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## COMRADE SHIBDAS GHOSH MEMORIAL DAY

# Pledge to Accelerate Class and Mass Struggles

5TH AUGUST — the 24th memorial day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of the era and the founder General Secretary of our party, the SUCI, the only genuine revolutionary party in India, was observed in the most befitting and solemn manner in different states of the country. The observance of the memorial day is not just a mere ritual to us; it is a day to take pledge anew to carry forward the class and mass struggles for revolutionary transformation of the society on the basis of the teachings of Comrade Ghosh. It is a day to add further momentum to our struggle for grasping the great treasure house of knowledge bequeathed to us by the great leader of the proletariat in course of his arduous struggle in building up the SUCI as the genuine communist party on Indian soil and developing it through movements. It is a day to further intensify our struggle to identify ourselves with the working class, the party and revolution by fighting vile bourgeois individualism, cultural decadence and other reactionary influences on the path enlightened by Comrade Ghosh. The leaders, cadres and

sympathisers of the party participated to commemorate the memorial day of the beloved leader with keen devotion and deep sense of emotion in different states of India.

Party offices in different corners of the country were decorated with red banners. The Red Flag was hoisted and the portrait of Comrade Ghosh garlanded. Mass meetings were organised in different state capitals as well as in other places. Colourful processions paraded the streets. Mass meetings were well attended and these were marked with discipline which attracted the common people. Everywhere emotion ran high. A memorial meeting was held even within the Alipore Central Jail, Calcutta. Meetings started with the song composed on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and ended with the *Internationale*. The speakers recalled the historic life struggle of Comrade Ghosh and laid stress on the importance of the observance of 5th August particularly in the background of the present grim national and international situation when world imperialism is mounting severe onslaught on the people of the entire world through its policy of

globalisation, liberalization and privatisation and the capitalist class of our country are in collusion with the imperialists in its own class interest. The speakers urged the audience to strengthen the SUCI, the only working class party in India for carrying forward the anti-capitalist struggle and for the ultimate emancipation of the people.

Reports received so far from different states are given here.

### ORISSA

#### Jajpur :

On 2nd August a massive meeting was held at Jajpur to

observe this occasion in which Comrade Tapas Dutta, member of the Central Committee and Orissa State Secretary addressed as the main speaker. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Jagabandhu Baral, member of Orissa State Committee of the party.

Delivering his main speech Comrade Tapas Dutta said : 5th August is the memorial day of Frederick Engels and Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the two giant Marxist thinkers of the world proletariat. The name of Frederick Engels is so closely linked with the

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## On Recent SUCI-CPI(M) Talk in Calcutta

The CPI(M) West Bengal State Secretary Comrade Anil Biswas sent a letter to our party's State Secretary, Comrade Provas Ghosh proposing joint sitting with the leaders of our party to exchange views on chalking out a joint programme by all the parties in left movement in the present political situation. Accordingly a meeting was held on 10th August at the State headquarters of the CPI(M). Comrades Provas Ghosh, Manik Mukherjee and Ranjit Dhar, members West Bengal State Secretariat, represented our party in the meeting. From the CPI(M), comrades Sailen Dasgupta, Biman Bose and Anil Biswas were present.

In that meeting the CPI(M) leaders wanted to know whether it would be possible for our party, SUCI, to join in, if they took up a joint programme against the grave danger of imperialism and communalism that loomed large. Our leaders replied that our party had repeatedly approached all the left and democratic parties including the

CPI(M) in writing for taking up programme of joint movement against the dangers of imperialism and communalism at all India level. Even recently, both at the times of Clinton's visit to India and the recent spate of bashing of Christians, our party had appealed to them for taking up programme of joint movement. But never did they pay heed to our appeal, nor did they even reply to our letters. During the discussion, the SUCI leaders made the following points.

Imperialism and communalism have appeared as grave dangers not only in West Bengal but in the whole country. So, programme of movement should be taken up in right earnest at all India level. The SUCI leaders also pointed out that in 1974, as a consequence of the waves of anti-Indira movement under the leadership of Jayprakash Narain, a turning point in the Indian political situation had appeared and to give that change a left orientation, the SUCI had

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Comrade Tapas Dutta, member, Central Committee addressing the Jajpur meeting to observe 5th August

## AISEC MEET IN CHENNAI

# Resist Attacks on Education, Culture, Values

THE All India Save Education Committee (AISEC) sat in Chennai on July 26, 2000 in view of the BJP-led Government's measures to overhaul education in the country, at all levels, the consequences of which spell utter devastation of education in the country.

The AISEC met to exchange the experiences from all over the country, since its last meeting in New Delhi during the All India Save Education Convention on February 8-9, 1999, and to assess the entire situation, in view of the relentless attacks on education since then, and to chalk out its strategies for the future course of the movement.

Its President, Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer, chaired the AISEC meeting.

The meeting started with a resolution, moved by Dr Sushil Kumar Mukherjee, ex-V.C. of the Calcutta University, and a senior member of the presidium, condoling the passing away of two indefatigable campaigners of the Save Education Movement — Professor Yashwant Bhai Shukla of Gujarat, who was ex-VC of Saurashtra University and a well-known litterateur, and Dr H.N. Prasad, who was Head of the Department of Economics in Ranchi University, who held education so dear to his heart and was one of the pioneers of the movement. The participants in solemn memory of their late colleagues observed a minute's silence.

The General Secretary of the AISEC, Shri Dipankar Roy, then placed his report to the house, pointing out the various threats to education, how everything possible was being done by governments, past and present to subvert, sabotage and destroy the ideals of universal, democratic, secular and scientific education fought for by the stalwarts of the Indian Renaissance. He also gave a report of the progress of the movement in various states and highlighted the achievements while, at the same time, pointed out that there was a lot more to be done and could be done.

Shri H.S. Doreswamy, the veteran freedom fighter from Karnataka, placed a second resolution against attacks on minority communities before the house.

Dr V. Venugopal, a member of the secretariat, moved a resolution condemning the blatant attempts to distort history and encroachment upon academic freedom.

The house passed General Secretary's report and the resolutions unanimously.

Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer ripped the mask of the DPEP and stating his experiences of the results of the implementation of the programme in Kerala he proved that it was not only a farce, but also a World Bank inspired attempt to undermine the foundations of education in a state that was fully literate and the front runner in educational achievements. He said that the same would follow in other states. He said that the curtailment of education and distortion of the value instilling character building content of education was necessary in order to produce an unthinking and submissive population that would unquestioningly do the bidding of the rulers.

