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## 50th Anniversary of SUCI

# Mammoth Rally At Saheed Minar Maidan

With the fire of revolution in heart, legions, thousands upon thousands raised the Red Flag today, this 24th April, at numerous corners of this vast land of ours.

SUCI today stepped in its 50th year, leaving behind a great past of uncompromising battle against capitalism-imperialism, conducting at the same time the relentless ideological struggle against revisionism-dogmatism and various shades of aberration of Marxism, in the process of concretising, enriching and developing Marxism on Indian soil, done by the great Marxist thinker, the founder General Secretary of our party, our leader, teacher and guide Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. At present our party has ahead a long way to traverse, which it will achieve with the help of the remarkable mass support it has gained due to its role of building up sustained democratic movement against capitalist malaise. On this occasion the Central Party office, Calcutta was decorated with 50 Red Flags from 24th April to 1st May. Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta, member, Central Committee hoisted the Red Flag at the Central Party office in the morning of 24th April.

Thousands of activists, who have taken up revolution as their goal of life and are building up conducive democratic movements in their own states, undertook a strenuous journey from all over India, from North and South, East and West, in token representation of party from the different states, to be in Calcutta on this glorious day, the 24th April. For, the central meeting to observe the occasion at the call of the Central Committee of the SUCI, was being held here, in Calcutta at the historic Saheed Minar Maidan, which itself witnessed many a 24th April observance, addressed by the great leader of the proletariat, Com. Ghosh, in the past.

Men and women, old and young, teenagers, mothers with babies and toddlers, workers, peasant and people from middle class background, speaking varied languages, with different dress habits reached the Maidan to merge with the countless people of West Bengal, who had also marched there in huge processions alongwith common people, braving heavy shower that had drenched them and had turned the entire ground into a muddy pool.

People of West Bengal had just waged a remarkable battle, and are continuing it, against the CPI(M)-led Left Front government's policy of abolishing English and pass-fail system at the primary level, against the policy of not admitting all the students of the state and the policy of fee hike, which is exorbitant. On 3rd February last, at the call of the party, an unprecedented successful Bandh had brought together people of all walks of life, on the question of language and education, creating a unique distinction of oneness in the background of present-day deep frustration, misguided and divisive trends. SUCI, which had been waging this historic movement for over 20 years, beside other movements, had become the subject matter of common talk in the state. As a

result, people enthusiastically had come to listen to Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary of our party, on this occasion to know the party more and more, to know what ideology could guide it when all other political parties were going astray, being steeped in filth and corruption.

A huge Red Flag formed the backdrop of the dais which had on it a portrait of the Great Leader, rimmed with flowers. On the dais were seated Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary, Comrade Pritish Chanda, member Central Committee and other CC members, Comrade Roberto Gabriele of International Nino Pasti Foundation For Peace and Independence of the Peoples of Italy, Comrades Khalequzzaman,

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## Messages from Workers' and Communist Parties abroad

Messages of felicitation on the occasion of the 50th anniversary and of solidarity received from fraternal parties abroad, were read out by Comrade Anil Sen, member, Central Committee of SUCI.

### All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks, Russia

Comrade Nina Andreeva, General Secretary of the CC of AUCPB (All Union Communist Party (Bolshevik) of Russia, wrote : "...All the life and activities of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh — the outstanding leader of the Indian and international communist movement, the true adherent of the teaching of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and Mao Zedong is a vivid example of selfless serving to the cause of proletarian revolution in India, to the cause of peoples' struggle against imperialism, for socialism and peace. For more than two decades

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KOMSOMOL paying guard of honour to the memory of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat while the leaders of the party alongwith fraternal delegates from Italy and Bangladesh are seen standing.

# Felicitations from Asia, America and Europe

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which have passed since the untimely demise of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the Socialist Unity Centre of India being led by the ideas and thoughts of its founder is carrying on a relentless struggle against opportunism and revisionism in all their forms and manifestations for rallying Indian working people under the banner of Marxism-Leninism. As a result the Socialist Unity Centre of India has turned nowadays into a real mass party of Indian workers and peasants which has its branches and centres of struggle in the majority of the states of India. It is the SUCI which has taken the initiative and has become the organizer of establishing the All India Forum of struggle against imperialism and neo-colonialism. In international communist and working class movement the SUCI has been consequently defending the principles of proletarian internationalism, and stands on the positions of resolute struggle against modern revisionists, opportunists and Trotskyites... We wish the SUCI further successes in the struggle against the forces of reaction and imperialism, for socialism.

Long live the Socialist Unity Centre of India, ... Long live proletarian internationalism ! Together we will win!"

## Communist Party of Cuba

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba, wrote : "On this special opportunity, we want to convey our fraternal greetings to the leadership and to all members of

SUCI because of their firm anti-imperialist stand and their daily and tireless work to achieve a new world. We do not forget the permanent and solidary support given by SUCI to the struggle waged by the Cuban Revolution against imperialism and we are grateful for that gesture.

We wish you success in your work and reiterate our will to further strengthen our relations of friendship."

## New Communist Party of Netherlands

Comrade Wil van der Klift, International Secretary, member, PB, Central Committee, NCP (New Communist Party) of Netherlands, wrote: ... "be sure we are with you with our hearts and in our minds. The many pictures, books and videos, showing the work of SUCI, are showing the comrades of the CC of the NCPN what the strength of the SUCI means. They show the work of your party, they show that you are working with and among the Indian working and farmer class. We are very proud to have relations, because we have seen the force and degree of organization of your party, due to the ideas of your beloved leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Having friends like the friends we have in India in the SUCI gives us extra strength to fulfill our own tasks. Long live proletarian internationalism, that will strengthen the international communist movement.

Our party understands fully the enormous tasks you have to solve, under such difficult circumstances as there are in India. However, we are sure you will overcome them because of the wisdom of the leadership, because of the knowledge of the members, because of the most

important jewel you have: your very dedicated youth cadre."

