatening North Korea on the issue of nuclear weapons. In all corners of the globe USA nakedly displays its strong-arm tactics and bullying.

After the Second World War and the resounding victory of Soviet Union led by Stalin over the military might of the fascist forces, imperialism was cornered and weakened; people's democratic revolution in East European countries was successful, a most favourable condition was created for the victory and onward march of the liberation struggle of the colonies and semi-colonies, and of people's democratic revolution in China, North Korea, Vietnam and Cuba. Thus a powerful anti-imperialist, anti-war socialist camp emerged parallel to the imperialist-capitalist world camp. This new civilization not only inspired the oppressed and exploited people of the whole world, but also drew high admiration from the great humanists of the 20th century and leaders of the freedom struggle in different countries. And they highly appreciated Stalin and socialism. But after the demise of Stalin sway of revisionism gripped the Soviet party and revisionists usurped the leadership of the party and of the state. Stalin existed as an authority of

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not speaking of the Paris Commune, which was the first glorious, heroic, yet unsuccessful attempt on the part of the proletariat to turn history against capitalism.

The October Revolution differs from these revolutions *in principle*. Its aim is not to replace one form of exploitation by another form of exploitation, one group of exploiters by another group of exploiters, but to abolish all exploitation of man by man, to abolish all groups of exploiters, to establish the dictatorship of the proletariat, to establish the power of the most revolutionary class of all the oppressed classes that have ever existed, to organize a new, classless, socialist society.

It is precisely for this reason that the *victory* of the October Revolution signifies a radical change in the history of mankind, a radical change in the historical destiny of world capitalism, a radical change in the liberation movement of the world proletariat, a radical change in the methods of struggle and the forms of organization, in the manner of life and traditions, in the culture and ideology of the exploited masses throughout the world.

That is the basic reason why the October Revolution is a revolution of an international, world order...

A number of fundamental issues could be noted on which the October Revolution influences the development of the revolutionary movement throughout the world.

1. The October Revolution is noteworthy primarily for having breached the front of world imperialism, for having overthrown the imperialist bourgeoisie in one of the biggest capitalist countries and put the socialist proletariat in power.

The class of wage-workers, the class of the persecuted, the class of the oppressed and exploited has for the first time in the history of mankind risen to the position of the *ruling* class, setting a contagious example to the proletarians of all countries.

This means that the October Revolution has ushered in a new era, the era of *proletarian* revolutions in the countries of *imperialism*.... The October Revolution thereby exposed the lie of the Social-Democrats that at the present time a peaceful transition to socialism is possible through bourgeois parliamentarism....

2. The October Revolution has shaken imperialism not only in the centres of its domination, not only in the "metropolises." It has also struck at the rear of imperialism, its periphery, having undermined the rule of imperialism in the colonial and dependent countries... the October Revolution broke the chains of national and colonial oppression and freed from it, without exception, all the oppressed peoples of a vast state. The proletariat cannot emancipate itself unless it emancipates the oppressed peoples. It is a characteristic feature of the October Revolution that it accomplished these national-colonial revolutions in the U.S.S.R. not under the flag of national enmity and conflicts among nations, but under the flag of mutual confidence and fraternal rapprochement of the workers and peasants of the various peoples in the U.S.S.R., not in the name of *nationalism*, but in the name of *internationalism*.

It is precisely because the national-colonial revolutions took place in our country under the leadership of the proletariat and under the banner of internationalism that pariah peoples, slave peoples, have for the first time in the history of mankind risen to the position of peoples that are *really* free and *really* equal, thereby setting a contagious example to the oppressed nations of the whole world.

This means that the October Revolution has ushered in new era, the era of *colonial* revolutions which are being carried out *in the oppressed countries* of the world in alliance with the proletariat and *under the leadership* of the proletariat.

It was formerly the "accepted" idea that the world has been divided from time immemorial into inferior and superior races, into blacks and whites, of whom the former are unfit for civilization and are doomed to be objects of exploitation, while the latter are the only bearers of civilization, whose mission it is to exploit the former.

