

Lesson of Bharat Bandh and task ahead

The burn of indignation that was brewing in the hearts of millions since long had its out-burst on 30th August last. Life came to a halt not only in the non-Congress(I) States, but also in the Congress(I) ruled States like Bihar, Orissa and other places. It demonstrated national rejection of corruption and black Acts and anti-people policies of the Rajiv Gandhi government.

At a time when people were suffering most and frustration engulfing them, for millions it is a great show of strength to rise up against all adversity and make Bharat bandh a success. We heartily congratulate people for it.

This success has been caused by people's strong dislike of Rajiv's rule. Apart from the criminal corruption and anti-people activities connected with Bofors gun, German submarine deal and others, people resented against the fiscal savagery of the Rajiv government, sky rocketing price rise of essential commodities, overwhelming taxation as also against the series of most undemocratic black Acts which concentrated enormous

oppressive power at the hands of the Central government causing great harm to people's unity and their lives and property. Resentment was also rising against the government's disastrous new policy on education and cunning spread of degeneration and obscenity to render people slaves to vile impulse thus crippling them away from the path of movement. The success of the bandh recorded clear verdict of the people against all these fascist policies and practices of the Congress(I) government.

The Central government resorted to all sorts of autocratic measures to foil the Bharat bandh flouting even the minimum democratic norms. It deployed anti-social

elements extensively, issued unusual administrative strictures on the Central government employees like pay cut and even 'break in service' who would be propagating for bandh or in any way politically connected with it. Concordant with its undemocratic character the Central government made indiscriminate arrests before and on the day of bandh. Exclusively on 30th August, as reported by the Opposition, about one lakh people were taken into custody in the name of maintaining 'law and order'. To ensure 'full attendance' in the Central government offices the authorities held its employees captive overnight at office complexes or at hotels nearby and spent crores of rupees to arrange for all facilities including food, lodging and recreation. Only to show in the floors of North Block, South Block and other secretariats in the capital a considerable attendance on bandh day the government spent as much as one crore rupees — an unheard of practice to frustrate an anti-government movement. Moreover, the TV and the AIR dished out all sorts of lies while acting as

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Country Recalls Com. Shibdas Ghosh

In everyday life the chores of routine pursuit hardly leave a lasting imprint on our mind. Amid the drudgery of daily events, 5th OF AUGUST returns to our life every year with a message we can hardly miss. 5th OF AUGUST is a day on which thirteen years back Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the leader, teacher, guide and the founder General Secretary of our party, the SUCI passed away leaving behind a chapter of ceaseless struggle to uphold the cause of toiling people. Return of 5th OF AUGUST this year enquires of us anew how far have we fulfilled the behest of Comrade Ghosh. The Indian proletariat recall on his day, in boundless gratitude and with love and reverence, the unique life and struggle of a great revolutionary genius, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh the outstanding Marxist-Leninist thinker and philosopher of this era and renew their pledge to dedicate themselves to translating into reality the dream of ending all sorts of exploitation and oppression of man by man once for all. The toiling people, too, paid tribute to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh throughout the country and recalled his teachings, attending quotation exhibitions, book stalls, group and mass meetings including State level memorial meetings.

The report of the Calcutta meeting where Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, our beloved General Secretary addressed was published in the previous issue. Reports of States are given below in brief.

DELHI :

A largely attended public meeting was held on the 5th August, 1989 at Pearey Lal Bhavan, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi, at 6 P.M. under the auspices of the Delhi State Organising Committee of the SUCI in memory of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the founder General Secretary of the party and one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of this epoch. Comrade Ram Singh, member of the Delhi State Organising Committee of the party presided over the meeting.

Com. Pri ish Chanda, Member of the Polit Bureau and the Central Committee of the SUCI, who was the main speaker on the occasion, while outlining the international situation stated that

the recent developments in both Russia and China were nothing but an outcome of the out and out revisionist policies followed by the CP-SU and the CPC leaderships. Continuing, he said that the machinations of the imperialist forces inside these socialist countries could succeed because of the fact that the latter had become so much degenerated due to the practice of revisionist trash as to fall a prey and also vulnerable to such machinations of the imperialist forces. Reminding the audience, Com. Chanda pointed out that Marxism-Leninism was a science which could not be proved wrong because of its wrong application by the revisionist leadership of these countries.

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Mammoth SUCI Rally at Bhubaneshwar

7th September shall be in living memory for many a day to come. It was a day when the capital city of Bhubaneshwar turned red and red. The day completely shattered the propaganda of the so-called big parties and the media in belittling the SUCI. They say SUCI has no mass base. But the toiling people of the State came forward to disprove the false claim. About 50 thousand people from all walks of life marched to Bhubaneshwar to demonstrate before State assembly. They raised their voice against anti-people policies of the Congress(I) government and demanded removal of Rajiv Gandhi government.

Amidst scorching sun a well decorated, colourful and about 8 Km. long procession started

marching towards Orissa State Assembly. But mysteriously the session was suspended that day. So the demonstrators marched towards State Secretariat. The huge procession completely paralysed the normal life of the city. Traffic came to a standstill. Thousands of pedestrians watched with wonder and admiration. Thousands of busy people suspended their routine work to share this great occasion in city's life. The demonstrators were like members of a disciplined army.

A mammoth rally was held in front of the State Secretariat where thousands of common people gathered. Com. Mayadhar Nayak, member of the State Secretariat of the SUCI highlighted the importance of this rally. Com. Tapas Datta,

member of the Central Committee, SUCI and veteran mass leader of the State was the main speaker.

Com. Datta elaborated the anti-people policies and programmes of the Congress(I) regime. The Rajiv government had completely shattered the democratic tradition of the country and had trampled down the democratic rights by enacting numerous black Acts including recent amendment of the People's Representation Act. Dealing with Bofors scandal Com. Datta told that never in Indian history the man in supreme authority was charged of taking bribe. Com. Datta warned, the country was heading towards all-out fascism and if the people failed to resist it then In-

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OBSERVANCE OF 5th AUGUST

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Turning to the national scene, Com. Chanda stressed the need of building up a real and meaningful unity of all Left, democratic and Opposition parties and forces on the basis of a common agreed programme and mutually acceptable code of conduct. They should seriously strive to build up a strong mass movement capable of overthrowing the corrupt, inefficient and anti-people Rajiv Government at the Centre. In this connection, he reiterated the demand of the Central Committee of the party for immediate and unconditional withdrawal of the Indian Peace Keeping Force from Sri Lanka. He criticized the Rajiv Government for de-stabilising the weak and small neighbouring countries by interfering and meddling into their domestic affairs. The heinous role played by India Government in her relations with her neighbours, particularly with Sri Lanka, Nepal and Maldives, once again proved to the hilt the correctness of the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh about the imperialist character of the ruling Indian bourgeoisie.

