

Haryana And After

The Congress(I) faces a complete rout in the Elections in Haryana after its dismal results in West Bengal and Kerala. The rejection of the ruling party at the Centre is not simply a symptom of people's growing aversion to a party and its leader who earn notoriety for corruption, immorality and wanting in minimum of efficiency with every passing day but something more. It clearly indicates the crisis of credibility for the Congress (I) and its leader faced with deepening crisis of the system; it is a crisis in bourgeois politics having no parallel in this country.

Just two and a half years ago after the assassination of the former Prime Minister Smt. Gandhi the bourgeoisie took no risk. To ensure the 'continuity' of the class policies so long followed to build the Indian bourgeois state of the aspirant bourgeoisie as a power to reckon with both in the World Capitalist economy as well as in politics, Mr. Rajiv Gandhi was ushered in to the place and position of the Prime Minister. The bourgeois Press worked overtime to sedulously build up the image of this so called 'Youthful' and 'Dynamic' and 'Mr. Clean' leader about whom they write today differently. A show of election was held to mop up unprecedented parliamentary majority buttressed further by legal means of the anti-defection Act. It was to freeze this majority by muzzling the party legislators. The charisma thus built up through the Press and media now wears thin. The countrymen hanged their head in shame to the World

community for a Prime Minister who is accused of shielding those taking bribes and commission in Arms deals or guilty of economic offences. A person who waxed eloquent on 'value-based politics' is daily charged of being the grand protector of the corrupt offenders who defraud the public exchequer. Rudimentary sense of values would have guided Mr. Gandhi either to bow out or to face the challenge manfully before any honest and impartial enquiry, proved to be so to the people. He has done none. Let alone behaving such he is obstructing the natural process of enquiry. Political chickenery has become his wall defence.

We are quite aware that individual politicians do not wholly decide politics or history. But we do know also from history that individuals also have role in politics and history though limited by time and material condition. This

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West Bengal State Secretary Condemns imposition of black ordinance in Darjeeling

Com. Sukomal Das Gupta, Secretary, West Bengal State Committee, SUCI, has issued the following statement to the press on 25.6.87.

"We strongly condemn the reign of terror including killing of innocent people, looting, arson, destruction of bridges and such other insensible acts — allowing the situation to drift from bad to worse— let loose by the separatist G.N.L.F. leadership in their bid to misuse, misdirect and misguide the common people of Darjeeling bursting forth in accumulated anger since long.

We are astonished to note that the Central and the State Governments have, from the very beginning, bungled with the whole issue in their respective narrow parliamentary interests and without trying to solve the problem politically have taken to the course of applying coercive and administrative measures, thus objectively helping to push the common Gorkha people more and more into the fold of the G.N.L.F. We cannot but strongly condemn the enforcement of the "Anti-terrorist Ordinance" by the West Bengal Government claiming to be Left, which, always in the past, was very much

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Central Committee on Presidential Election

The Central Committee of the SUCI has issued an appeal to make Mr. V. R. Krishna Iyer, the opposition Presidential candidate victorious:—

Mr. V. R. Krishna Iyer has been nominated unanimously by fifteen opposition parties to be the united opposition candidate against the Congress(I) in the ensuing Presidential election. Our party is one of the co-sponsors of his candidature.

He is an eminent personality and a man of honesty and integrity of character. We hope he will stand for peace against war, fight against fiscal savageries on the people, against regionalism, separatism, communalism, casteism and other divisive and parochial tendencies and forces and uphold democratic norms, values, principles and defend democratic rights and civil liberties.

We appeal to all voters having minimum sense of obligation to the people and the country for making Mr. Iyer victorious.

vociferous against any such draconian Acts or Ordinances imposed by the Congress (I) Government.

We would urge the 'Left Front' Government to take lessons from history and some positive steps be-

fore it is too late and desist from such actions. We would remind them that application of sheer force is no solution to such deep-rooted problems which demand more wisdom and a clear political perspective."