All the participants were fully involved in the discussions which reflected the deep concern of the participants at what was happening in the

country. The District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) was tightening its malignant grip more on primary education in the country. The Private University Bill of the BJP-led Union Government calls for removing whatever restraints remain to contain the total privatisation and commercialisation of higher education. The NCERT itself, recently restructured, has emerged with an approach paper entitled 'Curricular Framework for School Education – A Discussion Document' which is a blueprint to remould school education into a patterned, regimented exercise to give shape to the long-attempted Hindutvavadi designs of the BJP-RSS combine.

Members from different states attested to the rampant commercialisation of education, where it has become a luxury commodity which crores of students from poor and middle class families will not be able to afford.

A more sinister trend pointed out was that instead of a scientific education, they are made to swallow religious education from the very beginning, thus being indoctrinated to rely on faith, blind allegiance, and fatalist submission instead of reason, questioning and courageous quest for truth. The soil was being cultivated from which fascism could reap its harvest. Saffronisation was the particular form of this trend in the country.

Dr Sushil Kumar Mukherjee, who conducted the proceedings on behalf of the presidium, opined that the immediate target of the Save Education Movement should be the DPEP.

Among the many who contributed to the discussions included Dr N.A. Karim from Kerala, Prof. Sukomal Dasgupta and Prof. Sunanda Sanyal from West Bengal, H.S. Doreswamy and Prof. Seshadri from Karnataka, Dr A. Krishnamurthy from Tamil Nadu.

The AISEC has decided to carry through a series of programmes in the coming months. It strongly viewed that since education is the birth right of every citizen, a massive movement all over the country involving not only the academic circles, but also all education-loving people at large is necessary against the all-out attack on education. The long experience of the committee attested to the fact that people, irrespective of religion, social status and educational background definitely would eagerly welcome such a movement.

As part of a sustained, continuous and

countrywide movement, the committee has decided to set up a massive signature campaign, decided on at its last meeting with the aim of getting 5 crore persons to sign up.

All out efforts were to be taken in each and every state to build up extensive campaign with the recent document 'Rise Against the Mounting Onslaught', published by the committee, to reach the broadest sections of people and thereupon to develop the Save Education Committees from the state to the local and institutional levels. These committees would help take the movement to the grassroots in a well-knit, organised form through discussion forums and symposia, observances of selected significant days, particularly in memory of those stalwarts who fought for the cause of education. These may be particular to respective states and will help launch movements in each state with specific demands, linking the demands and the movements with the all-India stream.

These programmes would be oriented to lead, at the next stage, to the observance of 'All India Save Education Day' on September 26, the birth anniversary of Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar, one of the greatest figures of the Indian Renaissance and the pioneer of modern education in our country.

The Committee decided to give nationwide focus to the movement by holding a Dharna in front of Parliament House in New Delhi on November 24, 2000, followed by a convention on November 25 with participation of democratic-minded people, educationists, litterateurs, and people of different walks of life from all over the country.

Thus, taking programmes in phases, the AISEC plans to build up the desired sustained and massive surge of movement against the present heinous attack on education and raise it to higher and stronger forms.

The next day, the 27th July, the AISEC, in a Press Conference at the Chennai Press Club, appealed to the press to be aware of the grave ramifications of these attacks on education and to understand the responsibility the press had to educate people of what was happening and to give the clarion call to all well-meaning, education-loving people of the country to join the movement and to stand up stubbornly to resist these attacks on education, culture and values, which were in effect, attacks against humanity meant to dehumanise man.

## Removal of US military bases demanded

South Korean people are intensifying the movement for removal of US military bases.

Recently, the residents of Tongduchon waged a struggle against the construction of a US military shooting range there, citizens of Pusan conducted campaign for removal of a US military base in the city, residents of Taebaek city struggled for closure of a drill field of fighter bombers of the US Pacific Air Force and peasants in Chinchon, North Chungchong province unfolded a struggle for removal of a US military base.

...The Struggle for removal of US military bases is an eruption of the pent-up anger on the US troops in south Korea who have inflicted all

sorts of misfortunes and sufferings upon the south Korean people for more than half a century and it is a righteous struggle for regaining the territory and sovereignty.

The south Korean people have experienced immeasurable sufferings and damages because of the US military bases.

There are more than 200 US military bases in different parts of south Korea, ... which cover more than 100 million pyongs or 30,000 hectares of land. ...

The Yankees, who have deprived south Korean people of their ground and buildings, do not pay rent but receive even a huge amount of

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# HIROSHIMA DAY OBSERVED

HIROSHIMA Day — the symbolic of US imperialist barbarity on human civilisation, was observed with hatred and indignation against imperialist war and nuclear weapons through protest demonstrations and meetings in different countries of the world on 6th August last. The US imperialists on this day in 1945 dropped atom bomb on Hiroshima and again on 9th August on Nagasaki of Japan destroying lakhs of innocent people and crippling many for generations to come. Humanity cannot forget this criminal act and condemns the same unequivocally this year too like every year.

**CALCUTTA :** This day was observed in Calcutta under the auspices of the West Bengal State Committee of All India Anti-imperialist Forum through a mass meetings at Rani Rasmoni Road, Esplanade on 6th August last. Defying intermittent showers conscious people of this city, participants in anti-imperialist militant peace movement, assembled at Subodh Mullick Square and marched towards Rani Rasmoni Road with anti-war, anti-nuclear and anti-imperialist festoons and placards where a mass meeting presided over by Prof. Sunanda Sanyal, President, West Bengal State Committee of the Forum.

At the very beginning, Prof. Gaurisankar Ghatak, West Bengal State Secretary of the Forum in a brief speech, explained the purpose of the meeting. Then effigy of the arch war monger and imperialist chieftain Clinton was burnt by the President.

Thereafter, the main resolution of the meeting was read out by Prof. Ghatak.

In support of the resolution, the first speaker Prof. Tarun Sanyal showed how the USA bombed Hiroshima and Nagasaki, when Germany and Italy had already surrendered and Japan's surrender was just the matter of time, only to serve as a warning to the victorious and glorious Soviet power. He lamented that in Calcutta, the citadel of anti-imperialist struggle and leftism in the country, no protest meeting was being held on this Hiroshima Day. On the contrary, the Left Front Government was over-zealously preparing for setting up nuclear power plant in West Bengal.