Reiterating the call of the Central Committee of the party for making the Save India Day on 9th August and that of the Bharat Bandh on 30th August Comrade Chanda concluded his speech by appealing to the vast audience to make both the programmes a grand success.

HARYANA :

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh memorial meeting was observed at Rohtak on 6th August in Sir Chauram Memorial Hall. Comrade Gian Singh, Secretary, Haryana State Committee presided over the meeting. Comrade Pritish Chanda, Member of the Polit Bureau and Central Committee of the party was present as the main speaker.

Party volunteers in uniform presented a guard of honour to the beloved departed leader of the proletariat followed by garlanding of the portrait by Comrade Pritish Chanda before the commencement of the meeting. The meeting started with the song on the Great Leader of the Proletariat. By the time Comrade Chanda rose to speak the hall had been packed with audience who braving extreme heat, had come over to Rohtak from all the districts of the state to hear Com. Chanda speak on different aspects of burning issues of their life and the tasks facing them.

In a brief but penetrating analysis, Comrade Chanda highlighted the present political scenario in the country. Even after the disclosure in the CAG Report of vivid involvement of the ruling Congress(I) Government led by Rajiv Gandhi in the Bofors scandal, following which the Opposition MPs in the Lok Sabha resigned en masse, Mr. 'Clean' still continues to obdurately cling to *gaddi*. Referring to this pathetic scene he recounted that those who were shocked at the way the principles of democracy and civil liberty are flouted and trampled under foot in our country must bear in mind that such was the course of incidents in a bourgeois parliamentary setup today. The concept of civil liberty and democracy arose during the days of advent of capitalism. At that particular stage of social development, the capitalist economy which, in keeping with the social urge for changing the productive system, had replaced feudalism. Judged in this perspective, the bourgeois class interest had, on that day, merged with the social struggle for individual freedom and emancipation. It then championed certain fundamental rights and civil liberties.

But the era is now changed. The bourgeoisie has now lost all its pro-

gressive character in social development. As a class, they are now holding back the reins of progress. 'In the changed context, it is futile to expect them give due respect to the democratic norms, values, and ethics. It is incumbent on the real party of the proletariat, vanguard of social progress of the time, to wage a ceaseless battle for restoration, preservation and extension of democratic rights, norms, civil liberty', Comrade Chanda concluded.

PATNA :

On 5th of August, 1989, the Memorial Day of the founder General Secretary of the SUCI, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was observed with all solemnity at Patna in Anjuman Islamia Hall. The memorial meeting started with the song composed on the memory of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Com. Amriteswar Chakraborty, Bihar State Secretary of the party was in the chair.

Com. Shankar Singh, the Polit Bureau member and member of the Central Committee of the party was the main speaker.

In a penetrating speech, Comrade Singh discussed the present national and international situation in general and the tasks ahead of toiling people of the country in particular. He pointed out how present-day international imperialism-capitalism had been passing through an intense economic crisis one after another while, on the other, revisionism and neo-revisionism was maligning the international communist movement. Drawing attention of the audience, Comrade Singh said that 'Perestroika' and 'Glasnost' of Gorbachev were culmination of Soviet revisionism ushered in by Khrushchev. It was our party led by the beloved departed leader of the proletariat Com. Shibdas Ghosh, who, immediately after the 20th Congress of the CPSU led by renegade Khrushchev,

cauioned the world communists for the first time, saying that the outcome of the 20th Congress would 'open flood-gate of revisionism'. Turning to the recent turmoil in China, Comrade Singh explained how with the combined efforts of the imperialist countries the US-imperialism took the lead in bringing about a counter-revolutionary attack. 'Here again', Comrade Singh showed, 'it could so happen due to pursuit of revisionist policies by the present CPC leadership headed by Deng Xiaoping. Comrade Singh showed, citing the recent happenings of Russia and China, that the victory of Marxism-Leninism had never been uninterrupted. It had to pass through the vicissitudes of attacks in various forms from different quarters. Since the days of Marx, Engels, and even today different revisionist-reformist trends have appeared in the communist movement time and again and have caused serious damage to the communist movement itself. Despite these attacks and setbacks, the onward march of Marxism could not be halted.

Coming to national scene, Comrade Singh said, Indian capitalism, plunged in a deep economic crisis, was trying its utmost to come out of the present impasse by shifting the entire burden onto the shoulder of the people. While analysing the character of Indian capitalism, he said that the naked interference like despatching of the Indian military forces to Sri Lanka and Maldives had once more demonstrated the vile imperialist character of the ruling bourgeoisie.

He pointed out, after the mass resignation of MPs of both the Left and Opposition parliamentary parties over the demand for resignation of the corrupt Central Government led by Rajiv Gandhi an unprecedented favourable situation had developed before the toiling people to build up broadest possible unity. He reiterated the call given by the Central Committee of our party to the leaderships of all the Left

democratic and Opposition parties and forces to come forward to forge a united platform and to release a countrywide sustained mass movement so as to be able to oust the Rajiv Government from the Centre. 'Strengthening the hands of the SUCI is of paramount importance, to achieve this end, Comrade Singh concluded.

JABALPUR, (M.P.) :

Under the auspices of Madhya Pradesh State Organising Committee of the SUCI, a month-long programme of intensive collective study, area-wise group discussions, wall-writing, poster, collection was conducted as prelude to observance of Fifth of August. It concluded through a large procession culminating into a hall meeting at Makhanlal Chaturvedi Bhawan, at the heart of the city, on 19th August at 5-30 P.M. in which Comrade Shankar Singh, member, Central Committee and Polit Bureau of the SUCI was the main speaker. The meeting was presided over by Com. Ashoke Ganguly, Secretary of the M.P. State Organising Committee.