## Workers World Party, USA

Comrades Deirdre Griswold, Monica Moorehead and Sara Flounders, for National Committee, Workers World Party, USA, wrote: "On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Socialist Unity Centre of India by the revolutionary leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, we congratulate you on your many years of consistent and determined struggle in the interests of the working class and poor peasants of India.

The Socialist Unity Centre has distinguished itself with its militant anti-imperialism. This

We look forward to developing the solidarity of our parties under these conditions of struggle."

## New Communist Party of Britain

Comrade Andy Brooks, General Secretary, New Communist Party of Britain, wrote: ... "We will, of course, be with you in spirit through this message marking SUCI's 50 fighting years and the memory of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Our comrades have learnt something of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's thinking through meetings with SUCI comrades in Europe and SUCI supporters here in Britain as well as through the columns of Proletarian Era.

Let us continue to strengthen our ties in the future."

## National Democratic Front of South Korea (NDFSK)

The Central Committee of National Democratic Front of South Korea (NDFSK) (in Japan), wrote: "The foundation of your party was undoubtedly a historic event in the way of struggle for national independence and progress by the courageous Indian communist fighters.

Since its foundation, your party has kept the principled stand of communism against any occasionalism and contributed greatly to the cause of proletarian internationalism.

We appreciate your brilliant success as ours, and heartfully wish you even greater victory in your future struggle."

## Communist Party, Japan (Left)

The Central Committee of the Communist Party, Japan (Left) wrote : ... "We hope your 50th Anniversary programme will succeed and your struggle will further advance against the imperialists as well as the local big bourgeoisie and landlords who collaborate with them and sell out the national interests.

We are looking forward to hearing from you about the success of this programme.

With internationalist greetings of solidarity."

## National Democratic Front of South Korea

The Central Committee of National Democratic Front of South Korea wrote : "We express our heartfelt thanks to you for your invitation, which means to support and encourage the struggle of N.D.F.S.K and south Korean people.

However we regret to inform that our delegation can't participate in your party's 50th anniversary because of our difficult circumstances.

Hoping that the anniversary and your future work will achieve big successes, we wish you to strengthen friendship and cooperation between our two parties."

## New Democratic Party, Sri Lanka

Comrades S. K. Senthivel, General Secretary and E. Thambiah, National Organizer of New Democratic Party, Sri Lanka sent "Warm Revolutionary Greetings from Sri Lankan people through our party to SUCI and for Indian people", and wrote : ... "We the Marxist-Leninists in Sri-

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## The following Workers' and Communist Parties from abroad sent messages of greetings

- All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks, Russia
- Communist Party of Cuba
- New Communist Party of Netherlands
- New Communist Party of Britain
- Workers World Party, USA
- Communist Party, Japan (Left)
- National Democratic Front of South Korea (NDFSK)
- New Democratic Party, Sri Lanka
- Revolutionary People's Liberation Front of Turkey (DHKC)
- National Committee of Radical Left, Luxembourg
- Communist Party of Germany (KPD)
- Workers Communist Party (AKP), Norway
- KPML(r), Sweden

makes it an ally of our organization and of all workers in the United States. It is not surprising that your party is proud of upholding Marxism-Leninism and the banner of proletarian internationalism as only parties that look to the analysis of both Marx and Lenin can survive such a difficult period with their revolutionary politics intact and continue a determined struggle to liberate the proletariat worldwide.

...Workers World Party aspires to mobilize the working class within the country considered the center of world imperialism. We recognize the great responsibility this carries toward the world proletariat and the importance of finding militant class conscious allies in the world arena. Therefore, we were extremely pleased to meet members of the Socialist Unity Centre of India and to cooperate with you in the struggle to build international solidarity.

# Guided by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's Thought SUCI building up Movements throughout India

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General Secretary and Comrade Mobinul Haidar Chowdhury, both of the Socialist Party of Bangladesh, and leaders from different states. Revolutionary songs by Comrades of different states were presented in their languages.

Comrade Pritish Chanda's name was proposed by Comrade Krishna Chakraborty and seconded by Comrade Asit Bhattacharya, both CC members, as the president of the meeting.

But due to extreme illness of Comrade Pritish Chanda, on his behalf Comrade Ashutosh Banerji, member, Central Committee conducted the proceedings of the meeting. Then the music squad presented songs on 24th April and on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Following the songs the Komsoml presented the guard of honour holding aloft 50 Flags to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. After that messages from communist and workers' parties from abroad were read out by Comrade Anil Sen, member, Central Committee. Then Comrade Pritish Chanda delivered his presidential speech. Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, addressed the gathering after the President's speech, as the main speaker. Comrade Roberto Gabriele then delivered his speech in French, which was simultaneously rendered into English by Comrade Sourav Bose, a party organiser. After him Comrade Khalequzzaman spoke, followed by the speeches of leaders from 17 states.

The meeting ended with *the Internationale*.

## Speech of

### Comrade Roberto Gabriele

International Nino Pasti Foundation for Peace and Independence of the Peoples, Italy

I am very happy to be present at your meeting, the meeting marking 50 years of work of your party. It is not only the work that is great, but the politics of your party which is very interesting.

There are some essential questions of your politics which are similar to those we have in Italy.

The first question is of loyalty to communist movement which under such great leaders as Marx, Lenin, Stalin had become great. There are



Comrade Roberto Gabriele  
of International Nino Pasti  
Foundation, Italy

many traitors of the communist movement. Those of us who have remained true to the tradition and the thoughts of communist movement have to prove to the world at this time that we are capable to again take up the struggle to change the world.

We must not forget that the communist movement of the 20th century has been the greatest mass revolutionary movement that human history has ever witnessed. I believe and hope that the work which the communists are doing at this time worldwide, like your party is doing, will constitute the basis for reconstruction in the coming century of development of a great mass revolutionary movement.