The next speaker, Comrade Gopal Kundu, member, West Bengal State Secretariat of the

SUCI, pointed out the utter falsehood in the bourgeois propaganda that after the fall of socialist camp headed by Soviet Russia eternal peace had descended on the earth in the so-called unipolar world. Citing the devastation and destruction in Sudan, Libia, particularly in Iraq and Yugoslavia perpetrated by the US imperialism

with the sanction of the UN, now virtually reduced to a rubber stamp of the USA, he showed that bloodshed and war were continuing, rather being more aggressively thrust upon the people, by imperialism. That it was the capitalism-imperialism which generated war for capturing market as Marxism-Leninism laid down, had been, proved to the hilt. Lastly, he appealed to all peace-loving people to come forward courage-

ously and consciously in building up mighty anti-imperialist militant peace movement to thwart the war machinations of imperialism. After a brief presidential speech, the meeting ended with the *internationale*.

**PATNA :** The Anti-Imperialist Forum observed the Hiroshima Day today by taking out a procession and organising several street corner meetings. The procession was inaugurated by Prof Purnendu Mukherjee, the head of dept. of Bengali in Patna B. N. College and Professor of Chemistry of Patna Science College, Prof. S. K. Ganguly. Both of them spoke about the danger of war threatening humanity and stressed upon the need of joining hands to develop a strong peace movement against the war mongers.

The procession traversed several important

landmarks of Patna shouting slogans against imperialism, war mongers and hailing the unity and solidarity of all peace-loving people throughout the world.

Finally, a meeting was held near the Patna railway junction. Several speakers spoke at length on the occasion. They pointed out that the



(Above) Effigy of Bill Clinton burning in Calcutta (below) Procession

imperialists now-a-days are joining hands with the capitalist class of other countries to exploit the toiling masses there. In India, the BJP-led central government, in order to fulfil the interests of the Indian capitalist class, is welcoming with much fanfare multinational imperialist capital to invest and loot the country at will.

It is also fanning up national chauvinism to create a war psychosis in order to militarise the crisis ridden capitalist economy of the country. The war attempt of the imperialists can be thwarted if people all over the globe join hands to develop a mighty global peace movement. The speakers stressed upon the urgency and necessity to come forward in this direction.

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maintenance expenses. Owing to the war drills ceaselessly conducted at the US bases, innocent residents are fired to death, and people and even domestic animals are trembling with fear at the low-altitude flight of fighters and helicopters.

US troops demolish arable land, roads and banks with tanks, armored vehicles and trucks and drive warships to fishing farms and grounds at random to break the fishing implements of fishermen.

Leaving the US troops and bases in this land as they are, the south Korean people can neither achieve... democracy and reunification nor free themselves from the misfortunes and sufferings... To oust the US troops and bases from south Korea is an urgent task, which brooks no delay...

Source: *The National Salvation Front*, March 15, 2000



Procession in Patna on Hiroshima Day

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name of Karl Marx that both of them cannot be separated. *The Communist Manifesto* was published in the name of both. Without Engels the famous book *Capital* by Marx could not have been completed. These two pathfinders of world working class revolution had not only engaged themselves in theoretical contributions, they had also attempted to organise the working class and provide guidance to the revolutionary upsurge like Paris Commune. It opened the path for the revolutionary struggle of the working class world over.

Comrade Tapas Dutta, in course of his speech said that the life and struggle of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh to build up the only genuine communist party, the SUCI, in this country was exemplary in the history of world communist movement.

Comrade Dutta continued: As the true disciple of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and Mao Zedong, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh held aloft the noble banner of Marxism-Leninism. Till the last breath of his life he defended the noble ideology of Marxism from all sorts of distortion, enriched it and concretised the same on Indian soil.

The moment he realized that the party with the nomenclature of communist party is not a communist party at all and is out and out a social democratic party playing the compromising role between labour and capital, he took upon himself the arduous and torturous task of building up a genuine communist party that took shape in the SUCI on 24th April, 1948.

Quite unknown and without any help from any quarter, having no media backing and even without food and shelter the struggle that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh released with handful of compatriots to build up the SUCI to organise the anti-capitalist socialist revolution in this country is a lesson for the toiling millions and for all those who have engaged themselves in this struggle for emancipation from all sorts of exploitation of man by man.

Comrade Dutta added: The impact of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's thought is gradually growing not only in our country but also among the different working class parties of the world and democratic movements are being organised on the basis of his teachings in different parts of our country to prepare the ground for anti-capitalist socialist revolution. It is the task of the exploited people of this country to strengthen SUCI as their hope of emancipation lies with this party alone.

Comrade Jagabandhu Baral urged the audience to carry forward the teachings of Comrade Engels and Comrade Ghosh to all sections of exploited people.

5th August was also observed at Jashipur, Angul, Rourkela, Delang and Cuttack.

## DELHI

Delhi State Organising Committee of the SUCI organised Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Meeting on 7th August, at Hindi Bhawan, near ITO, New Delhi. The meeting was presided over by Comrade J. Sinha, a senior member of Delhi State Organising Committee. Comrade Ashutosh Banerji, member, Central Committee of the party, was the main speaker on the occasion.

The meeting started with the song on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. In his brief speech, Comrade Sinah, President of the meeting, stressed the need of applying in one's life the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Thereafter, Comrade Pratap Samal spoke extensively on the efforts of Sangh Parivar and the BJP Government to communalise the Indian society and in particular educational system.

In the end Comrade Ashutosh Banerji, the main speaker, addressed the gathering.

In course of discussion Comrade Banerji said that the life struggle of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was the struggle to build up a genuine communist party in a condition when several attempts to build Marxist-Leninist parties, including CPI, went astray.

By nature, the task was not easy, rather extremely complicated. The already built parties, claiming to be Marxist-Leninist, had its support bases among various sections of people in various parts of India.

Comrade Ghosh had to inch forward by convincing fresh aspiring communists why and where these parties failed Marxism-Leninism, why was it imperative to build a party of the working class on the basis of correct understanding of the whole gamut of Marxism-Leninism, dialectical and historical materialism; of correct understanding of the Marxist methodology and ability to apply this methodology in analysing the obtaining class co-relationship in India. He had to convince that objectively revolutionary situation in India had reached maturity. Only thing required was to prepare the subjective condition which presupposed the building up of the central modus operandi, the working class party. Out of this struggle emerged the Socialist Unity Centre of India.