Initially, a colourful and well disciplined procession involving people from different walks of life and including children and women carrying a well decorated portrait of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh at the front, started from Kanchghar Chowk and trekking a long distance of more than 5 km through the main streets of the city converged at the venue of the meeting. The meeting started with the song on the Great Leader of the Proletariat and garlanding the portrait of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh by Com. Shankar Singh, followed by Com. Badshah Khan, a Central Staff, Comrade Ashoke Ganguly, Com. K. D. Sharma of UT-UC(LS) and Comrade Romesha Singh (MSS). A Quotation Exhibition on the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was the centre of attraction

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which was keenly seen, read and re-read by the assembled people.

In his long penetrating speech Comrade Shankar Singh said that observance of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day has a revolutionary significance and purposiveness too. Before coming over to political situation obtaining now in the country, Comrade Singh referred to, in a nutshell, the horror of pre-emergency and emergency period during 1974-76, when Late Jaya Prakash Narayan was spearheading mass movements against Indira regime and pointed out that due to abject failure to take advantage of the then prevailing objective condition on the part of the social democratic parties led by the CPI(M) and CPI, the excellent opportunity unfolded before us could not be led to its logical goal. Once again, after more than a decade, a new favourable situation has emerged in the country, Comrade Singh told his audience. Continuing he said, it is true that in order to save the crisis-ridden moribund capitalism, the ruling class and their trusted agent Congress(I) led by Rajiv Gandhi is driving the country towards all-out fascism by enacting, one after another, black Acts, thereby taking away the last vestiges of democratic and fundamental rights of the people. In the name of fulfilling Mahatma Gandhi's dream to introduce Panchayati Raj and all that for giving power to the people at village levels and introduction of Jawahar Rojgar Yojna of Rajiv Gandhi, as an election stunt, is precisely meant for further squeezing of administrative spheres of the State Govts. It is a clear symptom of administrative fascism at grass roots level. The bourgeois politics has reached an abyssal depth and it is now the breeding ground of all sorts of corruption and malpractices. Time and again, our party has been saying that mere resignation of Rajiv Gandhi or

for that matter a Bharat Bandh for Rajiv Gandhi's ouster from power and then calling elections cannot lead the teeming millions anywhere out of the existing suffocating situation. United democratic mass movement of all the Left, democratic and Opposition parties and forces is the way out, concluded Com. Singh.

The meeting ended with singing of the 'Internationale'.

The Thirteenth Memorial meeting was observed among others in Indore on 5th August where Comrade Ashoke Ganguly, State Organising Secretary of the party was the main speaker. The meeting was held at Nehru Park and presided over by Comrade Sant Kumar.

U.P.:

On 7th of August a memorial meeting was held at Badlapur (Jaunpur) Inter College ground. The meeting was presided over by Com. V. N. Singh, Secretary, U.P. State Committee. Comrade Shankar Singh, member of the Central Committee of the party, addressed as the main speaker.

In course of his speech Com. Singh told that the entire nation had been passing through an undeclared state of emergency in which the ruling bourgeois class and its most trusted agent, the Congress(I) Government at the centre led by Rajiv Gandhi, instead of trying to mitigate the burning problems of people's life, was bent on attacking them by enacting black and draconian Acts and measures in order to destroy the people's united movement. Comrade Singh, said that the significance of observance of 5th August lay in the fact that the workers, supporters and sympathisers of the party took the pledge anew, in the light of their growing political consciousness, to work for emancipation of the exploited masses. He called upon the toiling people to face with revolutionary audacity all hardship and difficulties posed by the enemies of

the people for upholding the legitimate cause of toiling millions. 'For this it is incumbent on us that we learn and relearn the great revolutionary teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh,' he observed.

Earlier, before the start of the meeting, workers and peasants and members of the party comprising the eastern U.P. districts gathered on the venue of the meeting after trekking long distances in colourful and disciplined processions.

In his presidential speech Com. V. N. Singh dealt with the importance of the invaluable teachings handed down to us by the great leader of the proletariat. Comrade Jagadish Chandra Asthana, party District Secretary, Jaunpur Unit, also addressed.

5th August

CUTTACK:

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Meeting was held on 5th August at Cuttack with Com. Balaram Sahoo, Secretary, AIKKMS, Orissa State Committee, in the chair. Despite torrential rains causing floods, a massive rally was held in Shaheed Bhawan to mark the occasion. Thousands of toiling people from all walks of life attended the rally to pay homage to the great departed leader of the proletariat.

Com. Tapas Datta, the Central Committee member of the party and Secretary, Orissa State Committee addressed the memorial meeting as the main speaker. Recalling the historical background in which the departed leader of the proletariat, Com. Shibdas Ghosh, the outstanding Marxist thinker of this era, dared to build up the SUCI, the genuine communist party of the Indian proletariat, he observed that due to absence of a genuine working class party in the then prevailing situation, the fruits of the national freedom movement were

usurped by the Indian capitalist class. Hence, the vital tasks of democratisation of the society remained unfulfilled and as a result of this, even today we witness the virus of casteism, communalism, parochialism and all sorts of obscurantism eating into the fabric of our social life.

Com. Datta went on to say that India which was most under developed at the time of transfer of political power had emerged as a growing imperialist power in this sub-continent. Even the two superpowers had to recognise India as a regional 'superpower' in South Asia. What the chieftain of imperialist powers were doing by way of trampling the sovereignty of different independent nationalist countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America, to establish its hegemony there, India, in its turn, was attempting to do the same thing in her neighbouring countries like Sri Lanka, Nepal, etc. Citing the disclosures in the CAG Report Com. Datta pointed out that had Mr. Rajiv Gandhi scant regard for democratic norms, as is even witnessed in traditional imperialist countries, he should have resigned in no time instead of clinging to power.

GUJARAT:

'Observance of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day is no ritual for us. On any question we are confronted with in our day-to-day struggle, we are guided by his thoughts. His teachings are beacon light to us in our revolutionary struggle towards its logical goal and thus his memory is always ingrained in our hearts. Occasions arise in particular situations when we need to grasp his teachings more exhaustively and concretely only to be able to apply them creatively with efficacy. Mind it, it is true not only for the workers of the SUCI alone, but for the entire toiling people of our country; nay, of the world as a whole, since they aspire to intensify the continuing class struggles in the correct cour-

se towards achieving the goal of communism.' Revealing with these words the real significance and purposiveness of observance of Fifth August each year, Com. Tapas Datta, the Central Committee member of the party began his speech before the assembly at a public hall in Ahmedabad on August 19. Com. Bismay Shah, Secretary City Organising Committee, was in the chair.