Another decision of your party which to my mind is very important, is the decision to initiate worldwide anti-imperialist struggle. The Anti-

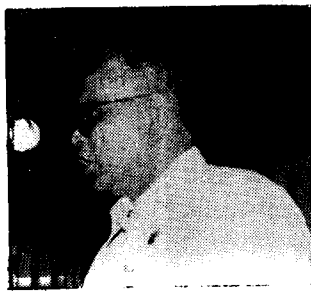
imperialist Forum of Calcutta is a very important indication of international work on this question. Imperialism, especially US imperialism, has obtained a victory over the revolutionary forces, but not a definite victory. Now it controls the world militarily, politically and economically, but I believe that there are many people worldwide who are coming out in struggle against this all out attack. I believe that my visit will strengthen international collaboration among anti-imperialist fighters of the world, and with your party and comrades in the struggle for a different future of humanity.

## Speech of

### Comrade Khalequzzaman

Socialist Party of Bangladesh

Fifty years ago, when the new-born state of independent India had just freed herself from colonial rule and was being shackled anew in the chains of capitalism, when those carrying the flag of communism lost ways, a few audacious revolutionaries under the leadership of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, in those difficult hours, lighted the torch of revolution and started a dauntless journey from the eastern corner of this vast country, India, which was eclipsed in total darkness — with the resolve, like that of the "foolish old man trying to remove the mountain" of the Chinese proverb.



Comrade Khalequzzaman  
of Socialist party of  
Bangladesh

Today in all corners of India these revolutionaries have created waves of mass support with torch of revolution in hand ; with reverberating cities and villages with the slogan : "Inquilab Zindabad". It bears testimony to the fact that the teachings and the correct realization of Marxism are invincible, ever developing and irresistible. Long live Marxism !

We, hereby, on behalf of the toiling people of Bangladesh, convey our warm revolutionary greetings to you all. On this auspicious day, I, on behalf of our party, remember with reverence the great revolutionary, who enriched the teachings of Marx-Engels and developed its scientific understanding to the adequate level of present-day, while applying them and carrying out an arduous and uncompromising practice all through his life in the then adverse situation on Indian soil. He, by bringing forth the correct understanding of the treasure house of knowledge of Marxism-Leninism, removed all sorts of existing confusions on the question of strategy and tactics of revolution in India and other underdeveloped capitalist countries. Comrade Ghosh, right in the 50s pointed out how the seeds of the destructive force of revisionism, germinating under the mighty, amazing and gigantic power of socialism built by Stalin might ultimately destroy the victory and advancement of socialism as a whole. And we consider, this relentless struggle of the SUCI against this danger has paved the way for its advancement to today's position.

That, in the absence of cultural revolution, in

spite of the great victory and advancement of socialism it does lose its strength to advance was presented by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in the form of concrete philosophical analysis and the concrete picture of building up the revolutionary party, of all-out struggle to defeat individualism in the process of advancement of revolutionary struggle and thereby merge personal interest with the social interest too, was advanced by Comrade Ghosh.

We, in our endeavour to build up revolutionary movement on our soil could realize the great significance and correctness of these invaluable teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. We do think that these invaluable teachings of Comrade Ghosh have immense importance in the world communist movement. Red salute to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh!

I also convey my revolutionary greetings to the present leadership of the SUCI. For, the advancement of the revolutionary force of the proletariat in any part of the world inspires the working people of the world and their vanguard detachment. Your strength of mobilization also inspires workers and leaders of the Socialist Party of Bangladesh and also inspires, delights the struggling people of Bangladesh, particularly when menacing forces are raising their ugly heads. This will create confidence in the minds of working people of the neighbouring small countries also. Let your advancement go unabated — this is what we wish. Workers of the world unite! Inquilab Zindabad !

## Speech of

### Comrade Nihar Mukherjee

General Secretary, SUCI

In course of his long discourse Comrade Nihar Mukherjee said: On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Party all sections of the people will have to realise the significance of the historical and social necessity of building up a real revolutionary party of the proletariat on Indian soil. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh felt the urgent necessity of building up the SUCI as the real revolutionary party of the proletariat because revolution in a country cannot be accomplished without correct revolutionary theory and correct revolutionary party. Materialist interpretation of history reveals this truth. During the national independence struggle Comrade Shibdas Ghosh engaged himself with the most advanced revolutionary current of that period, and this realisation gradually dawned upon him that without a revolutionary party of the proletariat the task of accomplishing Indian revolution cannot be fulfilled. To know the SUCI it is necessary to know the life struggle of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, his tortuous and arduous struggle to build up the SUCI.

Despite its link with the Comintern, the then undivided CPI, because of its non-Marxist outlook failed either to realise the real import of colonial thesis of comintern or Stalin's definite direction on the role of the petty bourgeois revolutionary trend which was the most advanced militant and uncompromising one in the revolutionary struggle for national liberation in India. In the twentieth century national liberation struggle cannot reach the desired goal unless the working class party is

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# "Build up a living Organic Relation Between People and Party" — Nihar Mukherjee

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in the leadership of that struggle. As the then CPI failed to emerge as a real revolutionary party of the proletariat because of its incorrect methodology in party formation, it could not provide that leadership, and so despite attaining independence so many aspects of bourgeois democratic revolution remained unaccomplished and democratization of society remained unfulfilled in our country. The ugly faces of



Comrade Nihar Mukherjee speaking on the occasion

communism, divisiveness, casteism are raising their head in post independent period manifold. In the pre-independence days the Congress was a platform of action of all anti-imperialist forces comprising the moderates and the leftists. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was the best representative of petty bourgeois revolutionism. But the Gandhites representing the right oppositional and compromising forces ousted him and his revolutionary associates in a most heinous manner, and the Congress was turned into a party of the bourgeoisie. Subsequently the Congress made a deal with the British imperialists for transfer of power at the cost of vivisection of the country. Thus capitalist rule was established in India.

The result of this capitalist rule is for every body to realise in their own life. Fifty years after independence the minimum needs of the people have not been met. Food, health care, job, shelter, education and even drinking water, the minimum necessities, cannot be arranged for a vast section of the people. Today there is an all-embracing crisis. Every toiling person will have to realise its root cause.