The meeting also unanimously passed two

resolutions — one against the condition for regularisation of unauthorised colonies and the other on unemployment problem.

## HARYANA

The 24th Memorial Day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was observed at Rohtak, Haryana, through a mass meeting on 5th August. The meeting was held at Patwar Bhawan. Comrade Ashutosh Banerji, member, Central Committee was the main speaker. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Satyawan, Secretary, Haryana State Organising Committee. Comrade Anup Singh, leading organiser, also spoke.

## TAMIL NADU

The Tamilnadu State Organising Committee, as a part of its observance of August 5, the Memorial day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat, held a well attended public meeting on August 7, at the LLA Hall in Chennai.

Comrade S. Narayanasamy, member of the Tamilnadu State Organising Committee and the District Secretary of the Chennai-Chengai District Organising Committee, presided over the meeting.

Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta, member of the Central Committee of SUCI was the main speaker on the occasion. Comrade Anavarathan translated Comrade Dasgupta's speech into Tamil.

Comrade Narayanasamy spoke on the various achievements and contributions of Comrade Ghosh, his enrichment of Marxist-Leninist theory, and the indispensability of the thoughts and teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh to the accomplishment of proletarian revolution not only in India but elsewhere. He showed how Comrade Ghosh from 1948 had stressed the danger of revisionism raising its ugly head in the world communist movement, and the need to guard against this danger, the need to build up a dialectical instead of mechanical relationship among and within the communist parties. He said that only a sustained democratic mass movement could help the people and thwart the fascist designs of the rulers, a call repeatedly given by the SUCI, which have gone unheeded even by the so-called left parties, who were wallowing in the dirt of parliamentary politics. Against the threat of war by the imperialists, he said the answer was what Comrade Ghosh had pointed out long ago — a worldwide, militant peace movement.

Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta expressed his warm welcome to the people who had gathered to

observe the 24th death anniversary of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the Founder General Secretary of the Party, a fore-ranking Marxist thinker and philosopher of the post-Lenin period, and who had reared, geared and steered the party into the only genuine communist party

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Comrade Ashutosh Banerji, Member, Central Committee, addressing the gathering in Delhi on 5th August

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on Indian soil.

He said that in times like the present, when the socialist camp had suffered such a serious setback, and when things everywhere looked bleak, it was understandable if questions about what and where was the guarantee of the Indian revolution, and whether the SUCI could lead the Indian proletariat to power came up.

He showed that the party was now working in about 18 states and that wherever we could carry the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh to the people, there was a very positive response from the people, and that the flowers of the soil, young men and women who wanted to do something for society, without careerist aspirations, were getting attracted to the party.

He showed how we had to deeply understand the stupendous and tortuous struggle Comrade Shibdas Ghosh took to build up the party in order to acquire that deep conviction to face the challenge of history today, and be worthy disciples of Comrade Ghosh.

He explained, Comrade Ghosh felt duty bound to build a genuine revolutionary party when he

believed in, not only himself, but he introduced it as a struggle in the party.

Comrade Ghosh acted with his deep belief and conviction and when asked what was the guarantee of success in laying down the foundation of a real communist party in his lifetime he had replied that he did not know but that he could not live a life that betrayed his belief, that he existed for revolution, that otherwise his existence would have no meaning, that he might starve and die on the streets, that even if he failed to complete the task those who would come after him would take up the clues and build from there, that it would suffice if he laid a brick in the edifice of revolution.

The fact was that he died prematurely and left behind the edifice of the SUCI whose architect he was, never deterred by what others considered impossible, for that word, according to him should not be found in the dictionary of a revolutionary, but only driven by what was necessary for the accomplishment of revolution, the concretising of a revolutionary theory and the building up of the party to carry that theory.

Comrade Dasgupta called on the comrades to

follow the great example of Comrade Ghosh, to be true to our conscience, to do everything possible to strengthen the SUCI, to take up the challenge of the great responsibility that history had bestowed on the party, to struggle to live as communists in our daily lives, for that would be the way to pay real

tribute to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

## KERALA

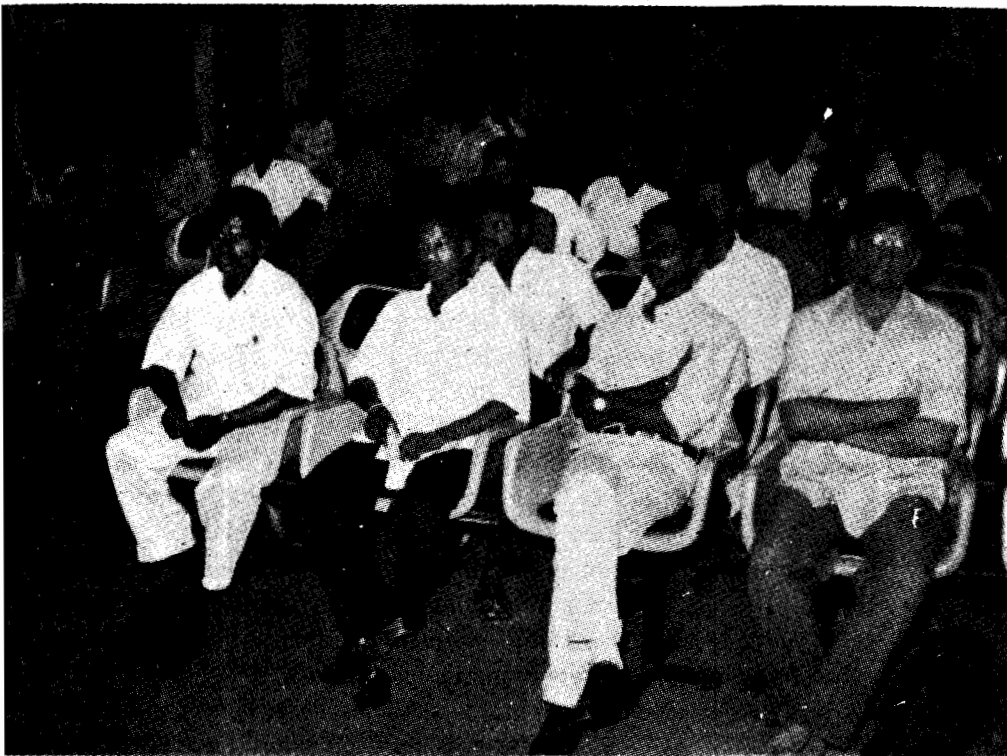
Under the auspices of the Kerala State Committee of the SUCI, 5th August was observed in a most solemn and befitting manner. On that day a state-level rally and memorial meeting was organised at Government Model Girls H.S. Auditorium, Thrissur. Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta, member, Central Committee of the party, was the main speaker. Comrade C. K. Lukose, Secretary, Kerala State Committee of the party, presided over. Comrade V. Venugopal, member, Kerala State Secretariat of the party also spoke. The portrait of the great leader was garlanded by Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta, Comrade C.K. Lukose and representatives of 11 district units of the party and different class and mass organisations.