The meeting started after garlanding of the portrait of the great leader of the proletariat by Com. Datta, the main speaker, and was followed by the song on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Referring to the present disturbing developments in the CPSU and the CPC vis-a-vis the international communist movement, Comrade Datta painfully observed that these parties, being victims of neo-revisionism had been vitiating the ideological foundation of the proletarian movement. Without defeating this neo-revisionist trend and onslaught on socialism, revolution cannot be won. On the national plane, on the other, Com. Datta said, 'the dark cloud of fascism is looming large over the horizon. Only united struggle by all Left, democratic and Opposition parties and forces on the basis of common minimum programme and code of conduct can forestall this fascist menace.'

Com. Dwarika Nath Rath, State Organiser in Gujarat, also spoke. The meeting ended with the Internationale.

QUILON:

Com. Shibdas Ghosh Memorial meeting organised by the Kerala State Committee of the SUCI was held at Chinakkada, Quilon on 5th August. Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta, the Central Committee member of the party was present as the main speaker. Addressing the largely attended meeting the largely attended Comrade Dasgupta urged upon all the Opposition parties and forces for a united democratic movement instead of an election oriented one against

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Repression let loose to foil Bharat Bandh

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shameless Congress(I) mouthpiece. Day in and day out these two media filled the eyes and ears of the people with anti-bandh propaganda. But nothing could incite people to frustrate this bandh which became a complete success.

The unscrupulous Central Congress(I) government went even this far to exploit people's humane sentiment through media accusing how because of bandh daily wage earners like rickshaw pullers, coolies, vendors, casual labours and others would suffer a day's earning. What a terrible joke! Has the Centre any concern for the painful condition of millions in our country, who starve, rot and die? Is it a bandh responsible? Or, isn't it the hard fact that Central government's fiscal barbarity has created the present grim poverty, poverty that crushes and kills vast masses every hour, every moment?

Centre also expressed concern over loss of mandays due to bandh — another example of how unethical it can be. When countless mandays are lost each year due to lock-outs, retrenchments, closures and lay-offs imposed by management in collusion with the government, what else this concern could be but crocodile tears?

The government's argument over national loss on bandh day too met with equal contempt. Whole world knows, thanks to the Congress(I) drum beating, that since independence India's national income reached a staggering height. But has not this increase in reality swelled the pockets of the capitalists pushing people into the abyss of misfortune? For, in a class divided society nationhood is never a supra-class concept. In such a society under the garb of national interest a particular class, i.e. the ruling class interest is served, as in our capitalist set up, it is the capitalists who profit tremendously.

No lie can deny this telling reality. Yet, making use of 'national interest' as a plea the capitalists and their henchmen usurp people's love for motherland to intensify their ruthless exploitation. So, any loss in national income is actually some decrease in the capitalists' super profit, which they realise ten times from the starving people through their most trusted agent, the Cong.(I).

To tell the truth, people build up movement, and at great cost, even at the cost of life, not out of pleasure, or whims or anything like that. It is the hard harsh burning problems that would not allow a suffering man bleed silently. Problems would compel him in the field of battle, when he knows he must be in the fight and win victory or perish. For the exploited millions without movement there is no other way to survive and advance.

This is the view with which our party along with its mass organisations engaged all strength at its command to make the bandh a success. Throughout India, in those 22 states wherever we have organisational work, there were extensive campaign, poster, wall writing, demonstrations, meetings, so on and so forth.

It is known to all that among the Congress(I) ruled states the bandh was most successful in Orissa and Bihar.

In Orissa, where for some years past our party has been guiding mighty mass movements on innumerable issues involving toiling people, more than three hundred comrades were arrested by the Congress(I) police when our party was propagating for bandh. Except some government offices at Bhubaneswar, bandh was almost total. Schools, colleges, universities, markets and most of the industrial areas responded to the bandh call. At Sukinda our unions picketed and mines area remained closed. Our campaign in the State attracted special public attention. The parties like

SUCI, Janata Dal, CPI(M), CPI held joint demonstrations and meetings at Cuttack, Jajpur Subdivision, Dhanmandal etc. At Bhubaneswar our comrades courted arrest before the Secretariat. At Rourkela the Opposition trade unions also moved jointly. At Jeypore (Koraput) Opposition parties moved jointly. Jeypore City Co-ordination Committee of which UTUC (LS) is a constituent, also made joint campaign. Among the arrested were Comrades Binapani Das, Mayadhar Nayek, Raghunath Das, Sadasiva Das — all party State Committee members.

In Bihar participation of our party was serious throughout the State in the joint programme on 30th. About one hundred comrades were arrested in this connection with Com. Sarala Mahato, Secretary of MSS, Singhbhum District Committee and Com. Bipin Mahato, Secretary, Bihar State Committee, AIDS.

In U.P. there was about hundred arrests. Posters and leaflets with joint appeals were distributed there. At Jaunpur SUCI played a leading role in joint programmes for bandh. On 29th, while obstructing Baruna Express and Janata Fast passenger, Com. V. N. Singh, U. P. State Secretary along with 64 party comrades were arrested among hundreds present. At Badlapur on 30th 23 comrades were arrested. In Balia joint move for Bharat Bandh was made by SUCI, CPI, CPI(M), Janata Dal and BJP. In this connection a well attended joint public meeting was held. And a joint front has been formed with all Opposition parties. At Moradabad, Gazipur for some time joint move was made for Bharat Bandh by SUCI, CPI, CPI(M), IPF and BJP. At Sherpur of the same district 25 members of Sangharsh Samity including SUCI comrades were arrested on the bandh day. In Allahabad bandh was observed with colleges and the entire market inclu-

ding the industrial sector closed. On TU Front CITU, AITUC, HMS, BMS and UTUC(LS) held a rally on 29th and a public meeting was arranged at Chawk. At Moradabad a co-ordination committee was formed with SUCI, Janata Dal, CPI and CPI(M) as constituents who held meetings on bandh. AIDS called a students' strike on that day. Responding to it all colleges and most of the schools remained closed.