AURANGABAD MASSACRE

—A Slur on Civilisation

Butchery of unarmed landless and poor peasant families under the garb of so-called 'caste strifes', reducing their hearth and home into ashes by the killers organised and called to criminal acts by the big landlords aided and abetted by police and administration, inconceivable in a civilized polity has become a regular feature in our country, particularly in Bihar. The massacre on May 29, in the villages Dalechak and Bhagaura in the district of Aurangabad taking the toll of largest number in a single incident of such dastardly acts—55, surpasses all the previous ones in brutality. It reveals the vengeful attitude of the landowning class which dominates the politics and administration including police administration towards the demands, now stridently raised, for distribution of thousands of acres of land held through *benami* transaction by the landlords, implementation of even government fixed minimum wages for the agricultural workers, fair share of crop as also against eviction from vested lands distributed to them. The government being a brazen faced servitor to the capitalist class shields every heinous crime of the ruling class against the exploited and oppressed.

ROOTS OF CHAIN OF SAVAGERIES IN BIHAR

Both the Bindheswari Dubey government in Bihar and a section of the press have been trying, to pass this dastardly act of mass killing as a product of caste rivalry as also the handiwork of the MCC, a Naxalite group that is said to be a casteist organisation of the *yadavas*. The Bihar government tried in vain to conceal its complicity by banning the said splinter group of the Naxalites. The story circulated by it lost its credibility when both Satyendra Narayan Singh, Congress(I) MP, and a prominent leader of

the Rajputs in the state, the people of which community were the victims and Mr. Buta Singh, Union Home Minister did not give any credence to it. Besides, that the well-to-do Rajput families of the two villages were not attacked proves that it was not a caste strife as has been tried to be established.

The fact of the matter is that Bihar though full of mineral resources and having the potential to be industrially developed lacks industrial development compared to the states depending on her mineral resources. Alternative avenue of employment through

industrialisation not only to remove the pressure on land but also to cater to the needs of the people of the state could not take place. Even the agricultural scene in the state shows high concentration in as much as 50 p.c. of people own less than 4p.c. of land; 10.1 p.c. of rural households operate 46.7 p.c. of cultivated land; 26.8 p.c. of rural households do not possess any land while 63 p.c. have less than 5 acres of land.

The absence of powerful peasant movement in particular and democratic movement in general coupled with the connection of

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Rout in Haryana indicates severe crisis in Congress(I) leadership and rule

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applies to bourgeois politics even. Mr. Rajiv Gandhi was asked to steward the Government at the Centre when the moribund capitalist system is rocked by ever and ever mounting crisis finding expressions in all aspect of social life and giving rise to sharpening of particular contradictions between the different interest groups of the rival monopoly houses amidst sharpening of the general contradiction in and outside the country.

Our Party exposed the hollowness of the claims of Mr. Rajiv Gandhi and his political outfit both before and after the Parliamentary elections in 1984 and the so called 'sympathy wave' attached to it. We ripped open the class motive working behind it and showed the vain attempt by the ruling class to bolster up a leadership that lacks the minimum standard even in bourgeois Parliamentary system. The utter rottenness in sense of values concretised in deliberate criminalisation of politics and of social life as a whole, we pointed out, cannot be concealed by talks of so called 'value-based politics' of those guilty of this.

Concrete experiences have shown that while our party demanded proper enquiry and publication of the reports both on the assassination of Smt. Gandhi and mass killings of the Sikh community people, Mr. Rajiv Gandhi responded to these demands by either withholding the Thakkar Commission report not only from the people but from the Parliament and the President even and reducing the Ranganathan Enquiry Commission into a farce, further alienating the Sikh community people. While our party uttered the note of alarm to the people of Punjab not to fall in the trap of elections to the Assembly before the honest and speedy implementation of the Punjab Accord that could assuage to some extent the deep injury caused in the Sikh psyche, the Akali leadership from its political short sightedness and parliamentary ambition helped

Rajiv Gandhi and his Government by falling in the trap. The result has been disastrous not only for the Akali Dal suffering split but for the entire people of Punjab due to virtual scuttling of the Accord.