Capitalism is today in deep crisis. The capitalist base has become moribund, reactionary and corrupt. This crisis in the base is reflected in the superstructure — the parliamentary institutions and all its organs. The bourgeois and petty bourgeois parties which are trying to serve this capitalist system and prolonging its lease of life are bound to be reactionary, to be in disintegration and submerged in corruption. As a result of this crisis squabbles and conflicts are rocking all the big and influential bourgeois and petty bourgeois parties. These parties are splitting and combining to split again. These parties care a whit even for bourgeois democratic norms and principles. After the recently held elections the BJP, a rabid communal force and a branded bourgeois party, has come into an unholy alliance with disparate groups and parties only to grab governmental power. This exposes the real face of the BJP. The BJP is now harping on Swadeshi. The BJP is the successor to the Jana Sangh and to the Hindu Mahashabha. What was the position of the Hindu Mahashabha in the period of national independence struggle? The British rulers pursued divide and rule policy to keep their iron grip over this country. The Muslim League on the one hand and the Hindu Mahashabha on the other acted as

abettor to the British policy. It was not only the Muslim League but the Hindu Mahashabha also was equally responsible for the partition of the country. But how can the BJP, the successor to the Hindu Mahashabha with such a black record come to the present position? The anti-people policies, divisive and casteist politics and pseudo secularism of the Congress and even of the CPI(M) contributed to the emergence of the BJP.

The people are today in a miserable condition because of the all embracing crisis. Taking advantage of the unorganised condition of the

people the bourgeoisie are trying to create confusion with the slogan of stable government to hoodwink the people. The

CPI(M) led Left Front government in West Bengal has been in power for the last 20 years. But what is the result? This government is pursuing out and out anti-people policies to serve

the interest of the capitalist class. True to its social democratic character and as a compromising force between labour and capital the CPI(M) has been much more efficiently serving the interest of national and foreign capital than the other branded bourgeois parties. This is history and no one can deny it. Language and education occupy a vital position in the life of the people for their development and for keeping them abreast with the latest development in the field of knowledge. The CPI(M) led Left Front government has struck a severe blow on education by its anti-people language and education policy. While the children of the leaders of the CPI(M), the Congress and all the ruling parties have free access to English education, those of the common people are denied of this opportunity. The condition is such that unless the movement against

the anti-people education and language policy is further accelerated the future is indeed dark. All sections of the people are participating in the movement spontaneously. They are today realizing that this movement led by the SUCI is their own movement, and so they are feeling oneness with this movement. This has been reflected in the total success of the 3rd February Bangla Bandh. But the CPI(M) led Left Front did not take into cognizance this widespread popular verdict.

The character of all these governments whether led by the Congress, the CPI(M)-led Left Front or

the unholy alliance of the BJP has got to be understood. Every class conscious man will have to realise the root cause of the present evils and crises in the political, economic and social, cultural, moral and ethical life of the country. We are still not able to create a widespread counter-current, embracing all sections of

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the people against all these malaises. Comrade Ghosh had tried time and again to build up united movement. West Bengal has come to be known as the citadel of left movement in the country. The history of the left movement in West Bengal is long. Just after independence anti-famine Committee (Doorbhiksha Pratirodh Committee) was formed with all the left and democratic parties barring the undivided CPI. No one in the Committee was willing to include the CPI in the Committee because of its treacherous role in the national independence struggle. But it was at the initiative of Comrade Ghosh that the undivided CPI was inducted in the Committee. But due to its main political line the CPI and then the CPI(M) did not go beyond issue based front, and so a real front as an instrument of people's struggle could not be built up. The CPI(M) is in state power in West Bengal, Tripura and



# "Emancipation of All Sections of People Interwoven with Emancipation of Proletariat"

Kerala. But it did not develop united left movement in these states. On the contrary as a compromising social democratic force its main task is to serve the moribund capitalist system in the best possible way in these states.

India is a vast agricultural country, but the people of this country still cry for food. Why modernization and mechanization of agriculture have not been undertaken? Lal Bahadur Shastri laid bare the secret when he said that we were no fools to create crores of unemployed by resorting to modernization and mechanization in agriculture. But capitalism has consolidated in India and through coalescence of banking capital with industrial capital, financial oligarchy has come into existence. India is now exporting finance capital. This is the characteristic feature of imperialism which India has acquired. But capitalism today is not in a position to unleash pro-people industrialization to absorb surplus labour.

It is the SUCI which has been building up movements on all burning issues in the life of the people both against the Centre and the state governments. Profuse blood is shed. The party has a glorious record of mass movement in West Bengal during the last 50 years. During this period the party has taken a leading role in organizing movements with the demands of all sections of the toiling people, including poor and landless peasants. Throughout India in 17 states the party has been conducting class and mass struggle against the Centre and states. From the very initial stage of party formation Comrade Ghosh stressed that prerequisite for building up a powerful movement conducive to anti-capitalist socialist revolution is the higher cultural and ethical standard. On the 50th anniversary of the party its significance has to be realized by all sections of the people. The BJP is creating the ground for fascism by propagating fusion of science with spiritualism. If fascism is established it starts the process of dehumanization and soon no one can be found as real man. It is Marxism having higher cultural and

ethical values that can defeat this design ideologically, politically, and organizationally.

People today are disgusted with politics. It is being propagated that politics is the profession of scoundrels. This is correct in respect of bourgeois and pseudo Marxist politics. As against this nasty politics Comrade Ghosh established an alternative political line. He stressed the nobility of revolutionary politics. He asserted that politics demands a noble faculty of mind and revolutionary politics demands still a nobler one. He upheld that the inner kernel of any ideology is its cultural standard. Comrade Ghosh stressed that the anti-people attacks of the bourgeoisie cannot be resisted till people's own instrument of struggle and people's alternative political power are developed through building up of movements on the just demands in the life of the people on the

edifice of higher proletarian culture and ethics. Spontaneous movement will not lead us to the desired goal. During his life time Comrade Ghosh tried to