In Karnataka there was massive preparation for bandh. At Gulbarga a joint forum, comprising Janata Dal, SUCI, CPI(M) and CPI conducted widespread campaign. On 30th there was road blockade at the city bus stand where police arrested many including Com. H. V. Diwakar, District Secretary of our party and Mr. S. K. Kantha, ex-Labour Minister of J. D. Govt. Bandh was total. A procession of 3000 jointly organised by all parties was taken out from Nehru Gunj to Thimmapur Chowk which was addressed by Comrade Bhagawan Reddy. Police arrested Opposition leaders but was forced to release them for mounting people's pressure. At Yadgir a joint procession was organised by Janata Dal and SUCI. Response to bandh was total. At Raichur the programme was spearheaded jointly by SUCI, Janata Dal and BJP. Campaign was there since 24th. On 30th there was a procession and bandh was total. Later in the evening a mass meeting was organised at Kate Darwaza. At Bellary on 30th, notwithstanding clamping of Sec. 144, rail roko was organised by the joint forum of SUCI, CPI, CPI(M) and Janata Dal. Arrested persons included Com. Simhadri, Secretary, Bellary District Committee.

In Tumkur a joint action committee of Janata Dal, SUCI, CPI and CPI(M) was formed. After campaign for days before bandh there was a mass meeting on 30th. It was addressed by J. D. and BJP leaders. Com. K. Uma, member, SUCI State Committee also

spoke. In Bangalore our party took up extensive campaign for bandh. In Mysore there was a procession on 29th, participated by Com. B. R. Manjunath, party State Committee member, J.D. Secretary General Mr. Siddaramaiah and leaders of CPI and CPI(M).

In Ahmedabad, Gujarat, eight of our comrades were arrested along with artists of Lok Kala Manch on bandh day. They were severely beaten and injured by the police at the Police Commissioner's Office, Sahibaug. Janata Dal, CPI, CPI(M), Republican Party of India and SUCI condemned it. On 1st Sept. a protest demonstration was led before the Police Commissioner's Office, where 50 persons were arrested.

In Assam six parties — SUCI, CPI, CPI(M), RCPI, Janata Dal and Congress(S) combinedly called Bharat Bandh, which was total.

In Chandrapura, Maharashtra Opposition parties — Janata Dal, CPI, CPI(M), RPI, Bhartiya Republican Party and SUCI jointly held series of programmes for several days including an impressive cycle rally for bandh. On 30th police pounced upon the Opposition gathering, manhandled, and arrested all who belonged to Janata Dal, RPI, CPI, CPI(M), SUCI and AMKY, while the authority and Police let the Congress(I) hoodlums threaten the shopkeepers not to close their establishments. An action committee was formed comprising the Opposition parties, which condemned unequivocally the police action. Bandh was peaceful there. In Nagpur SUCI, Janata Dal, RPI, CPI, CPI(M) and Lok Dal jointly moved for a fortnight in support of the bandh. Com. P. R. Harne, Secretary, Maharashtra State Organising Committee addressed the joint public meeting on behalf of SUCI. Here too police arrested Opposition workers allowing Congress(I) hoodlums to threaten general public. Bombay unit of our party

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Bhubaneswar Rally

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Com. Datta called upon the Opposition parties to play their historic role by forging broadest possible unity on the basis of common agreed programme and a code of conduct.

Highlighting the situation in Orissa Com. Datta told that the Opposition parties must forge unity if they liked to face Rajiv's henchmen in the State. Com. Datta, demanded that while selecting candidates in the next parliamentary election some conditions must be imposed, like, the candidate must not fight the election with black money or with the help of the money bags of the industrialists, businessmen and jotedars. The

candidates must be pledged to step down if they fail to fulfil their election commitments. Those candidates having connection with communal forces overtly or covertly or charged with corruption must not be selected by the Opposition parties. Com. Datta also put condition that if the Opposition was voted to power, the government must declare that police must not interfere in any democratic mass movement. The government must also repeal all black Acts including the recent amendment of the People's Representation Act.

Lastly, Com. Datta called upon the people to come forward to build up mighty mass movement to achieve the above goal.

BHARAT BANDH

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Throughout M.P. our comrades enthusiastically campaigned and organised bandh. In Jabalpur, joint campaign including meetings was held by SUCI, Janata Dal and BJP. UTUC(LS), AIDS and MSS participated in campaign. On 31st SUCI organised a meeting at Kanchghar Chawk to congratulate people for making bandh a success. It was also addressed by leaders of Janata Dal and BJP.

In West Bengal throughout the State a protracted campaign was made for bandh, which reached its height on 29th and 30th. Party organised meetings in Calcutta and other district towns addressed by State Secretariat members and district leaders and heard by thousands with all eagerness. A mood of anti-Congress(I) movement was created in the State.

In States like Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Delhi and Haryana also our participation in the bandh

created much response among the people.

Glimpses of Bharat bandh, as noted above, show with what a great enthusiasm toiling people participated in it. It is a proof, given a call of real movement people's suppressed feeling would tremendously voice itself. And once this will of the people for movement is reflected, let us build it up, step by step to its logical culmination, growing up on granite hard unity free from parliamentary illusion. Truly one bandh cannot solve our problems. What people need is a protracted movement. So, we reiterate our fervent appeal to all Left, democratic and Opposition parties to build up a broadest possible unity on the basis of a commonly agreed code of conduct and common minimum programme. And people simultaneously has a historic role to play. Countless people's struggle committees must be built up consciously involving millions and these committees, which are, in other words, people's alternative political power, would act as watchdogs

Dastardly Attack By SFI Hoodlums on Girl Students

More than 500 SFI men armed with iron rods, chains and such other deadly weapons stormed into the Jogamaya Devi College, a Women's college in Calcutta on the 22nd August last and most violently charged the girl students including the General Secretary and the Vice-President of the students' union controlled by the AIDS. The girls were not only most brutally and severely assaulted with rods and chains and violently kicked at the lower part of the abdomen, but their hairs were torn and their sarees were pulled down. The teachers and the members of the college staff who came in rescue were not spared. These anti-socials broke the hand of a lady employee with an iron rod and tore apart her saree in front of the college gate.

And all these happened in presence of the police. What is more brutal is that these policemen were holding the hands of the girls while the SFI anti-socials were beating them most brutally and mercilessly, and when the wounded girls went to the police station to lodge FIR, the police refused to register any.

The trouble was brewing for some time past when the SFI men were

and keep the leadership on the right track.