Mr. Rajiv Gandhi's sectarian policies and inept handlings of the problems gave rise to regional feelings both in Punjab and Haryana. His motive of keeping the problems hanging to exploit in parliamentary politics back-fired and he lost the ground in both the States. Troubles are brewing up in Assam, Mizoram, Darjeeling, where the secessionist forces have got his and his Government's encouragements, overt or covert. Communal tensions, caste frenzies are being engineered with the help of even the Government machinery by the Congress(I) and its Ministries both at the Centre and the States.

In this background and in the welter of these portentous developments came the Haryana election. The Government has been changed. The Congress(I) has been routed. It is welcomed by all democratic minded and well-meaning people. But like the victory of the Telugu Desham, regional and injured ethnic complexes were very much pronounced in the Haryana elections too.

People will have to realise that the real test of a Government is not the promises it throws at random but in its pro-people approach and outlook to legitimate democratic aspirations and movements of the exploited and oppressed against moribund capitalism. The Government of Devilal, will, therefore, have to prove its bonafide by opposing regionalism, divisiveness that bring cleavage in the unity of the people, stand against corrupt means and methods and brutal suppression of people's democratic demands and movements that the Congress(I) and its hated rule stood for.

We are sorry to note that let alone the branded bourgeois parties even the

parties who call them 'Leftist' or even 'Marxist' like the CPI and CPI(M) are playing the second fiddle to Rajiv Gandhi and his Government. They had no difficulty to have a seat in the Assembly by the grace of the Lok Dal (B) and the BJP whom they denounce as 'rightist' and 'communal'. Instances can be multiplied of such opportunist behaviour of these parties. In the Calcutta Corporation, for example, the CPI(M)-led 'Left Front' sustains its rule with help of the BJP. But whenever our party calls upon them to come to a broad based unity to develop a countrywide mighty democratic movement against the fiscal savageries of the Central Government, against the dark design of the ruling class to bring about fascism in the country, and for the restoration, preservation and further extension of democratic rights, norms and values, the CPI (M) and CPI avoid this need of the hour on the plea of 'rightist danger' or 'communal character' of the BJP.

We would request the rank and file members of the CPI(M) to particularly note that their Polit-Bureau members are harping on the theme that there is 'no alternative to Rajiv Gandhi'. Mr. Harkishen Singh Surjeet told this on the morrow of the Haryana election, Mr. Jyoti Basu said the same thing before. It creates a deep apprehension in the left-democratic political circles that by this statement and repeating that over and over again, the CPI(M) leadership is actually showing its unwillingness for a real people's alternative to grow against the Congress(I) at the national level and even to build up mass movement against the anti-people policies of the Central Government as also on the genuine and the burning problems in people's life.

People will have to understand that only a powerful united democratic movement can bring any hope in their life; it alone can bring change in the

AURANGABAD

Crisis-ridden Bourgeoisie exploits Casteism to mount its attack on the exploited and oppressed

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interests of the former zamindars with ministers and high officials in police and general administration helped them to submit bogus returns and retain thousands of acres of land through *benami* transactions and they care a fig even for the government laws. The government's record in the acquisition and distribution of lands declared surplus, has been dismal, to say the least. Of the 3,25,635 acres of land declared surplus as on August, 1986, only 2,26,256 acres were taken possession of by the government which even have not been distributed. (Mainstream — June 13, 1987) The incidence of sharecropping, as found out by the Hanumantha Rao team of the Planning Commission in 1985 is as high as 50 p.c. in many districts of Northern Bihar. These infernal tenants have been deprived of firm tenancy right only to keep them under pressure to deny their due share in crop.