That legend must now be regarded as shattered and discarded... It was formerly the "accepted" idea that the only method of liberating the oppressed peoples is the method of *bourgeois nationalism*, the method of nations drawing apart from one another.... That legend must now be regarded as refuted. One of the most important results of the October Revolution is that it dealt that legend a mortal blow, by demonstrating in practice the possibility and expediency of the *proletarian, internationalist* method of liberating the oppressed peoples, as the only correct method; by demonstrating in practice the possibility and expediency of a *fraternal union* of the workers and peasants of the most diverse nations based on the principles of *voluntariness and internationalism*. The existence of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which is the prototype of the future integration of the working people of all countries into a single world economic system, cannot but serve as direct proof of this....

3. Having sown the seeds of revolution both in the centres of imperialism and in its rear, having weakened the might of imperialism in the "metropolises" and having shaken its domination in the colonies, the October Revolution has thereby put in jeopardy the very existence of world capitalism as a whole... More than that. While shaking imperialism, the October Revolution has at the same time created — in the shape of the first proletarian dictatorship — a powerful and open *base* for the world revolutionary movement, a base such as the latter *never possessed* before and on which it now can rely for support. It has created a powerful and open *centre* of the world revolutionary movement, such as the latter *never possessed* before and around which it can now rally, organizing a *united revolutionary front of the proletarians and of the oppressed peoples of all countries against imperialism*.

... October Revolution inflicted a mortal wound on world capitalism from which the latter will never recover. For that very reason capitalism will never recover the "equilibrium" and "stability" that it possessed before October. Capitalism may become partly stabilized, it may rationalize its production, turn over the administration of the country to fascism, temporarily hold down the working class; but it will never recover the "tranquillity," the "assurance," the "equilibrium" and the "stability" that it flaunted before; for the

crisis of world capitalism has reached the stage of development when the flames of revolution must inevitably break out, now in the centres of imperialism, now in the periphery, reducing to naught the capitalist patch-work and daily bringing nearer the fall of capitalism. Exactly as in the well-known fable, "when it pulled its tail out of the mud, its beak got stuck; when it pulled its beak out, its tail got stuck."

This means, secondly, that the October Revolution has raised to such a height the strength and importance, the courage and the fighting preparedness of the oppressed classes of the whole world as to compel the ruling classes to reckon with them as a *new, important* factor. Now the labouring masses of the world can no longer be regarded as a "blind mob," groping in the dark and devoid of prospects; for the October Revolution has created a beacon which illumines their path and opens up prospects for them. Whereas formerly there was no *world-wide* open forum from which the aspirations and strivings of the oppressed classes could be expounded and formulated, now such a forum exists in the shape of the first proletarian dictatorship....

The era of the "stability" of capitalism has passed away, carrying away with it the legend of the indestructibility of the bourgeois order.

The era of the collapse of capitalism has begun.

4. The October Revolution cannot be regarded merely as a revolution in the sphere of economic and social-political relations. It is at the same time a revolution in the minds, a revolution in the ideology, of the working class. The October Revolution was born and gained strength under the banner of Marxism, under the banner of the idea of the dictatorship of the proletariat, under the banner of Leninism, which is Marxism of the era of imperialism and proletarian revolutions. Hence it marks the victory of Marxism over reformism, the victory of Leninism over Social-Democratism, the victory of the Third International over the Second International.

The October Revolution has brought into being an impassable chasm between Marxism and Social-Democratism, between the policy of Leninism and the policy of Social-Democratism....

The October Revolution went further than drawing a demarcation line between Social Democracy and Marxism; it relegated Social Democracy to the camp of the direct defenders of capitalism *against* the first proletarian dictatorship in the world. ...

Present-day Social-Democratism is an *ideological support* of capitalism. Lenin was a thousand times right when he said that the present-day Social-Democratic politicians are "real agents of the bourgeoisie in the working-class movement, the labour lieutenants of the capitalist class." *It is impossible to put an end to capitalism without putting an end to Social-Democratism in the labour movement*. That is why the era of dying capitalism is also the era of dying Social-Democratism in the labour movement.