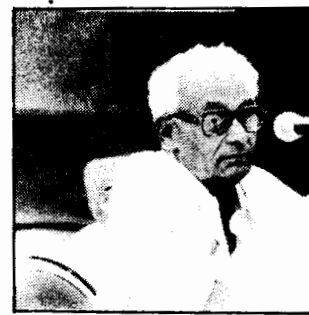
build up the party with a handful of compatriots on the basis of correct line. It is the concrete application of Marxism-Leninism on Indian soil. On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the party I am drawing attention to this main point. The success of Indian revolution depends on the strengthening of the party. Revolution is essential and at this stage the emancipation of all sections of the people is interwoven with the question of emancipation of the proletariat. So in the interest of their own emancipation every one will have to strengthen the party of the proletariat and consider it as their own party. The people must come forward to build up movements on the basis of correct base political line and through these movements volunteer corps and people's own instrument of struggle are to be developed and in its wake people's power is to be given birth to. The sooner we can achieve this the quicker we shall reach the goal. This is the task ahead. In accomplishing this task if the people find any shortcomings, they must come forward to criticize

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the leaders and cadres of the party for the purpose of overcoming the shortcomings. This is the only guarantee to advance the cause of revolution and create a living, organic relation between the people and the party. On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the party Comrade Mukherjee concluded his speech with this clarion call.

## Speech of Comrade Pritish Chanda Member, Central Committee

Comrade Pritish Chanda, member, Central



*Comrade Pritish Chanda,  
President of the meeting  
speaking*

Committee, in his presidential address said : 50 years may seem to be a long time, but in the never ending stream of time it is not much. 50 years back a handful of revolutionaries, led by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh faced extreme hardship and conducted tortuous struggle to build up the party. Only a comrade of those days knows about this extreme hardship and tortuous struggle against heavy odds. In 1948 Comrade Ghosh understood and analyzed to show that despite enormous sacrifices by all sections of the people, the fruits of freedom struggle were usurped by the bourgeoisie, taking advantage of absence of real communist party. The CPI instead of developing as a correct Marxist-Leninist party grew into a petty bourgeois party due to pursuit of non-Marxist methodology in thinking and organisation. He analyzed the Indian society, chalked out the strategy and tactics of Indian revolution and exhorted all of us to build up party organisation everywhere, to participate in and build up movements.

After ceaseless toil of 50 years, the present status of the party can be seen by everyone. You have yourselves heard just now the greeting messages from revolutionary parties all over the world. True revolutionaries know and recognize the SUCI to be the true revolutionary communist party of India — not the CPI, the CPI(M) or the CPI(ML-Liberation), etc. Our party is not for licking the boots of the capitalists. If we had done so, we would have crores of rupees by now and a number of MPs.

But we are not a small party today. Our activities spread from Assam to Arabian sea. But our task is enormous. The task is the overthrow of capitalism. So we must strive to get rid of our shortcomings in order to be equal to the task of anti-capitalist socialist revolution.

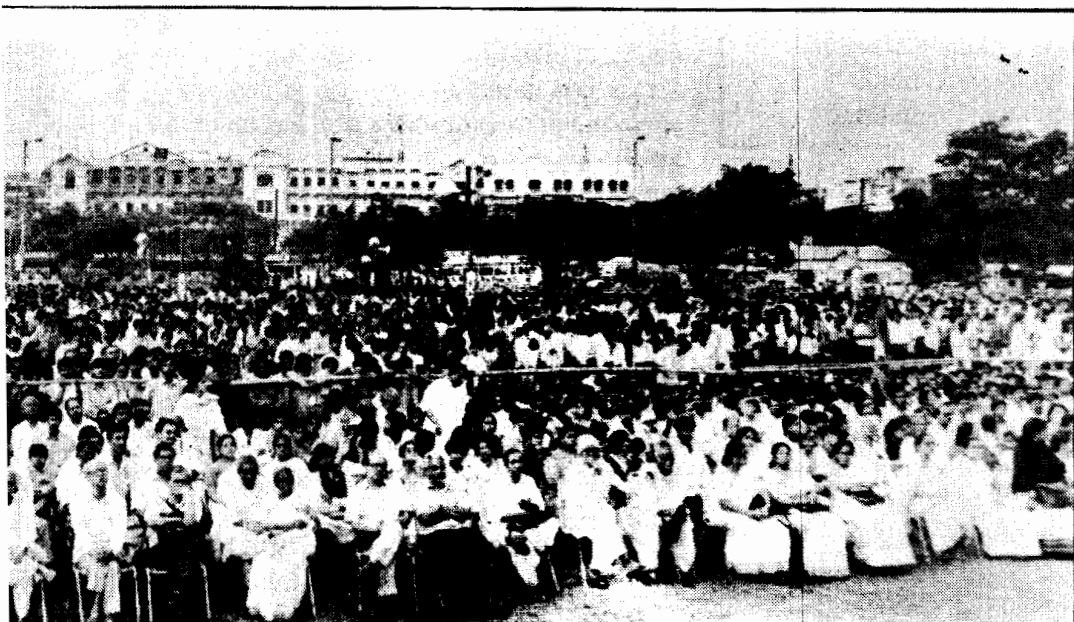
## Comrade Tapas Dutta

Secretary, Orissa State Committee

Comrade Tapas Dutta, member, Central Committee, SUCI paying tribute to the life struggle of our beloved departed leader, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great Marxist philosopher of the era, said : Today the party which Comrade Ghosh had founded with a few comrades-in-arm has spread itself in different parts of the country.

With his life the party history is closely

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*A section of  
the gathering  
at Saheed  
Minar Maidan  
on 24th April*



# Observance of 50th Anniversary

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interlinked. Covering all aspects of life a struggle has been successfully released by this party. The history of SUCI is the history of struggle, struggle of the workers, the struggle against capitalism through formation of the working class party. This party, his best creation should be strengthened, as revolution or mass liberation is not possible without a working class revolutionary party. To this end the party has to educate and make conscious the masses.