The chain of ghastly events show that the exploited and oppressed pressed by severe economic crisis wanted the government lands to be distributed, just to have meagre source of income and the income for bare survival. This minimum demand has been rudely denied to them and a reign of terror was let loose to cow them down to submission. The carnages perpetrated in Kargahar, Belchi, Pathadda, Chhaundadano, Gopalpur, Dharampura, Pipra, Parasbigha, Arwal and Kansara etc. make it unmistakably clear that the victims killed, wounded or maimed were

not on caste lines or their belonging to Harijan families of backward communities. On close scrutiny, it transpires that whereas in some cases like in Kargahar, Pathadda and Gopalpur the landlords retaliated against the struggling poor peasantry for demanding minimum wages, at Dharampur and Arwal the issue related to occupancy rights of sharecroppers. Elsewhere, massacres were meted out for 'audacity' (!) to challenge the authority of the landlords in as much as they refused to implement whatever little democratic land reforms were carried out in the state. It thus becomes all the more clear that all the victims are not Harijans. It is only when we classify the victims as landless peasants or sharecroppers, the other names of rural proletariat or semi-proletariat, that the real answer of the rural upheavals in Bihar and ghastly reprisals of the jotedars can be understood.

PRIVATE LAND ARMIES — PARALLEL RULE

The landless labourers the share-croppers as also the destitute peasants are in ferment against intolerable capitalist exploitation. They try to raise their heads against intolerable capitalist exploitation of the capitalists both rural and industrial as the class struggles sharpen with further deepening and widening of the crisis in the system. Mortally afraid of the rousing of the exploited and oppressed peasantry, the jotedars organise private armies, deliberately on caste line to use caste-division in their class exploitation. They do so over and above the state's coercive machinery that is always at their beck and call. And in this business of raising private armies, the communities once deemed backward or depressed but since gained in power due to land reforms to the extent executed, like the Kurmis and the Yadavas

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prevailing suffocating situation. Our party, SUCI, is striving hard for this need of the hour being fulfilled. We call upon all well-meaning, democratic-minded people to strengthen our party's efforts to save humanity and civilisation against their worst enemy Fascism.

KALAHANDI:

Criminal apathy to people's sufferings

While scandals are leaking out, exposing the high corruption indulged in by ruling parties alike at the centre and the states death is stalking the famine stricken people of Kalahandi in Orissa. These poor masses, mostly tribals, whose lot has not changed in the least during the four decades since independence are dying of starvation. Urge for survival is driving them to consume tree leaves, herbs and such other poor substitutes, or to run to Durg, Bhilai, Raipur and such distant towns in search of work. They have to trek miles to fetch a pot of drinking water. The terrible circumstance has forced many to part with their child in lieu of small money, and mothers and sisters to sell themselves out. The death toll has risen to several hundred.

Natural calamity remains part of life of the people of Kalahandi and Koraput and other extremely poverty stricken and neglected districts of Orissa. Floods ravaged Kalahandi last year. This year it has under grip of a severe drought. Neglect and indifference by the Congress (I) Governments of the state and the centre have brought famine in their wake. Being the outcome of inhuman attitude, callousness and ineptitude of power greedy ruling parties and the administration, this famine is black spot in the face of the country.

Kalahandi has stirred the conscience of civilised people, but not of the ruling party and its Government. Reacting to the streams of reports appearing in the press, the Chief Minister of Orissa said 'Not a single person has died of starvation in Kalahandi. All the deaths so far are due to meningitis or 'acute amoebiasis.' Nothing to be surprised at this shameless falsification. Because, no Government in this country, headed by whichever party, has ever acknowledged an instance of death due to starvation. And the privilege of falsification by Ministers and Government officials is a recognised fact of the body polity.

Another Minister of the state has observed that shortage and want are perpetual problem of Kalahandi, Koraput, Phulbani and Bolangir. It is futile to ask these political leaders what they did about it from the governmental gaddi all these years. Turn a blind eye to? Then on what right do they attribute the deaths to meningitis and shirk their responsibility?