The great significance of the October Revolution consists, among other things, in the fact that it marks the inevitable victory of Leninism over Social-Democratism in the world labour movement. **(The International character of the October Revolution —SW Vol.10 p. 267-77)**

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years ago: "The important thing is that the ice has been broken, The broken, the road is open and the path has been blazed. "

The people's revolution led by the Chinese Communist Party has always been a part of the world socialist revolution of the proletariat initiated by the October Revolution. The Chinese revolution has its own national characteristics and it is entirely necessary to take these into consideration. But in our own revolution and socialist construction we have made full use of the rich experience of the Communist Party and the people of the Soviet Union. The Chinese people are fortunate in having the experience of the October Revolution and of the socialist construction in the Soviet Union, which enables them to make fewer mistakes, to avoid many others and to pursue their cause fairly smoothly, although they still face many difficulties.

In the end the socialist system will replace the capitalist system. This is an objective law independent of human will. No matter how hard the reactionaries try to prevent the advance of the wheel of history, revolution will take place sooner or later and will surely triumph.

The governments and peoples of the socialist countries are the builders of a new peaceful life. We absolutely do not want war, and are firmly

opposed to a new world war. The Soviet Union, China and the other socialist countries have been consistently working for the relaxation of international tension. The proposals made again and again by the Soviet Union For disarmament and the prohibition of the manufacture, use and testing of weapons of mass destruction, represent the common stand of the socialist countries, and accord at the same time with the interests of all peoples. We firmly stand for peaceful competition between the socialist and the capitalist countries and for the settlement of the internal affairs of each country by its own people in accordance with their own desires. We firmly maintain that all nations should practice the well-known Five Principles of mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, non-aggression, non-interference in each other's internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit, and peaceful co-existence.

The U.S. imperialists obstinately try to interfere in the internal affairs of other countries, including those of the socialist countries. For example, they are interfering with the liberation of Taiwan by China and they engineered the counter-revolutionary riots in Hungary. They are particularly rabid in interfering in the internal affairs of those countries situated in the area between the U.S. and the socialist camp, The U.S. is still planning to invade independent Syria through Turkey or Israel, it is still conspiring to

subvert the anti-colonialist Egyptian Government. This maniac aggressive policy of the U.S. has not only precipitated a crisis in the Middle East, but has also created the danger of a new world war. All people in the world who love peace and freedom stand by Syria and oppose the U.S. and Turkish aggressors, just as they stood by Egypt and opposed the British, French and Israeli aggressors in October last year. The Soviet Government has served warning on the U.S. and Turkey to give up their aggressive plan immediately. The Chinese Government and people resolutely support Syria in its struggle to defend itself and firmly endorse the just position of the Soviet Union.

The imperialist wolves should remember that the days when they could manipulate the fate of humanity and carve up the Asian and African countries as they liked have gone for ever.

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Long live the great October Socialist Revolution! (Prolonged, enthusiastic applause.) Long live the solidarity and friendship of the socialist countries headed by the Soviet Union! (Prolonged, enthusiastic applause.)

Long live the great banner of Marxist-Leninist internationalism! (Prolonged, enthusiastic applause.)

The proletariat and peace-loving people of the whole world, unite!" (**Speech at Moscow celebration meeting—6 November, 1957**)

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increase. As a result, when production is low compared to the money in circulation, the value of money goes down steeply. Even this steep decline would not have mattered much had the common people's income risen to compensate the loss. But in the capitalist economy, common people's income cannot go up in proportion. No doubt, their income in terms of money may increase a little, but even then the real income does not increase; rather it falls. And if inflation assumes serious proportions, then the prices of commodities soar tremendously and life becomes unbearable for people. Accumulation of surplus money means that the channel of investment in industry has got blocked. When that becomes the case, production would necessarily slump. This would inevitably aggravate the problem of unemployment. Besides, the increase of population remains an additional problem. If we assume for argument's sake that population remains constant, even then, with the existing population level, unemployment problem would go on intensifying. This is because production cannot remain fixed for long at a definite level. If production does not increase, it is bound to decrease, because, in capitalist system, demand for 'market' either increases or decreases. Again, in the capitalist system, this demand is not determined by the yardstick of man's actual needs and requirements; rather a man's 'needs' are decided solely by his purchasing power. His 'needs' are determined by taking into account his purchasing power according to his income and the market prices. Besides, when production falls, the market prices of commodities soar and the purchasing power of the low-income group of people and the unemployed naturally falls further. Therefore, the market shrinks more and more.