Before the meeting a well disciplined and spirited demonstration was held on the main thoroughfares of the town. Hundreds of comrades from different walks of life participated in the demonstration holding aloft red flags, banners and portraits of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta, in his address, dealt with different aspects of the unique life struggle conducted by our beloved departed leader and teacher Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. The history of struggle undertaken by Comrade Ghosh to build up SUCI as the revolutionary vanguard of Indian proletariat; the all-embracing struggle he conducted to concretise the general principles of the science of Marxism-Leninism in the particular conditions of Indian society, further bringing its understanding to a new height and the unrelenting struggle he conducted against the menace of modern revisionism were dealt with in the speech. Referring to the present international and national scenario Comrade Dasgupta showed how the different developments vindicate the correctness of Comrade Ghosh's evaluations. He concluded his speech appealing the house to strengthen the SUCI to organise people's movement which is the only way before the toiling masses.

Comrade C.K. Lukose, in his presidential

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A section of gathering at the meeting in Chennai on 5th August

found that the other parties going by the name communist or socialist had not understood the philosophy of dialectical materialism, the noble ideology of communism or grasped the method of formation of a genuine communist party on Indian soil.

He showed how he started practically alone, totally without any resources, with just a handful of revolutionary compatriots, without name or fame, without shelter but with the invincible realisation of Marxism-Leninism as a science and thoroughly mastering and grasping the philosophy of Marxism, the philosophical foundation of Marxism, Dialectical Materialism.

He showed how Comrade Ghosh, right from the time he was drawn to the freedom struggle, as a teenager, never wavered from doing what he was convinced was correct. He practised meticulously what he came to believe, whatever the consequences. He conducted an uncompromising struggle to build up the SUCI, not an individual struggle but a collective struggle covering all aspects of life. He taught and practised what he



Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta, Member, Central Committee, addressing the gathering in Thrissur to observe 5th August

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address, described how the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh act as the beacon of revolutionary moment not only of India, but of the whole world today. Comrade V. Venugopal, in his introductory speech, exposed the real character of CPI(M)-led Kerala Government which is implementing the policy of globalisation in all fields.

## WEST BENGAL

**Calcutta :** On the occasion of 5th August, an exhibition of quotations from the revolutionary teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was held at Mahabodhi Society Hall, Calcutta from 2nd August to 4th August. It was inaugurated by Comrade Manik Mukherjee, member, West Bengal State Secretariat.

A mass meeting was held on 5th August, at Rani Rashmoni Road, Esplanade, Calcutta. Comrade Provas Ghosh, member, Central Committee, and Secretary, West Bengal State Committee, addressed the meeting as the main speaker. Comrade Protiva Mukherjee, member, State Secretariat, presided over it.

Comrade Ghosh pointed out what the saner section of the people in West Bengal are deeply concerned with right now is the politics of brutality, the reign of murder and terror. What is behind this precarious situation is the politics controlled by capitalists-businessmen-power greedy political parties, police and criminals. If people fail to recognise this evil politics and do not take effective measures to thwart it, mere anxiety cannot bring an end to it. Rather society will get entrenched into deeper disaster.

Comrade Ghosh recalled the teachings of

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh that as our society is class divided, so any party whatsoever should be judged by its class character, whether the party stands for corporate houses, black-marketeers, jotedars or whether it upholds the interest of the working class, agricultural labourers, poor peasants, middle class etc. Trinamul Congress, which is a party to all anti-people and pro-capitalist and pro-MNC policies of the BJP-led NDA Government of the Centre, exploiting people's sentiment is resorting to criminalisation of politics with a view to coming to power.

CPI(M), too, serves the ruling class while destroying mass and class struggles. In South 24-Parganas alone, CPI(M) criminals killed over 100 workers of our party.

Despite this savage onslaught, coupled with media blackout, SUCI, built up by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great Marxist, alone upholds the banner of mass and class struggle, the nobility of leftism. Right from the 50's and 60's till today SUCI unwaveringly is upholding the banner of people's movement.

The politics of CPI(M) and its corruption and misrule has allowed the right reactionary forces to raise their ugly heads. CPI(M) thus has handed the media a weapon to malign Marxism-Leninism.

People, in this backdrop, should develop real political consciousness, that comes not out of paper reading, but on the basis of the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. People should recognise their own party and build up people's committees which will guide mass movements and boycott those parties, which serve the ruling class and bring calamity in people's life.

## ASSAM

On the 24th memorial day of the great Marxist thinker, a mass meeting was held at Bishnu Nimala Bhawan, Guwahati. Here the main speaker was Comrade Asit Bhattacharya, member, Central Committee. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Bhupendranath Kakati, member, Assam State Committee.

Comrade Asit Bhattacharya, in his speech, explained the life struggle of Comrade Ghosh, who through an unprecedented ceaseless battle built up the genuine Marxist party, the SUCI, which now has acquired remarkable strength through militant mass and class

struggles.

Comrade Bhattacharya showed how capitalism is embroiling one section of exploited people with another section poisoning them with communalism, provincialism, etc. so that they cannot fight unitedly against the burning problems of life. Comrade Bhattacharya also referred to the ever increasing military budget meant not to use against any foreign attack, it is their deliberate measures to coerce revolutionary struggles of the exploited masses.

On Kashmir he said that as regards Article 450 of the Indian Constitution, it was agreed with India that Kashmir was to remain as a self-ruled state barring defence, communication and finance. Now, both Indian and Pakistani capitalist class is keeping the Kashmir problem alive only to continue their exploitation. He also pointed out that on the basis of the said agreement Kashmir is an integral part of India.