We are face to face with fascism, the gravest enemy of mankind. To save civilization let us plunge ourselves deep in the movement immediately. This is the need of the hour.

trying to interfere in the matter of admission into the college. The AIDS controlled union resisted this attempt of these outsiders and so they were creating trouble for the past few days. Incidentally it may be mentioned that the SFI have been trying to anyhow dislodge the AIDS which have been in control of the union for the last 32 years. The police, when informed refused to lodge FIR or to take any action whatsoever. Having no other alternative the girls met the D.C. (South) and the Police Commissioner for stopping the raids of the SFI men. He assured to take appropriate action against the culprits. But on the very next day i.e. on the 22nd August last this violent incident took place.

Just after this incident the girl students with Com. Debaprasad Sarkar

SUCI MLA of W. Bengal Assembly met the Chief Minister and demanded immediate action against the culprits.

This attack is against all civilised norms and is a direct affront to the dignity of women. The girls of the college have appealed to all well-meaning people to come forward to protest against this heinous criminal and out and out condemnable acts of these SFI anti-socials and thus to protect womanhood and restore civilised atmosphere in the campus. The Students' Union and the non-teaching staff gave a call of strike to protest against this barbarous acts of the SFI anti-socials and this strike call was met with spontaneous response when all the students, teachers and the employees of the college responded spontaneously to make this strike a grand success.

Com. Provash Ghosh Condemns attacks on Journalists

Comrade Provash Ghosh, Secretary, West Bengal State Committee, SUCI issued the following statement on September 1 '89, condemning the recent attack on Press:

"We feel concerned for the assault on the reporters, photographers and newsmen during the last few days in the state. This attack is not only on the freedom of press and news media but also on democracy and democratic movement in general.

We urge upon the State Government to take effective steps so that these attacks are stopped immediately and to mete out proper punishment to the miscreants.

We express our sympathy to the reporters and press photographers, who are the victims of this brutal assault."

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the misrule and fascist policies of the Central Government led by Rajiv Gandhi. This movement should be based on a mutually acceptable code of conduct and on the basis of common agreed minimum programme. Continuing, Comrade Dasgupta said that the present rulers of the capitalist class at the Centre, the Congress(I) Government led by Rajiv Gandhi has trampled down all the democratic norms and practices. Parliament, Assembly, Judiciary, etc. has fallen victim to their fascist attacks. The Congress(I) Government has systematically taken away minimum democratic rights and aspirations of the people by bringing black Acts and Bills one after another. Not satisfied with hosts of draconian Acts or laws, it has come down with a piece of Bill which even seeks to nakedly interfere into the internal affairs of the political parties, their Constitutions by introducing an amendment in the People's Representation Act. The class design is very much manifest in this amendment. It snatches away the basic right of the people to form association or political parties and preach their respective views according to their distinct professed ideologies, and gives the Election Commission unbridled discretionary power to give registration to a political party and even to nakedly interfere with their internal affairs. The most horrible stipulation made in the amendment virtually amounts to abject surrender of all the political parties to the Indian State thereby ringing death-knell to the existing multi-party system and instead seeks to introduce a single party system. Last but not the least, the arms deal scandal as revealed in the CAG Report has thoroughly exposed the depth of corruption the Congress(I) Government led by 'Mr. Clean' is submerged in. After starting revelations in the CAG Report it is better to call

our Prime Minister as 'Mr. Dirt & Filth'.

Turning to international arena, Comrade Dasgupta said that imperialists led by US imperialism is today a real threat to the international working class movement. As junior partner of international trusts and cartels, now commonly termed as multinational corporations led by the imperialists, Comrade Dasgupta showed how India has emerged as a big bully and mini-super power in South Asian region. Her naked expansionist activities in the domestic affairs of Sri Lanka, Maldives and Nepal, etc. have firmly established its growing imperialist character.

Commenting on the disturbing developments in Russia and China, he said that it was due to the out and out revisionist policies pursued for long by the present leaderships of both the CPSU and the CPC.

Coming back to the prevailing situation in the country, Comrade Dasgupta hailed the resignation of the opposition MPs from Lok Sabha and reiterated the stand of the Central Committee of the party about all-out support extended to the 'Save India Day' on 9th August and Bharat Bandh on 30th August. 'The call of the hour, is therefore, to build up countrywide united democratic movement against the anti-people policies and measures of the Central Government, building up, at the same time, people's struggle committees which in course of continuing protracted movement, can function as watchdog during the entire period. Thus in course of these movements, people will know from experience which of the parties or forces are genuine and correct force of struggle and upholding people's cause.'

Com. A. Jalaluddin presided over the meeting. Com. C. K. Lukose, Kerala State Secretary, with pain and anguish narrated how the CPI(M) led Kerala government is mounting attacks

on the toiling people and urged upon the audience to calmly ponder as to how far this approach of the CPI(M) will help refurbish the image of the alternative opposition camp.

Earlier a colourful big procession was taken out from College Jn. to Chinnakkada, the venue of the meeting covering the main streets of the town

ROURKELA :

Memorial meeting paying tribute to the departed leader of the proletariat were held at several places before the state level central meeting at Cuttack. On 29th July, a memorial meeting was held at Rourkela. Comrade Shaik Kassim, the veteran trade union leader and member of the Orissa State Committee of the party, was in the chair.

Comrade Sitesh Dasgupta, member of the Central Committee of the party, in his address, highlighted the arduous struggle conducted by Comrade Ghosh to build up the SUCI, the genuine communist party in our country and recalled some aspects of his revolutionary character.

Other speakers included Comrade Shankar Das, member of the Orissa State Committee.

YASHIPUR :

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day was observed at Yashipur in Mayurbhanj district with the SUCI MLA Com. Shambhu Nayek in the chair. Comrade Sitesh Dasgupta, the Central Committee member, addressed the gathering as the main speaker. Comrade Dhurjati Dash, a member of the Orissa State Committee, also spoke on the occasion.

SUKINDA :

The citadel of militant trade union movement, observed the Memorial Day on 7th August in a befitting manner.

ASSAM :

Under the auspices of the Assam State Committee of the party a largely attended memorial meeting was held on 5th August at the district

library auditorium hall at Guwahati to observe the thirteenth Memorial Day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. The meeting was presided over by Com. Siddheswar Sarma, a member of the State Committee of the party.