That is why, in accordance with the law of capitalist economy, there must be a channel to invest capital in other countries. Secondly, whatever industries, whatever employment opportunities are there in a capitalist country, these cannot provide jobs to all. But neither can they accept the situation of the whole country teeming with unemployed, because, that too would create even deeper crisis. Therefore, when they cannot increase production in the normal course by way of adequate industrialization, an urge for production of armaments, a tendency of militarization of the industries appears in the economies of all capitalist countries. The advantage is that it is possible to create an artificial stimulation in the market by this measure, even if temporarily. Since the industries cannot run without a boom in the market, production does not pick up and there is no urge for investment of capital and consequently the number of shifts are reduced in the factories, the factories close down and the number of the unemployed increases further. This is why unemployment is on the increase even in the USA. If the number of the unemployed goes on swelling on such a scale, then the whole production system may collapse one day under the impact of mounting unemployment and it may become impossible to keep the production and the industries growing. Therefore, from the urge to stave off such a catastrophe, they need create a boom in the market by such artificial means. The tendency of militarization appears in such a specific situation.

What is meant by this militarization of industries? It means that the government places orders and the government itself buys up the products. It is not necessary to depend upon the market, that is, the purchasing power of the common people for selling the products. Only, the government's military budget keeps on increasing.

Therefore, even if temporarily, the industries escape what we call recession — a situation when there is no market, no work, no orders. The position becomes like this that the government places orders for manufacture of, say, bombers, fighters and other such military equipment and hardwares or for other similar wasteful products and the government itself purchases those. And since it does not have to depend on the market or purchasing power of the people, the economy can be protected to an extent from the mounting pressure of recession for the time being. But there is within it an inherent contradiction. It is like this : as more and more military hardwares and armaments are produced, if these are not released, then owing to continuous stockpiling of the war materials so produced, a tendency of stagnation is sure to appear in the economy consequent upon which the war industries would have to close down, one after another. But the government, too, cannot buy up these materials and stock them endlessly and without purpose. Therefore, to release the war materials, they need local and partial wars. This basic economic feature is giving rise to crises, one after another, which are at the root of the present war policy.

This is the crux, the mystery of the policy of the US imperialism to instigate one country against another, and boss over them around the globe and make forcible entries to do 'good' to them in the name of protecting their 'independence'. Today, for the US imperialist economy, peace is as good as the grave. Therefore, whether they succeed in triggering off a world war or not, they badly need local and partial warfares here and there around the globe. For, they have to enhance their military strength continuously. And if they go on increasing the military strength and keep the arms race

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unrelenting, they have no other alternative than to engineer localized and partial warfares, conflicts and conflagrations from time to time, to release their stockpile. Now, does war mean only world war? When someone is against war, does it mean he is against only world war? Are these local or partial wars engendered here and there by the imperialists wars too? The way the USA is encroaching on other nations and pushing them to war against one another, or is supplying information to one about another to drag them into conflicts and warfares, are machinations for war....