On Assam he said, the state suffers from severe economic crisis. But instead of democratic movements against it people are bleeding in fratricidal strifes. No party, other than SUCI, is taking any effective steps regarding it. Comrade Bhattacharya called upon the people to overcome differences of castes, religion, language and build up united movement. Comrade Kalyan Chowdhury, Secretary, Assam State Committee, also spoke.

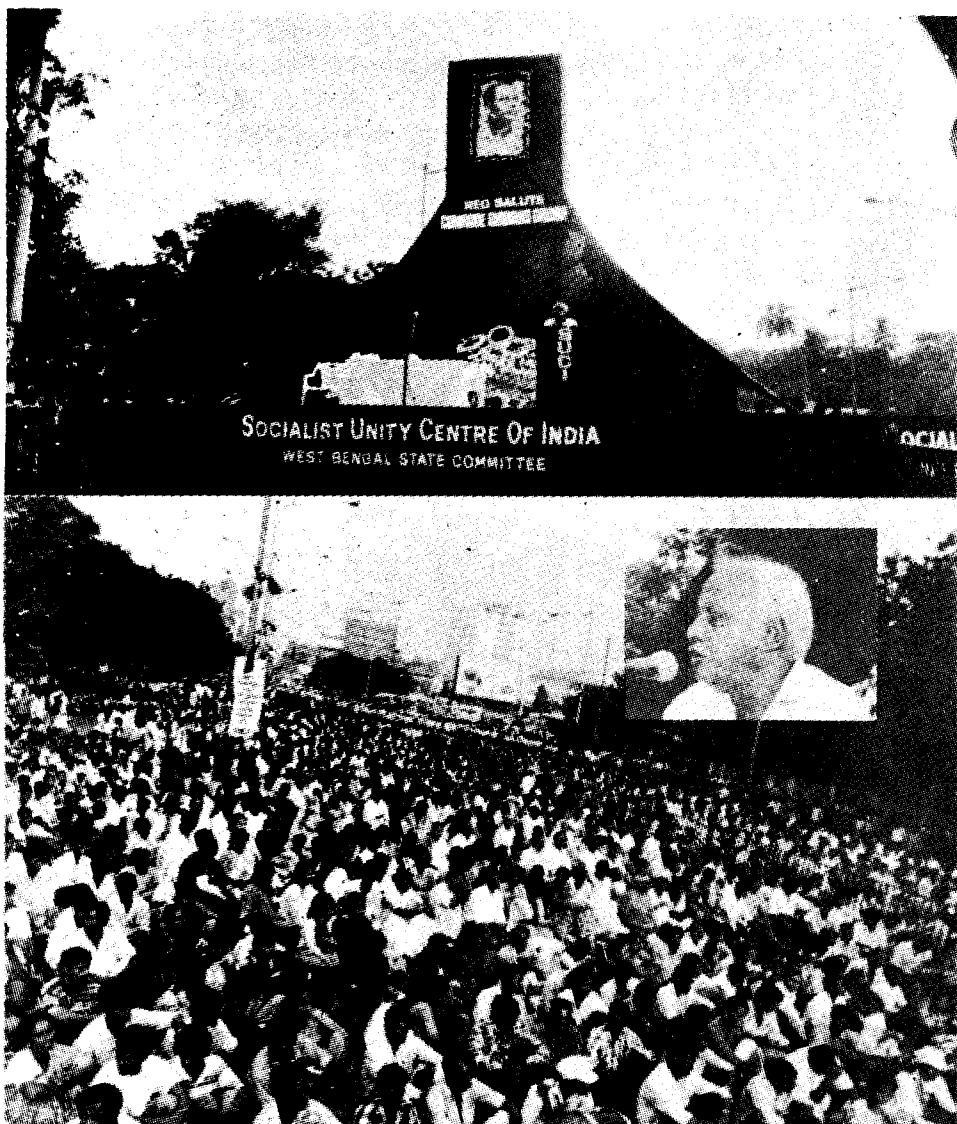
## KARNATAKA

### Bangalore

The 24th death anniversary of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, was observed on 5th August at Seva Sadan in Bangalore. The meeting was presided over by Comrade B.R. Manjunath, Secretary, Bangalore District Committee and member of Karnataka State Committee of SUCI. In his address he emphasised the importance of the emergence of a leader, teacher and guide in revolutionary movement in any country and said that projecting a leader, far from being a hero worship, is an inseparable part of building the revolutionary movement.

Speaking on the occasion as the main speaker, Comrade Krishna Chakraborti, member, Central Committee of SUCI, while explaining the background of the intense crisis of capitalism worldwide and in our country, made a comprehensive analysis on the necessity of building a genuine revolutionary party. He said that, notwithstanding one's intellectual ability in grasping revolutionary theories, one cannot uphold the cause of revolution without putting revolutionary theory, covering all aspects of life into practice. Citing the example of M.N. Roy, he showed how he, inspite of extraordinary abilities in grasping theoretical aspects of revolution, failed to build up a true revolutionary party in our country. He finally called upon the people to strengthen SUCI which, he said, has emerged as the only genuine revolutionary party of the proletariat in course of building class and mass struggles against various burning problems of people's life.

Comrade K. Radhakrishna, Secretary of Karnataka State Committee of SUCI, was also seated on dias.



(Above) Dais in Calcutta at the meeting of 5th August. (below) A section of gathering. (Inset) Comrade Provas Ghosh, Member, Central Committee, addressing

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## ANDHRA PRADESH

### Hyderabad :

This day was observed on 8th August at Sundarayya Vignana Kendram (mini Hall), Hyderabad. Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, member, Central Committee was the main speaker, and Comrade Sridhar, Secretary, AP State Organising Committee also spoke. Comrade Ch. Murahari, Secretary, Hyderabad District Committee presided.