Whatever the claims

of the much despised Congress (I) Government of Orissa regarding its performance, it is well-known that nothing virtually has been done to save the people of Kalahandi and other such districts from the savageries of floods and droughts and the ruthless exploitation and oppression by the vested interest-police-administration combine. In terms of monetary figure Rs. 600 crores have been spent in Orissa for combating natural calamities since 1947, the benefits have not reached the poor masses. Nor the calamities have been prevented or lessened. The Governor of Orissa himself stated that the anti-poverty schemes had failed. Not more than 10 per cent of the targeted population was covered. The Supreme Court had to

direct the district Judge of Kalahandi to enquire whether the state Government actually implemented the social welfare schemes in the district as claimed by it. A survey conducted by the State's University of Agriculture and Technology has revealed that only 0.6 per cent of the IRDP beneficiaries in Kalahandi could cross the poverty line during the sixth plan period. This figure alone speaks for the actual state of affair. Regarding the primary health and education facilities the less said the better.

Under pressure of a growing countrywide public opinion, the state Government has had to declare 779 villages of Kalahandi and Koraput as drought affected. But relief work has not been begun, according to the District Magistrate's information, in 200 villages even. And the relief given is nowhere near the crying needs. Gruel kitchens opened in some villages are serving 100 gm of cooked rice per person. Not only this the amount is two meagre, the stuff is unfit for human consumption. In other areas food is being served to one member per family. In some areas the relief work is be-

ing carried out by favourite contractors who are paying an wage of Rs. 3/- per day in place of the minimum wage of Rs. 10/- per day.

It is useless to cite here the fabulous amounts being spent by Ministers and Government officials for survey and inspection of Kalahandi's famine stricken people and other backward districts. But the Government must answer a question: When it is being repeatedly declared that the Government has 30 lakh tonnes of food stored in its godowns, why should the people of Kalahandi die for want of food? For whom has this food been stored? The Central Government is increasing the military budget every year using the begeh of 'the country is in danger'. Subsidies andventions to the tune of thousands of rupees from the public exchequer are being given to the capitalists who are bleeding the people white through exploitation to amass wealth. On the other side 60 per cent of the people are subsisting beneath the poverty line. 12 per cent of the children born every year in this country die in the first year of life. Another 5 per cent die in

childhood. Nearly 10 per cent become blind owing to malnutrition. Such is the grim reality of the anti-people policies of the Governments in the country.

Kalahandi has aroused deep agony and indignation among the people. But that has not aroused the parliamentary opposition parties. The CPI (M) has observed 'Kalahandi day' and sent medical relief to Orissa where the Congress (I) Government has seized the medicines, alleging that these are spurious, whoever may be right, is it not true that thousands of tonnes of food are wasting in the godowns of West Bengal? Nearly 20,000 tonnes of food are reported to have been sold out to a trader of Assam at a throwaway price. Does it bespeak of genuine feeling of the CPI (M) for the famine stricken people?

No expression of indignation, or condemnation can alleviate the misery of Kalahandi or prevent its recurrence. Public opinion has to be mobilised, movement has to be built up and the Governments of the state and at the centre have to be forced to move on a war footing and adopt short and long term policies to stop recurrence of famine or sufferings from natural calamities.

Attack on Journalists reveals fascist design

In a bourgeois democracy freedom of press is valued much. It amounts to freedom of thoughts and expression. In fact the press was considered as the sentinel of social conscience because of its valuable role in forming public opinion and ventilating it against the executive tyranny. Because of this role of the press it has been defined as the fourth estate. It has been considered as the very cornerstone of a democratic rule. But the bourgeoisie which once upheld this freedom of thought and expression in and through the press placed in an unprecedented crisis are denying this role of the press from the same scheme from which they erode the values of established institutions like parliament and judiciary. In India pressure on the press to act in subserv-

ience to the ruling class and the ruling party is nothing new. Consensus journalists who took up the cause of the people had to suffer brutal attacks from powers that be the police and hired hoodlums. Arm twisting of the press through denial of government advertisement to the particular paper or journal critical about the government's particular policy or measure has been noticed in all the states irrespective of which party rules as also by the Central Government. We may recall the severe torture on a journalist in Orissa, on a paper in Gujarat whose office was set on fire by police in Gujarat during the last riot, precensorship tried to be introduced in Bihar by the Jagannath Misra Government as also denial of news to the pressmen even in

West Bengal under the CPI(M)-led Left Front Government are some of the cases to mention. But what has been happening in UP recently centring round an incident probably marks the burial of press freedom.