Com. Asit Bhattacharjya, renowned public leader and member of the Central Committee of the party, addressed the gathering as the main speaker. Explaining the national situation in the light of the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, Comrade Bhattacharjya showed that the correctness of the analyses and teachings of Comrade Ghosh is vindicated every day through the burning problems of the people's life. Expressing grave concern over the threat posed by obscurantist forces endangering the geographical integrity of Assam and the manner in which students and youths are losing their lives everyday Comrade Bhattacharjya urged the Government of Assam to shun the policy of repression. At the same time he appealed to the leaders of Bodo movement to give up a path which caused bloodshed of the people and settle their legitimate demands through negotiation. 'The root cause of all the crises and problems including those faced by the Bodo community,' he said, 'lie in the moribund capitalist system of society we live in.'

Comrade Kalyan Chowdhury, Secretary of the Assam State Committee of the party, explained the significance of observance of the Memorial Day.

KARNATAKA :

The Memorial Day of our beloved departed leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was observed throughout the state of Karnataka, wherever party units are working in a befitting manner.

On 5th August a State level central meeting was organised by the Karnataka State Committee of the party at N.G.O. Bhavan, Bangalore. The meeting was well attended.

Explaining the situation prevailing in the

country Com. K. Radhakrishna, appealed to all Left, democratic and Opposition parties to unite to thwart the attempts of the Congress(I) to foster fascism on the country.

Com. Krishna Chakraborti, member, Central Committee, and the main speaker at the meeting, explained the heinous attempt of the imperialist-capitalist camp to malign the nobility of Marxism-Leninism and also the grave danger the modern revisionists of all shades from within the camp of socialism are causing to the onward progress of society.

On 30th July a memorial meeting was organised in Mysore where Com. B. R. Manjunath, member of the party State Committee, was the main speaker and Com. Vasanth was in the chair.

On 1st August the Gulbarga District Committee organised a public meeting at Fine Arts Association Hall where Com. K. Radhakrishna, State Secretary, addressed the gathering and Com. H. V. Divakar, Secretary, Gulbarga District Committee, presided.

The Raichur city organising committee of the party organised a public meeting at Karnataka Sangha Hall on 3rd August, where Comrade Radhakrishna was the main speaker and Com. Suneeth Kumar T. S., District incharge, presided.

On 3rd August, Com. Vekatesh, member, State Secretariat of the party, addressed a memorial meeting at Gandhi Bhavan, Bellary. Com. Simhadri, District Secretary, presided over the meeting.

At Tumkur, on 10th August, Com. K. Radhakrishna, State Secretary, addressed a well attended meeting at Savithramma Kalyana Mantapa was the main speaker and Com. K. Uma, member, party State Committee, presided.

MAHARASHTRA : BOMBAY :

Fifth of August was observed in Bombay on

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7th August at Chhabildas School Hall, Dadar, to pay homage to the great leader of the proletariat.

Rising to speak, Com. P. R. Harne, Secretary State Organising Committee, Maharashtra, pointed out how the SUCI, singlehandedly, was trying to organise the toiling millions throughout the country by conducting ideological-political struggles to raise their political consciousness.

Com. Ranjit Dhar, member, Central Editorial Board of the party and the main speaker, in a penetrating analysis of the national and international situation, in the light of the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, urged the people to strengthen the SUCI in every corner of the state. Referring to the people's misery which created a suffocating situation in the country, Com. Dhar pointed out that mere change of government through elections could not solve the burning problems in the people's life. The need of the hour was to develop the people's united movement on their legitimate demands conducive to the anti-capitalist socialist revolution.

Earlier, Com. Madan Kumar, party In-charge, Bombay City, addressed the gathering.

NAGPUR :

Fifth of August was observed at Gadkari Hall, Nagpur, to pay homage to the departed leader of the proletariat. Comrade Baburaoji Dhote, a veteran freedom fighter, presided over the meeting.

Com. P. R. Harne, Secretary, State Organising Committee, Maharashtra, was first to address the meeting. He highlighted the significance of observance of 5th August and asked the audience to come forward to strengthen the SUCI, which all along had been upholding the people's cause.

Com. Ranjit Dhar, member, Central Editori-

al Board of the party delivered his speech as main speaker and pointed out that world capitalism, crisis-ridden and moribund, is passing through its third phase of acute crisis of market. Indian capitalism, being part and parcel of that historically obsolete decadent system, is giving birth to privation, destitution, and all-pervasive miseries in the people's life today. 'Herein lies the root cause of all these curses.' The more the bourgeoisie is trying to rid itself of the crisis the more it is getting enmeshed in it,' Com. Dhar pointed out. 'People's united movement throughout the country is the only answer to this social malady,' he observed. Earlier, Comrade Dr. Namdeo Lagve also spoke.

SAGAR : (M.P.) :

On 14th August memorial meeting was held at Sagar Municipal Auditorium under the auspices of the Sagar District Unit of the Party. Com. K. D. Sharma presided. Comrade Alope Pratap Singh, member, Bhopal District Organising Committee addressed the meeting as the main speaker.

TRIPURA :

On the occasion of Thirteenth Memorial Day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh a public meeting was organised on 5th August at Children Park Maidan in Agartala under the auspices of the Tripura State Organising Committee.

It is worth mentioning that at the last moment State Congress(I) Govt. cancelled permission to hold the memorial meeting at Rabindra Sadan Hall. As a result, the meeting had to be organised elsewhere in Children's Park in quick haste. Comrade Milan Majumdar, Secretary Organising Committee, Agartala presided over the meeting, while Com. Prativa Mukherjee, Central Staff and Secretariat member of the West Bengal State Committee of the party,

was the main speaker. The meeting began with garlanding of the portrait of the leader of the proletariat by Com. Prativa Mukherjee, followed by a rendering of the song on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

RAJASTHAN :

Under the auspices of the Rajasthan State Organising Committee of the party, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day was observed at Jaydevi Chaturvedi hall in Jaipur. Comrade Abdul Gaffar Khan, well known militant trade union organiser, presided and Com. Chhaya Mukherjee, Central Staff, addressed as the main speaker.

Recalling how Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, along with his handful compatriots, carried on a painstaking struggle in the correct scientific process to build up the SUCI as the genuine communist party in the Indian soil, Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee observed that all those who cherished emancipation of the toiling masses must equip themselves with the teachings of Comrade Ghosh. 'To pay tribute to the memory of the departed great leader of the proletariat', Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee observed, 'we have to carry on untiringly a two-fold struggle to acquire higher and higher standard of communist character and build up class and mass struggles'.