## MUMBAI

On 5th August at Pathare Hall, Charani Road(East), Mumbai, a meeting was held on the occasion of Memorial Day of Frederick Engels, the great leader of the proletariat, co-founder of Marxism, Comrade-in-arms of Karl Marx and Comrade Shibdas Ghosh — the founder of Socialist Unity Centre of India. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Avadesh Kumar Tyaip, organiser of Bombay-Thane Unit of SUCI. The main speaker was Comrade Ranjit Dhar, Central Staff Member, SUCI. Other speaker was Comrade Y.K. Kulshreshtha. Comrade Dhar said "The root cause of all problems prevailing in society is capitalism. So our strategy of revolution will be anti-capitalist socialist revolution. Marxism-Leninism is a science. Engels along with Marx laid the foundation of scientific socialism. Engels conducted struggle against individualism. Marx dismantled the Second International because it could not be freed from individualism — the culture of bourgeoisie."

Comrade Dhar narrated the life struggle of Comrade Ghosh since his boyhood till his last breath and this struggle was for laying the foundation and consolidation of the SUCI on the basis of higher communist ethics values and character.

He also spoke on fascist trend in India and the role of the BJP to consolidate fascism. He condemned the communal politics of the BJP and its attempt to communalise and commercialise education.

## TRIPURA

### Agartala:

5th August was observed at Agartala through different programmes. A memorial meeting was held at the Music College on 6th August. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Shibani Das and Comrade Manik Mukherjee, the Central Staff of the party was present in the meeting as the main speaker. In his long speech Comrade Mukherjee traced the history of the building up of the SUCI by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh along with a handful of his compatriots in this vast country through rare revolutionary zeal and revolutionary audacity. Comrade Ghosh joined the uncompromising revolutionary trend of the freedom struggle of the country in his boyhood, and even at that tender age he realised that even after political independence of the country economic exploitation of the people will not end as the leadership of independence movement was usurped by the bourgeoisie in absence of any genuine working class party. The then CPI despite its communist nomenclature and Marxist

vocabularies could not emerge as a genuine working class party. The moment Comrade Ghosh realised this truth he did not look back and plunged headlong in building the SUCI as the genuine working class party with grim determination and revolutionary audacity against heavy odds. Comrade Mukherjee showed how the BJP had emerged as a menacing communal force in the country. He urged the people to resist the fascist design of the BJP. He also sharply criticised the policy of the Left Front government of Tripura in further sharpening the tribal conflict in the state. He urged the people to develop united movement to combat all these evils.

## BIHAR

In accordance with the decision of the SUCI State Committee to organise 5th August in a decentralised manner, various district and district organising committees throughout the state took up several programmes to mark the occasion.

### Patna :

A meeting was organised by the Patna District Committee of the SUCI. Party members, activists, supporters and sympathisers actively and enthusiastically participated in the meeting. Comrade Amriteshwar Chakraborty, the Secretary of Bihar State Committee of SUCI hoisted the red flag. Comrade M.K. Prasad conducted the proceedings of the meeting. Several speakers put forth their views. Comrade Amriteshwar Chakraborty, the main speaker while speaking at length on the life struggles of the great communist leaders also explained the criteria of a genuine communist party.

### Muzaffarpur :

The Muzaffarpur district committee of the SUCI organised a meeting at the Red Cross Society Hall in Muzaffarpur.

The meeting was presided over by a senior member of SUCI Muzaffarpur District Committee — Comrade Yogendra Ram. Comrade Arun Kumar Singh, member, State Committee was the main speaker on the occasion. Besides many other speakers, Comrade Ramprit Roy and B. Prashant also addressed the gathering. The speakers deliberated on the life struggle of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

### Bokaro :

The Bokaro District Committee of SUCI organised a memorial meeting wherein several party members, supporters and sympathisers participated. Besides other speakers Comrade Hem Chakraborty, senior secretariat member of SUCI, Bihar State Committee was present as the main speaker. He presented an inspiring and detailed discussion on how Comrade Shibdas Ghosh carried out a life-long and assiduous

struggle to build up and develop SUCI as the genuine communist party in India.

### Ghatshila :

The memorial day was observed in Singhbhum district on 5th August. At the Study Centre of Marxism-Leninism Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's Thought, various programmes were taken. Floral tributes were paid at the statue of Comrade Ghosh and the Komsomol paid guard of honour in front of the statue.

The peasants, mine workers, agricultural workers, tribal people, students, youth and women from different corners of the district organised a procession to the Study Centre at Ghatshila. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Ranjit Modak, the District Secretary of Singhbhum and Comrade B.B. Das, the veteran member of the Singhbhum District Committee of the party and trade union leader was the main speaker. He recalled the glorious role of the party in the struggle of the copper mine workers of Ghatshila. He also explained the stand of the party and the question of creation of Jharkhand State.

5th August was also observed at Munger.

### Alipore Central Jail, Calcutta

The memorial day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was observed by prisoners of the Alipore Central jail with deep pain and grim revolutionary determination on 5th August. They were trying to build up movement of the exploited people guided by the teachings of Comrade Ghosh and because of this 'crime' they were either convicted or undertrials in the Court of the ruling class. Two hundred such prisoners were present in the memorial meeting to pay homage to the beloved



Gathering at the Assembly Hall of the Study Centre of Marxism-Leninism-Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought on 5th August

departed leader. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Raja Ram Roy Mondal, member of the South 24 Parganas District Committee of the party. Comrade Sunder Chatterjee serving life imprisonment and member of the Burdwan District Committee of the Party, was the main speaker. Comrade Chatterjee appealed to the prisoners present there to accept the prison life as a part of the revolutionary struggle on the basis of the teachings of Comrade Ghosh. In an emotionally charged voice he vowed to remain steadfast in the revolutionary struggle till his last breath at Sangrampur.

# Kerala AIMSS Organise Movement Against Obscenity

Kerala state unit of AIMSS organised a powerful movement against obscenity demanding ban of blue films, obscene posters and obscene advertisements through TV Channels etc. The movement evoked tremendous response among the people, especially the women.

The movement started with the observance of a protest-week from June 19 to 25. Protest demonstrations, street corner meetings etc. were organised at district headquarters and all important townships. Programmes of tearing of obscene film posters, signature campaign etc. were also taken up and memoranda were given to the district authorities. At many places people on their own came forward to take part in the programmes.

The movement initiated by AIMSS left its impact on the right thinking people, and many letters, demanding stringent measures against obscenity, appeared in the 'Letters to the Editor' column of some dailies. Raising the same demand a case was filed in the High Court also.

In between, an obscene advertisement appeared in one of the leading national dailies. It was on behalf of the State Tourism Department itself. AIMSS made it a serious point and strongly demanded the government to withdraw it. This initiated a discussion in the press and many women's organisations also came forward to register their protest. This ultimately persuaded the Human Rights Commission to demand the state government to take some measures against obscenity. And the government was forced to act accordingly.