All these are coming as a part of fascist design. The ominous sign is therefore, that all the checks and balances provided in the bourgeois democracy are fast disappearing are giving way to a sort of constitutional dictatorship. The administration has long since lost its relative neutrality. Parliament and legislature are mere formalities. The judiciary as well made subservient to executive tyranny instead of safeguarding people's rights and liberties against it. A veritable mafia rule is work-

ing. Social morality and values are on the wane. The educational system and cultural media have become the instruments to dehumanise the oppressed and exploited. Regimentation in the thought process, incitement to all obscurantist, casteist, communal, racial and other parochial divisive feelings and forces are very much pronounced. All these set the pattern of the black design of the ruling capitalist class for bringing fascism in the country. It is the time for our journalist friends to realise that their fight against executive tyranny and in defence of the rights and freedom is a part and parcel of the bigger struggle over the country of the exploited and oppressed people for restoration, preservation and further ex-

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People's United Movement —The Only Solution

(Contd. from page 2). are not lagging behind. They have their own community private armies called the Bhumisena and Ladoksena while the upper caste Bhoomihars have their own the Brahmasena. The government keeps blind eye to the parallel administration these senas run. Formally, it has banned these senas but this in no way curbs their activities. The administration is permeated through and through rival joredar group interests using caste to divide on caste line and exploit the landless, sharecroppers and destitute peasants. This sets a big impediment to the growth and development of the peasant movement on class basis for the realization even of some democratic land reforms.

NOT 'FEUDALISM' BUT CASTE FACTOR BEING EXPLOITED BY THE CRISIS-RIDDEN BOURGEOISIE

The recurrence of savage attacks by the ruling class that are coming down under cover of casteist, communal and other divisive frenzies on the exploited and oppressed in every part of the country almost daily and more so in Bihar unmistakably reveals both the intensity of the crisis as also a gap in the social-political development being exploited by the crisis-ridden capitalist class to push through their design of bringing all out fascism.

In the dailies and journals, writings have been appearing from those politically influenced by the CPI, CPI (M) and CPI (ML) to show these instances as sign of 'feudalism' in land relation of our country still prevailing. We would ask them to take proper lessons from the teachings and warnings of Lenin and Stalin. Further elaborating, enriching and concretising those teachings, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of the era has

shown through various searching analyses that agricultural products in our country have become commodities of national and even of international market the prices of which are controlled or determined by the Stock Exchanges. So, if anything 'feudal' remains, that is in the force of habit and custom that dies hard particularly when peasant movement in particular and democratic movement in general have not yet grown in strength. They are poor Marxists who ask from moribund capitalism what capitalism at its prime could probably provide. 'Probably' because even at its prime capitalism in agriculture in Italy and other European countries was neither free from the features of 'share-cropping' nor from 'bonded-labour' which is nothing but unpaid labour. That is why Lenin's warning was against determining the character of land relations by the lingering of old forms or mode of production. The most pertinent question here is the class content of the savageries being perpetrated on the exploited and oppressed. Moribund capitalism is exploiting a particular phenomenon in the social-political - cultural development of the country from a fascist motive. The caste, communal, racial, regional and all other parochial divisions among the toiling people are being exploited to wreck the unity of the exploited and oppressed against the exploiter and oppressor capitalist class.