## Comrade Suresh Avasti

Member, Delhi State Organizing Committee

In 1969 when Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was very ill and on advice of doctors, to get relief from pressure of work, went to Delhi, he conducted talks and discussions with students, youths, professors intellectuals and people from various walks of life, and laid the foundation of party organisation. On various social, cultural political and economic issues of people we are trying to build up movement. Delhi being the capital of India has a special place also with regard to international events. Against various misdeeds of imperialism we have organised protest demonstrations, as for example against attack on Cuba, Libya and Iraq, which are helping to create awareness about the misdeeds of imperialism among the people, who are increasingly feeling the necessity of building up movement.

## Comrade C. K. Lukose

Secretary, Kerala State Committee

Comrade C. K. Lukose said : Kerala, the State which I represent, is known to be a leftist and literate state. It is the first state where a left government came to power and even today is ruled by CPI(M) led Left Democratic Front. But in Kerala too, the people are facing the very same pathetic conditions of life as in other states. Burning problems and attacks in all spheres of life and society are increasing day by day. The non-left, anti-people and opportunist politics of the pseudo-communists, the CPI(M) and CPI, have not only prepared the ground for growth of communal casteist forces, but have maligned the nobility of communism.

We started our activities by the beginning of the seventies, now our party is working almost everywhere in the state. At a time when wild and heinous attacks are perpetuated against Marxism which is the sole ideological weapon of the working class for their emancipation, when the deeds of the pseudo-communists are helping rabid reactionary fascist forces to grow, we could steadily and systematically march forward proving and establishing the nobility and greatness of Marxism only because we place ourselves on the firm footing of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh thoughts and conduct an all encompassing socialist struggle covering every aspect of life under the able leadership of our Central Committee.

## Comrade Jayesh Patel

Gujarat

Comrade Jayesh Patel said : Our work in Gujarat started 10 years back. The fertile soil of Gujarat has given birth to great luminaries of social reform movement in the past — the contemporaries of Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar.

But with consolidation of capitalism outright commercial culture coupled with absence of left and democratic movements have vitiated the atmosphere. The rabid communal politics of BJP, RSS, VHP combine are further polluting the socio-political life. In this situation our party with its limited strength and support of eminent citizens, students, youths and women, and guided by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's thoughts, has been successfully organizing various pro-people movements on questions of drought, education, civil liberties, hike of bus fares among others.

in remote corners of rural areas wherever the party could reach them have got great emotion for Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

The tasks ahead are stupendous. Let us make ourselves equal to those tasks !

## Comrade Rajmal Sharma

Rajasthan

Comrade Rajmal Sharma from Rajasthan, stressed: It is well known that the reactionary forces have made Rajasthan into a bastion of reactionary activities. For the various medieval and barbaric activities bred from BJP-RSS fascist ideology Rajasthan has attained ill fame. These dark forces can be defeated only by those people who are imbued with the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Our party in Rajasthan is working with that end in view.

## Comrade Aminder Pal Singh

Punjab

Comrade Aminder Pal Singh said : We have started work in Punjab not very long ago. We are trying to build up movement on various issues of people's life, particularly movement against police atrocities, and we are getting a good response. I am sure that we shall be able to draw more and more people into these movements for two reason. First because of the great tradition of militant struggle against injustice since the days of freedom movement by the people of Punjab. And second, because of the revolutionary thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

## Comrade Satyawan

Secretary, Organizing Committee, Haryana

Comrade Satyawan recounted : In 1970 and 74 Comrade Shibdas Ghosh conducted schools of politics in Haryana and provided the guidance to people for starting party work in this state. Today our party is not only presenting analysis on each and every problem in working people's life but there is no issue on which the party has not jumped into movement, as we did, for example, against hike in electricity charges. Besides, the movements against atrocities on women and against the liquor menace may be specially mentioned.

## Comrade K. Radhakrishna

Secretary, State Committee, Karnataka

Comrade K. Radhakrishna stressed : Observance of 50th founding anniversary for a genuine communist party like ours is not only a matter of great rejoice but also an occasion to assess and consolidate our gains and pledge to overcome our shortcomings and limitations. So far as our State Committee is concerned, we may humbly claim with pride that our party armed with the thoughts of our beloved leader, teacher and guide, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, gave a historic turn to the people's movement which otherwise used to be limited to spontaneity and confined to narrow bounds. The existence of left parties such as CPI (M) and CPI had no impact in the arena of democratic movements. Even today their existence is limited to certain trade unionism based on economism-legalism-reformism.

Having begun activities during the late 80s, our party and fronts are making deep inroads into all sections of the toiling people. Movements on

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## Leaders of 17 States of India addressed the gathering on the occasion of 50th Anniversary of the Party. They are :

- Comrade Tapas Dutta  
Secretary, Orissa State Committee
- Comrade Suresh Avasti  
Member, Delhi State Organising Committee
- Comrade C. K. Lukose  
Secretary, Kerala State Committee
- Comrade Jayesh Patel  
Gujrat
- Comrade Narayansamy  
Member, State Organising Committee, Tamil Nadu
- Comrade Rajmal Sharma  
Rajasthan
- Comrade Aminder Pal Singh  
Punjab
- Comrade Satyawan  
Secretary, Haryana State Organising Committee
- Comrade K. Radhakrishna  
Secretary, Karnataka State Committee
- Comrade Shib Shankar  
Member, Bihar State Committee
- Comrade Ramesh Patnaik  
Member, A. P. State Organising Committee
- Comrade V. N. Singh  
Secretary, U.P. State Committee
- Comrade Madhab Bhonde  
Maharashtra
- Comrade Shashanka Biswas  
Madhya Pradesh
- Comrade Arun Bhowmik  
Tripura
- Comrade Kalyan Choudhury  
Secretary, Assam State Committee
- Comrade Provash Ghosh  
Secretary, WB State Committee

## Comrade Narayansamy

Member, State Organizing Committee, Tamil Nadu

Comrade Narayansamy said : Comrades, at this great occasion of the 50th Anniversary of our party, we should not miss to perceive a fact which is having great political and revolutionary significance. That is, more and more people from our country and even abroad are increasingly giving recognition to the fact of the emergence of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh as an outstanding Marxist thinker. And as far as Tamil Nadu is concerned, workers, peasants, agricultural labourers, students, youth and all sections of the exploited masses even

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issues such as drinking water in cities and rural areas and on some educational, economic and socio-cultural issues have been organised. The very many resounding successes — either total or partial — achieved in innumerable struggles have earned us the unique distinction among the people of a force that fights upto the end.