During the last Indo-Pak War I, the USA helped Pakistan with armaments. Whatever the official justification might have been given by it, its objective was very clear. By lending political support to Pakistan's demand for Kashmir, it did everything it could, right from creating tension in the sub-continent. In point of fact, infiltrators from Pakistan entered India with the advice and

help of American and British lobbies. Again, the CIA secretly supplied the information to India that Pakistani infiltrators were entering into her territory and it cautioned India against the danger. Thus, they urged both the sides to gird up their loins. They advised Pakistan to send infiltrators to India and then raise the question of Azad Kashmir in the UNO as otherwise the US could not be of any help to Pakistan ; at the same time, they were informing India that Pakistani infiltration was going on and India had to be alert. Report goes that it is the CIA which first gave India the information about Pakistani infiltration. In this way, the USA did string-pulling from behind the screen so that both the countries got entangled in war. What role the Indian ruling class did play on that occasion is an altogether different matter. I cited this example only to point out the nature of politics the USA is pursuing.

... There is no heinous crime that the USA does not perpetrate. The Nazis were condemned as war criminals. What the USA is doing today in Vietnam and in many other countries of the world

puts even the Nazis to shame. The Gestapo activities and the activities of the Fifth Columnists are known as grievous conspiracies against civilization. I would like to put the question : What are the CIA and FBI doing today all around ? Is there any kind of mischief which they do not commit ? They are engaged in all sorts of nefarious activities — committing political murders, engineering coup d' etat, etc., all over the world. The one and the only aim of all these activities is to maintain a war psychosis here and there all over the world, engineer local and partial wars, embroil one in conflict and battle with another so that the conventional weapons which are getting stockpiled and becoming obsolete can be released by inducing different countries to consume these. So, the more the wars, the more the war psychosis in the world, the more is the gain for them — the imperialist-capitalists, and especially the US imperialists." **(The Post-Second World War International Situation and Lessons of the November Revolution — SW Vol. I p.254-259)**

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Marxism-Leninism – to undermine his authority renegade Khrushchev unleashed a heinous vilification campaign. This has caused immense damage to Soviet Union, to other socialist countries and to world communist movement. By exploiting the backward ideological-cultural standard of the party rank-and-file, and the people they slowly restored capitalism destroying socialist foundation. Undoubtedly the working class revolution faced a temporary setback because of the betrayal of the arch revisionists and renegades like Khrushchev, Brezhnev, Gorbachev et al. Imperialism got a new lease of life, and the imperialists thought that capitalism would henceforth have a free run. They were proclaiming that socialism is dead and buried, that Marxism is a failed ideology. But exposing all these utterances as simply rubbish and slanderous, the all-pervasive economic, cultural and social crisis has brought into the open the utterly putrid state of the totally moribund capitalist system, the vicious circle into which it is inescapably entrapped, and the gasping state of its existence. The imperialists' doctrine of unipolar world turned out to be a mirage, their prescriptions of globalization and liberalization failed to get the capitalist economy out of the crisis, the trade agreements like NAFTA, SAFTA, CEFTA, GATT etc. also did not work. Two new agreements, Trans-Pacific Partnership and Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership are on the cards, but these are also bound to fail like the others. To counter Russia and China, USA is building up not only economic alliance, but also military alliance with Japan, Australia and India which is itself an imperialist power. This would surely heighten tensions in the region.

The discontent of the common people, burdened by the exploitation engendered by the crisis in the capitalist countries, burst out in spontaneous and massive movements in USA,

Europe, and other countries, demanding the end of capitalist rule. But without a correct leadership to guide them the movements receded. Spontaneous mass movements without correct revolutionary leadership will either fizzle out or be played into the hands of the enemy. We are reminded of Lenin's teaching that there cannot be any revolution without a revolutionary party. No doubt the fall of socialism in Soviet Russia and in the East European countries has been very painful for us. But we recall that the first working class uprising, namely the Paris Commune, lasted for only a few months, but it left valuable lessons which enriched Marxism and were creatively applied by Lenin. Similarly the setback of socialist revolution in Soviet Russia and other countries have placed before the working class movements valuable lessons to apprehend and to apply for bringing about the revolution and defeating the attempts for restoration of capitalism. We hope that, responding to the need of the hour, revolutionary proletarian movement will forge in all countries defeating bourgeois attacks. In this context we appreciate the role of the Workers World Party in organizing and guiding mass movements in USA.