As a second phase of the movement, a state-level Secretariat march was organised on 27 July, in which hundreds of women participated. Women burnt obscene posters in front of the Secretariat as a mark of protest. Mass memorandum was submitted to the Chief Minister. The march was inaugurated by Comrade Shyla K. John, the State

## Beauty contest blockaded

Under the auspices of Ernakulam District Committee of AIMSS, women blockaded the 'Miss Kerala' beauty contest held on 22nd July in Cochin city.

As soon as AIMSS came to know about the beauty contest, the Ernakulam district unit of the organisation submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister of Kerala, demanding the ban of the contest. AIMSS appealed to all women's organisations to come forward for a united movement. 'Sthree Suraksha Samithy', a forum initiated by AIMSS, submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister and women's Commission with the signatures of prominent personalities, to ban the beauty contest. Seeing that all these efforts produced no result AIMSS unit on its own started a protest movement. Extensive postering, wall writing and street-corner meetings were organised.

A blockade of the event was organised which was led by Comrade Mini K. Philip, State Vice-president of AIMSS. She condemned the State government, carrying communist label, for allowing such vulgarities causing cultural degeneration and deploying large contingent of police to protect it. She appealed to the people to come forward to build up united movement against such social evils. Later, police arrested the volunteers and removed them.

Secretary of AIMSS. State President of the organisation, Comrade Lalitha Mathew presided over the meeting held before the Secretariat. State Vice-presidents Comrades Mini K. Philip and V. K. Padmaja also spoke. The speakers pointed out that the ruling class, in order to destroy the moral backbone of the younger generations and to get rid of their protest against the exploitative system, is promoting obscenity and all sorts of vulgarities. They declared that the AIMSS would intensify the movement if the government turned a deaf ear to

the demands raised by the organisation and appealed to all well-meaning people of the state to help in all possible ways to develop a protracted movement.

Comrades Lalitha Mathew, Shyla K. John, Mini K. Philip, V.K. Padmaja, S Radhamony, K. Indira and K.J. Sheela led the Secretariat march. It has been decided that the movement will be taken to the grass-roots level with the active co-operation of volunteer organisations and individuals.

## SUCI-CPI(M) Talk in Calcutta

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repeatedly appealed to the CPI(M) leadership to join. But they did not join the movement on the plea that the Jan Sangh was in it. Even, in spite of our sincerest effort, they did not take up any effective step towards building up a mighty left movement under the leadership of the then nine-party left-democratic combination in WB which could invariably have an impact on the whole of India. As a result, the leadership of the anti-Indira movement could entirely fall into the hands of the rightists and the Jan Sangh got an opportunity of gaining strength. Yet, in 1977, the CPI(M) supported the Janata Party government headed by Morarji Desai which included the same Jan Sangh due to whose presence CPI(M) had earlier refused to join the movement, calling it a "friendly government"!

Again, in 1989, the CPI(M) joined hands with the communal BJP, raising slogans against autocratic Congress, in supporting the Government under the leadership of VP Singh. Had they followed a genuine leftist line at that time, then the communal forces could not have mustered such strength today. Then again, the SUCI never agreed with the CPI(M) assessment that the Congress was a secular force. For the role of Congress has been no less responsible in engineering communal riots.

Moreover, can it be denied that it was Rajiv Gandhi himself who, in order to play the majority Hindu communal card, unlocked the Babari Masjid, centring which the communal force like BJP tremendously increased its strength by spreading communal venom throughout India.

The SUCI holds that since the Indian national bourgeoisie has invited the imperialists into India, struggle must have to be unleashed against the national bourgeoisie in order to combat imperialism effectively. The menace of imperialism and communalism can not be resisted only by organising some united processions, seminars or conventions. The only way, the SUCI considers, to resist the danger of imperialism and communalism, is to build up powerful mass and class struggles on burning issues in the lives of common people.

For that, the class and mass struggles of the workers and peasants would have to be built up and the programmes of anti-imperialist and anti-communal movements are to be integrated with the same. The united platform of 56 mass organisations at the all India level comprising the CPI(M) and other left and democratic parties and forces including the SUCI is there. If the CPI(M) really wants movements against imperialism and communalism then why powerful movements are not being developed from that platform?

The SUCI considers that if the CPI(M) took proper initiative, then massive and powerful mass

movements can be built up under the leadership of these mass organisations. And the situation for it is now favourable in the country.

Our leaders told the CPI(M) leaders that the SUCI is always in favour united movement. But in the state of West Bengal, the conditions are not congenial for it.

Is there any difference between the outlook and policies with which the CPI(M) has been running the government in West Bengal for the last 23 years since 1977 with those of the BJP and the Congress run governments in the other states? The CPI(M) too, like bourgeois parties, has been running the government depending on police and administration instead of the people. They have been resorting to brutal suppression by police of the movements launched by the SUCI against their anti-people policies. Many workers of our party have been murdered by anti-socials controlled by their party and even a veteran and respected leader like Amir Ali Halder, West Bengal State Secretary of AIKKMS was also murdered. SUCI leaders had met the Home Minister and submitted the list of the murderers too, But no action has been taken. This politics of murder has not yet been stopped. There are ideological differences between the two parties and for that there would be ideological struggle. But why this politics of murder? CPI(M)'s utter anti-left and anti-people policy has created the ground for the growth of right reactionary and communal forces in this state too, although it has a leftist tradition.

In this situation, so long as the CPI(M) does not change its anti-people policy in running the government, it is not possible for the SUCI to join in united movement with them in this state. The CPI(M) leaders were frankly told that in this situation there is no possibility of any unity with them in the state assembly election too, next year.

The SUCI hopes that the CPI(M) would take initiative on these questions to really resist the menace of imperialism and communalism, they would encourage class struggle by adopting the same policies for conducting the government as was done in '67 when the role of the UF government was that of an instrument of struggle, they would try to revive the glory of the left movement of the fifties and sixties in the state and create the conditions for unity by shunning the politics of murder and terror. And at the all India level they should come forward to build up united movement at the party level.

The CPI(M) leaders were told the SUCI views were being put forward frankly as had been agreed upon.

At last, the CPI(M) leaders said they would discuss the matter in their Central Committee.

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