## Comrade Shiv Shankar

Member, State Committee, Bihar

Comrade Shiv Shankar said : Bihar is today ill-famed for crime, corruption and caste carnages. But this was not the picture in the past when there had been many glorious democratic movements of poor and working people. What we need to know is who are responsible for this sorry pass. On the one hand the bourgeois parties and along with them the pseudo-left parties. In 1974 when Jayaprakash Narayan gave a call for all-out movement Comrade Ghosh went to Patna and met him and tried to give this movement of students, youths and working masses a correct orientation. Our party participated whole-heartedly in the movement. But due to their pseudo-left politics the CPI and CPI(M) who kept themselves aloof from the movement the fruits of the same were usurped by the reactionary bourgeois and casteist forces. The betrayal of these so-called left forces has given rise to this present dark situation which our party is struggling hard to overcome, by organizing democratic mass movements of people from all walks of life. This is the only path on which the ill name of Bihar can be erased.

## Comrade Romesh Patnaik

Member, State Organizing Committee, Andhra Pradesh

Comrade Romesh Patnaik recalled : Our party SUCI started working in the state from the mid seventies. Initially working as a campaign unit in the district of Kurnool it spread the activities to other districts. Gradually the party started work among the students, workers, women, peasants and intellectuals of the state. Though the party had limited strength it has been working with revolutionary fervour and developing movements of the toiling people on their burning issues. Seeing the sincerity and dedication of our party workers different sections of the people of Andhra Pradesh are getting attracted to the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh which are the concrete and enriched expression of the noble ideology of Marxism-Leninism in this post Lenin era.

## Comrade V. N. Singh

Secretary, State Committee, U.P.

Comrade V.N.Singh said : After 50 years of independence the future of the common masses of the country has become quite dark. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh said a correct political line cannot bring revolution, in order to establish the correct line what is necessary is different organisational struggle. A communist must always be in the forefront and in the midst of every struggle and movement of the people. In UP bourgeois casteist and communal politics are causing immense harm to the democratic aspirations of the people. The BJP, the diehard communal bourgeois party, ruling

in UP is further initiating the atmosphere and further trying to destroy the unity of the people and acting as a hindrance to the democratic movement. Our party with the correct working class political line, provided by our departed great leader are working hard to build up mass movements. At such a critical juncture it is our greatest responsibility as a revolutionary party to launch a countrywide consciousness campaign in order to enlighten the masses. And we are to take pledge to launch at the same time massive militant and mighty mass movements against exploitation, injustice, police atrocities on the base political line of anti-capitalist socialist revolution.

## Comrade Madhav Bhonde

Maharashtra

Comrade Madhav Bhonde hailed the success of 3rd February's Bangla Bandh on the demand of introduction of English at Class I level. He stressed the fact that although it was very difficult to build up a genuine communist party under the conditions prevailing in the country yet SUCI has been successful in this regard. He referred to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's book : *Cultural movement in India and our tasks* and said that it was of utmost importance to imbue movements on economic issues with higher level of ethics and culture for them to be fruitful. He pointed to the fact that when there was a concerted effort to convince the people that communists were not the true friends of the people, the SUCI has proved the contrary. In passing he referred to the many important booklets published by the SUCI, some of which are available in Marathi.

## Comrade Shashanka Biswas

Madhya Pradesh

Comrade Shashanka Biswas said : During the long history of these 50 years' arduous struggle innumerable comrades imbued and inspired with the noble thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh plunged in this struggle and in course of remoulding themselves as true human beings, had sacrificed their lives for our noble cause. On this historical day, I pay my deepest revolutionary respect on behalf of all our comrades, particularly our comrades of Madhya Pradesh to Comrade Ghosh.

Also aiming to remould ourselves on the basis of Marxism-Leninism-Comrade Shibdas Ghosh thoughts, the noblest ideology of today, let us pledge at this historical day to dedicate ourselves for engaging in this struggle of advancing the society and civilization through the historically determined path.

## Comrade Arun Bhowmick

Tripura

Comrade Arun Bhowmick said : Tripura is a backward state where 70 % of the people live below the poverty line. Today the tribal-non-tribal problem has become the greatest problem in people's life. The problem has become so deep-rooted that people have become divided into two parts. Our party SUCI started its activities in the mid 80s. Since then we have been trying to develop movements on peoples' problems, based on the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. At the same time we have raised the demand for

formation of an all-party committee and guarantee of the people's life and property. When parliamentary parties are engaged in service of capitalism the role of SUCI, in building up movements especially in West Bengal has left its impact. As a result we are getting mass support in the work of our party.

## Comrade Kalyan Chowdhury

Secretary, State Committee, Assam

Comrade Kalyan Chowdhury emphasized: Today, a very difficult and complex political situation exists in the entire north-eastern states of our country where various forms of regionalism, separatism, secessionism have grown making the situation volatile. The CPI(M) and the CPI in Assam forming alliance with the AGP — the principal architect of regionalism — are now sharing governmental power. Under the situation, here too, as in the entire north-eastern states, the task of spreading the leftist movement is to be carried out by our party alone.

We have learnt from experience that wherever we have gone with the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, it has drawn oppressed people like a magnet. The task before us is to protect it through our struggle.