Your National Conference has rightly chosen as its theme, "Putting Socialist Revolution on the Table". Ruthless exploitation leading to pauperization of the masses and the consequent squeezing of the market has brought capitalism to a dead end with no escape from the crisis. No tinkering or reformation of the capitalist system can get it out of the crisis. As Marxism teaches the only solution is a revolutionary overthrow of the oppressive and exploitative system and replacement of the capitalist production relations by socialist production relations. This is the only way to emancipation of the common people from exploitation and oppression.

We strongly feel that the need of the hour for all the revolutionaries of the world is to strive to

convincingly demonstrate to the people the infallibility of Marxism-Leninism, to carry its teachings to them and thus to educate them about the real character of the present crisis and the way-out. It is the first and foremost duty of all genuine Marxist-Leninist parties to come forward to organize the working class for a protracted battle against the capitalist-imperialist state. Through struggles organized on the basis of correct ideology and higher ethics and culture we have to free the working class from the still-existing illusion of parliamentary system and elections. It is the awakening of class consciousness through continuous class and mass struggle which is an essential precondition for proceeding to revolutionary overthrow of the capitalist order and establishment of socialism. Your Conference will surely make a thorough analysis from the working class political viewpoint of these and other related issues, in particular the intense exploitation of the African Americans and migrants.

Once again, we express our deepest appreciation of and full solidarity with the arduous struggle of the Workers World Party for holding aloft the banner of Marxism-Leninism against all odds in a land held as the fortress of capitalism-imperialism, in a state which acts as the demonic military-machine for perpetrating the rule of capital over the world. We acknowledge with admiration your consistent stand against all US acts of aggression, subversion and intrigues, wherever they may be. We sincerely wish all success to your National Conference. We firmly believe that your deliberations will significantly contribute to the world communist movement and your future struggle will provide unending inspiration to the freedom- and peace-loving people of the world.

Provash Ghosh
General Secretary

S U C I (C)

October 28, 2015

Overwhelming people's response to literature campaign

Rs 20 lakhs of Party literatures including Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's works were sold from nearly 700 book stalls put up throughout West Bengal during Durga Puja. One of the remarkable features has been that many workers of other left parties as well as a vast section of left-minded people enthusiastically collected our Party literature and left their particulars with us for contacting them in future.

Most state governments opine in favour of re-introduction of pass-fail system

For more than three decades, SUCI(C), its student wing AIDSO and ALL India Save Education Committee, well-known public committee of eminent educationists, teachers, professors, intellectuals, social activists and education-loving people, have been fighting for re-introduction of pass-fail system in schools. Under pressure of this movement, government of 20 states have recommended to the central government to abolish this no detention policy. So, the sustained movement is on the verge of achieving a significant victory proving thereby that if legitimate movement on just demands is organized under correct leadership, it does exert pressure on the bourgeois government to yield and accept the demands.

Protest in Delhi against WTO

A National Assembly in order to uphold the interest of education was organized by FEDCUTA (Federation of Central Universities' Teachers' Association) and AIFUCTO (All India Federation of University and College Teachers' Organization) in Mavlankar Auditorium, New Delhi on 14th October, 2015. Teachers and students assembled in hundreds against the forthcoming WTO Nairobi Conference which aims to bring services like education under the purview of GATS.

Among those who addressed the gathering were Professor Narendra Sharma, President AISEC (All India Save Education Committee) and Comrade Bhaskaranand, Vice President AIDSO.

BJP and Vivekananda

The Hindutvavadi fanatics have of late made BJP-led Maharashtra government ban sale of beef in the state in clear pursuit of its arch Hindu communal agenda. While paying tribute to Swami Vivekananda on his birth anniversary, BJP Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that Swamiji was a "personal inspiration" to him and Swamiji's thoughts and ideals have influenced him deeply. RSS-BJP-Sangh Parivar also claim that they are followers of Vivekananda. But what were Vivekananda's views on cow preservation? A member of the "Cow Preservation Samity" once came to meet Vivekananda. He was holding a photo of a cow in his hand. He told Vivekananda that theirs was a mission to save "mother cows" from going to the slaughter house and serve ailing incapacitated cows. Vivekananda said: That is ok. But are you doing anything for the 9 lakh odd people who have died in famine in the central India? The man said: No, we only work for saving the cows. Moreover, there has been famine because of the sins committed by the people in the past. What can we do for that? Vivekananda said: Then it can also be said that the cows are being slaughtered because of their own past sins. A bit perplexed, the man replied: that is true. But in the scripture it is stated that cow is our mother. Vivekananda replied with laugh: There is no doubt about that. Who else could have given birth to such accomplished sons?