Com. Shibdas Ghosh provided us the invaluable guidance that the national liberation movement or what is called bourgeois democratic revolution in political economy ended 'half-baked and truncated' due to 'reformist - oppositional' character of the bourgeois leadership in the freedom movement. India thus became politically free but remained divided in language, religion, race, caste,

etc. This naturally gives the ground for the bourgeoisie to use these divisions against the exploited and oppressed class or classes. This unaccomplished task of democratization of society could be advanced had there been powerful current of democratic movement integrating within it, the unfinished social and cultural democratic tasks. Unfortunately however, despite our party's persistent efforts, due to negligence of the big left parties masquerading as communists, these all important tasks of social and cultural revolution could not be incorporated in our democratic movement. What is more, not only did these parties neglect, they themselves fan up all sorts of parochial feelings just like the branded parties of the bourgeoisie only to reap so-called dividends in petty parliamentary politics. As a result, the virus of casteism etc. which could not very much raise its ugly head at the time of freedom movement due to the impact of the movement itself, finds a fertile soil today in our country fomented and cultivated by the bourgeois and petty bourgeois parties to the serious detriment of united mass movement that is why our departed beloved leader of the proletariat gave this warning of great historic importance that : "Capitalism which for the sake of national integration and formation of the nation at a certain stage of its development tried to unify different communities of the people in a given territory, also tries at a different stage of its development i.e. in the imperialist stage to disrupt the unity of the people for its own security against popular uprising.

The more acute its crisis becomes, resulting in more intense struggles by the working people against capitalist order, the more fascist capitalism becomes when it tries to fan religious and racial sentiment of the people to misdirect popular struggle against

NAGPUR

Police Brutality on UTUC(LS) organiser

Long since, police has become bereft of either democratic norms or administrative neutrality. They proved this again in Nagpur assaulting organisers of revolutionary mass organisation and common workers as well.

Com. Madhav Bhonde, Secretary, UTUC (LS) Nagpur Committee was manhandled and beaten by the Sakkandhara Police, Nagpur on 14.6.87 when he went to the police

station to lodge complaint regarding problems of workers of Escort Power Engineers Company. On a false complaint of the manager of the Company the Sakkandhara police arrested Kacharu Desdonuk a worker of the company, when Comrade Madhav Bhonde demanded of the police officers to correctly note down the statement of the said worker. Com. Madhav Bhonde and the worker were beaten severely by P. S.I. Bhalchandra Mahajan and other police constables.

In protest the UTUC (LS), local Committee, took out a procession on 17.6.87 to the office of Police Commissioner, Nagpur and demanded immediate suspension of P. S. I. Mahajan and other policemen responsible for this torture.

A large number of workers, male and female, belonging to the union participated in the march under the leadership of Comrade Rajendra Gangothri, P. R. Harme and others. A delegation led by Com. P. R. Harme met the police commissioner and handed over the memorandum demanding immediate public suspension of the responsible police officers and stopping interference of police in legitimate workers' movement.

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tension of democratic rights and liberties. The journalists cannot have their freedom and liberties if the very democratic atmosphere within country is removed to give way to fascist regimentation. As every freedom loving well-meaning man will stand by the journalists with their just cause, so also every socially conscious journalist will find his place by the side of the people struggling for democracy and journalists cannot deny their role in the countrywide struggle for democracy for here lies their social and moral obligation as also the way to defend their own right and liberties.

capitalism." The incidence of the tragic happenings of racial riots in England and elsewhere in Europe, Negro lynching in the USA and caste riots in our country are concrete examples of the bourgeois design.

In the unbearable situation like at present, the toiling and exploited people of all caste, community, religion etc. are to realise that the only instrument of struggle against the real culprit i.e. the bourgeoisie ruling this country is to organise mighty democratic movements, wave after wave, and in that process hasten the end of this rotten, worn out capitalist rule of exploitation and oppression

of man by man. It is for this historical task, unity and solidarity between the toiling and exploited people of every caste, community, religion or region must be kept as the 'apple of an eye' against the vile conspiracies and intrigues of the capitalist class and its servitors. Let them not forget that caste feeling or strife helps to perpetuate capitalist exploitation. It is only through sharpening the class struggle, giving it concrete shape in peoples own instruments of struggle and strengthening the democratic movement they can bring an end to the savage attacks on them by the ruling capitalist class.

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