## Comrade Provash Ghosh

Secretary, State Committee, West Bengal

Comrade Provash Ghosh, member, Central Committee, highlighted that when Comrade Shibdas Ghosh embarked on the daunting struggle to build up SUCI in the most adverse circumstances, lacking any resources, recognition, name, being derided and scoffed at by others, he derived his strength and conviction by basing himself on truth. Comrade Provash Ghosh recalled the clarion call of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in the youth convention at Suri in 1975 where he urged the students and youth of West Bengal to build up mighty mass movement against the conspiracy of the ruling class in foisting fascism upon the country through the ruling Congress. He pointed out in his speech that today the ruling class is trying to foist fascism through the BJP, by fusion of religious ideas with the technological aspects of science. The diehard obscurantist and communal BJP-RSS combine with its slogan of 'Hindutva', the slogan 'Indian religious heritage' is giving a blow to the glory of Indian independence struggle and its renaissance movement. Comrade Provash Ghosh also showed how the CPI(M) led Left Front government in West Bengal is nakedly serving the Indian monopolists and foreign imperialist capital and how the SUCI is fighting against the despotic and anti-people policies and acts of the Left Front government in West Bengal, which is maligning leftism and the nobility of Marxism-Leninism to the glee of the ruling capitalist class.

After *the Internationale*, comrades and people, who had listened with rapt attention for such a long time, now started to disperse to go back. Many awaited another long journey back. But in a sense this is only the beginning. So much remains to be done for which we all will have to dedicate ourselves more.

**50th Anniversary of SUCI****Felicitations from Asia, America and Europe***(Contd from page 2)*

Lanka belonging to N.D.P. consider the SUCI a revolutionary party truly adhering to Marxism-Leninism, fighting against Indian bourgeoisie and against imperialism as well in order to liberate the working class and all the oppressed toiling masses of India and whole world as well.

We therefore do not hesitate to share the experience of SUCI from Indian soil and the contribution of late Comrade Shibdas Ghosh to the theory and practice of Marxism-Leninism.

At the same time by correctly holding high the banner of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism the SUCI will surely advance its struggle against imperialism and the local reactionary ruling class in India, upholding and advancing the interest of the workers, peasants, toiling masses and oppressed people of India and strengthen its fraternal and friendly relations with other revolutionary progressive parties and organizations. ...Long Live fraternal ties between NDP and SUCI...."

**Revolutionary People's Liberation Front of Turkey (DHKC)**

The European Representation of DHKC Revolutionary People's Liberation Front of Turkey, wrote : ..."Imperialism is the common enemy of all our peoples. Against this enemy it is the task of revolutionary organizations all over the world to hold up the banner of international solidarity of the oppressed peoples, the banner of proletarian internationalism.

In this sense, we again want to offer our greetings and congratulations to our comrades of the SUCI on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of their party."

**National Committee of Radical Left Luxembourg**

Comrade Robert Medemach, Political Secretary, National Committee of Radical Left - Luxembourg, wrote : "...The Socialist Unity Centre of India is for us, Marxists-Leninists, fighting inside the very heart of imperialism, one of the strongest theoretical and political supports, both by your fidelity to the eternal principles of Marxism-Leninism, as by your genial developing of its theory and practice.

Indeed, your unforgettable great leader, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, is for us, as for all

genuine Marxists-Leninists throughout the world, one of the great theorists and political leaders in the countries and states of the Third World. He has not only correctly applied Marxism-Leninism to the concrete conditions of Indian reality, but furthermore he has given Marxism-Leninism a sharper direction, as for the anti-imperialist fight, as for the fight for socialist revolution. ... The anti-imperialist line of your party and the practice of the All India Anti-Imperialist Forum under your political direction, now led in Luxembourg to a first great victory: we will be able in our country to found the Anti-Imperialist-Forum of Luxembourg next month!

We hope, that this political important event in a tiny, but very important imperialist state in Europe, will be a hopeful anniversary gift for your glorious party."

**Communist Party of Germany (KPD)**

Comrade Hans Wauer, Deputy-in-Chief for International Coordination of the Central Committee, Communist Party of Germany (KPD) and Editor-in-chief of their central organ, wrote: ..."For our party it is of great significance to work and struggle at the side of such a Marxist-Leninist party as yours, which since its inception, has been one of the few parties in the world communist movement, that, under the guidance of our revered Comrade Ghosh, has uphold the teachings of Marx and Engels, Lenin and Stalin and decided to fight against all variations of revisionism and reformism and other deviations from Marxism-Leninism. Your party is for us a model for developing a Bolshevik party. Just as your party, we too hold high the banner of proletarian internationalism and struggle in our country for upholding the purity off Marxism-Leninism and of proletarian internationalism.

We send your party, your Central Committee with your General Secretary, our best wishes for great success in your further task, activities and in accomplishing this programme." (*Translated from German*)

**Workers Communist Party (AKP), Norway**

Comrades Amljot Ask, International Secretary and Jorun Gulbrandsen, leader, Workers Communist Party (AKP) Norway, wrote : ..."At the very same time you are swaying the

communist flag in your country, the aspiring neoliberal capitalism in Asia is running into trouble. We are sure you are prepared for the hard struggle ahead, as a mature party sticking to the revolutionary path the SUCI would play an important role in the class struggle in India and in our common struggle against the world wide imperialist system.

AKP is wishing the SUCI and all the participants at your celebration meetings further successes in your work and hoping to follow up the good relations between our two parties."

**Comrade Michael Opperskalski of Germany, a journalist and editor**

Comrade Michael Opperskalski of Germany sent greetings of solidarity and wrote : "The formation of your party has been an important step forward for the Indian proletariat and the world communist and revolutionary movement. The thinking and teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, who founded your party, were crucial to develop SUCI into the Marxist-leninist vanguard party of the Indian proletariat.

After the counter-revolution in the former socialist countries and in the era of the so-called "New World Order" SUCI is not only steered vanguard preparing the proletarian revolution in India but furthermore an important force within the process of reorganizing the world communist movement on solid Marxist-leninist principles."

**KPML(r), Sweden**

Comrade Teddy-John Frank, International Secretary, Central Committee, KPML(r), of Sweden, wrote : "...Let us also, at this moment, pay our respect to your Party's founder Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, whose work both ideologically and theoretically has played a central role in the building of your party.

"The recent initiative from your party, the Anti-imperialist Forum, with the aim to worldwide build a front among the oppressed peoples and the oppressed working classes in the capitalist countries, is an important contribution to our common struggle against imperialism, monopoly capitalism and neo-liberalism."

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