Comrade Provash Ghosh writes to five left parties for developing powerful united anti-communal movement throughout the country

To
The General Secretary
CPI (M), CPI, CPI (ML)-Liberation, RSP, Forward Bloc

15-10-2015

Dear Comrade,

A spate of recent incidents like the horrific Dadri killing, murder of eminent rationalists like Dr. Dabholkar, Govind Pansare and Dr. Kalburgi, continuous threat to other rationalists, forced cancellation of scheduled programme of ghazal singing by Ghulam Ali, renowned Pakistani singer, increasing attempt to saffronize education and culture indicate how the Hindu communal RSS-BJP-Shiv Sena-Sangh Parivar are on a rampage to surcharge the atmosphere with communal tension, exacerbate divide and disaffection among the various religious-ethnic communities, stoke the embers of religious fanaticism and communal conflagration, strip academics of its essence, promote backward revivalist superstitious thoughts and bigotry, destroy the secular fabric of society and blunt rational thoughts and scientific process of thinking in their bid to further fascize the country. The sign is extremely ominous and needs immediate preventive action.

We are of the firm opinion that this danger can be repelled only if the left parties unitedly release an organized powerful anti-communal movement throughout the country right from the grass-roots level. We, therefore, propose that a meeting of the six left parties including yours and ours be convened immediately in Delhi to chalk out the details of the movement which ought to be launched as expeditiously as possible.

With greetings,
Sincerely Yours

Provash Ghosh
(Provash Ghosh)
General Secretary
SUCI (Communist)

In sequel to the above letter there was a meeting on 31 October afternoon between Comrade Sitaram Yechury, General Secretary of CPI(M) and Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, Member Polit Bureau, SUCI (C). There Comrade Yechury informed that he had received SUCI (C) General Secretary Comrade Provash Ghosh's letter and that his party fully agreed with Comrade Ghosh's views to develop immediately a powerful united movement against this rising menace. To fulfill that necessity, he added, soon there will be convened a meeting of the left parties to discuss on this issue.

Students' protest movement in Delhi

At the initiative of AIDSO State Committee students from different colleges gathered at the Arts Faculty Gate- North Campus on October 20, also to protest against the WTO meet which is to put final stamp to bring education under the purview of GATS, CBCS, RUSA, Central University Bill and other anti-education, anti-student policies.

The meeting held on the occasion was

conducted by Comrade Kunal Parashar-Secretary, Delhi-Ghaziabad Local Committee of AIDSO and addressed by Comrade Proshant Kumar-Secretary, Delhi State Committee among others representing student bodies of different institutions.

The speakers criticized the recent UGC guidelines, a severe attack on campus democracy, that propose deployment of police in campus and keeping armed security guards thereby aimed at imposing undemocratic restrictions on students. They appealed to the students to build up mighty movements against anti-education policies of commercialization as also against the attack on the democratic rights of the students.

Intellectuals protest the menacing spurt of intolerance

'Forum of Artistes, Cultural activists and Intellectuals' organized a protest demonstration on 17 October in front of Academy of Fine Arts, Kolkata, against the menacing rise of fundamentalism and communalism all over the country. Among the speakers who addressed the meeting were Bivas Chakraborty, Chandan Sen, Prof. Miratun Nahar, Santanu Dutta Chowdhury, Pallav Kirtania, Meher Engineer, Dr. Tarun Mandal, Dr. Asoke Samanta and Dilip Chakraborty.

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