Com. Girjeshwar Singh, Secretary of the state unit of the party, also addressed the gathering.

BHOPAL :

On 6th August, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day was observed in Bhopal at Patrakar Bhavan under the auspices of the Bhopal District unit of the party. A large number of students, youths and women were present in the gathering. Com. Alok Pratap Singh, member, Bhopal District Organising Committee, presided. Com. K. D. Sharma, member, M.P. State Organising Committee of the party, in his address as the main speaker on the occasion, appealed to the people to

MSS Convention in States

Under the auspices of MSS Women's Conventions against Obscenity, Dowry System and Atrocities on Women were held with great enthusiasm throughout Kerala on and from July 5 to July 8, this year.

QUILON .

On 7th July last a big women's convention against obscenity, dowry system and atrocities on women was held at the Quilon Public Library Hall which was attended by hundreds of women. It was addressed by Com. C. K. Lukose, Secretary, Kerala State Committee of the SUCI. Comrade Sheela Rao, Vice-President of Karnataka State Preparatory Committee of MSS, Com. Ponnara S. Kunjumol, Secretary, Quilon District Preparatory Committee of MSS also spoke on the occasion. Comrade Lali Mathew presided over the convention.

CHANGANASSERY :

Here, the women's convention was held at Changanassery Myma Hall on July 8 in which Com. Shyla took the

chair. The convention was addressed by Comrades C. K. Lukose, Secretary, Kerala State Committee of the SUCI, Sheela Rao, Prof. Thrikodithanam Gopinathan Nair, Dr. N. S. Amma, Prof. A. K. Ramakrishnan and Prof. (Smt.) B. Joseph.

Hundreds of women participated in the convention and a big procession paraded the main streets of the city.

PALGHAT :

On 5th July, '89, a convention against Obscenity, Dowry System and Atrocities on Women was held at the Victoria College at Palghat. Com. Arintha, Palghat District In-charge and Member of the Kerala State Preparatory Committee of MSS presided over the convention. Com. Sheela

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rally round the banner of the SUCI and build up legitimate democratic mass movements in the light of the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

TAMIL NADU :

Fifth of August was observed in a dignified manner under the auspices of the Tamil Nadu State Committee in a public hall in Madras on August 5. Com. M. Jagannathan, Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Committee, presided over the meeting. Com. James J., Central Staff was the main speaker. In his speech Com. James began with a thorough exposition of the decadent bourgeois parliamentary setup that had become corrupt to the core, proof of which can be had in trampling of the minimum democratic norms by our Prime Minister even after palpable implication of his Government in the CAG Report. Continuing he showed that it was the capitalist social system

which was giving birth to all problem. The only course in such a situation was to resist the fascist attacks coming one after another by developing a countrywide mass movement.

Comrades Jaipal, Rajan also addressed the meeting.

ANDHRA PRADESH :

A memorial meeting to pay homage to the great departed leader was held on 7th August in a public hall at Anantapur. Com. K. Anjanayulu, Secretary, Anantapur District Organising Committee was in the chair and Com. K. Radhakrishna, Secretary, Karnataka State Committee, was the main speaker.

In course of his speech, Com. Radhakrishna analysed the national and international situation and urged the audience to be equal to the tasks ahead of them.

Com. Sridhar, Secretary, A.P. State Organising Committee, also spoke.

Alternative Education Policy Released in Delhi

The All-India Save Education Committee has now thrown a concrete and definite challenge before the Central Government against its anti-education National Policy on Education (NEP) 1986.

On 9th August '89 last in a press conference held in the Delhi Press Club Justice V. R. Krishna Iyer, the All-India President of the Committee released an alternative education policy named, "Towards a People's Policy on Education: An Alternative to NPE '86" drafted after wide-ranging discussions and debates in the form of seminars and conventions throughout the country and lastly approved by the Committee's Presidium in its meetings held in Calcutta on May 26-27 this year.

While releasing this alternative education policy which lays utmost emphasis on secular, scientific and democratic education for all, he pointed out that the National Policy on Education which had been adopted without consultation with the academic community of the country was actually an onslaught on the very fundamental concept of pro-people education.

He showed, how, in the name of developing 'morality' and giving importance to 'Indian heritage' and 'culture' the NPE aims to foster religious revivalism and obscurantism as opposed to secularism in the true sense of the term and scientific bent of mind among the students.

While opposing the excessive stress on vocationalisation of education totally undermining the basic purpose of education of inculcating and further developing the humane qualities in man, he observed, the NPE had 'sacrificed the humanitarian functions of education at the altar of

rigid vocationalisation and mechanisation'. The Alternative Education Policy also opposed the setting up of three strata of education, as proposed by the NPE, namely, Novodaya Vidyalaya for the urban and rural elite, ordinary school for the middle class and non-formal distance learning for the very poor. Justice Iyer opined, this would perpetuate illiteracy among the majority and

robotise the educated who would be devoid of any human values. He deplored encouragement to privatisation and the increasing move to disaffiliate colleges from universities.

He pointed out, the basic principles of the alternative education policy, inter alia, enumerate functional autonomy for every institution or board in regard to formulation of policies and implementation of the decisions on all aspects of education at all levels. The AEP demanded that democratic right of the teachers, students and scholars should be protec-

ted so that they could pursue their academic and research activities and acquisition of knowledge without the slightest fear and frustration. It also demanded that education should be completely financed by the state through the plan outlays of both the union and state governments. For this purpose, Constitution must be amended and education be made a state subject. While financing the educational institutions, they must be kept free from any governmental control and interference in any respect.

Justice Iyer declared,

this Alternative Education Policy would be put forth before all cross-sections of the people and later presented to the Speaker of the Lok Sabha with lakhs of signatures in the form of mass deputation to press for the scrapping of the NPE and adopting this alternative policy.

While releasing the Alternative Policy Justice Iyer was, along with others, accompanied by Dipankar Roy, Secretary, Prof. Narendra Sharma, Member and Prof. (Mrs.) Tripta Owahi, Member of the All India Committee.

MSS Seminar in Hyderabad

The Mahila Sanskrita Sangham (M.S.S.) Hyderabad, Unit organised a seminar on "Dowry system, Obscenity and Atrocities on Women" in Hyderabad on 30th July last and it was attended by a large number of women from all walks of life. Women from different colleges, hostels, including working women and housewives were present in the seminar.

Comrade Chhaya

Citizens' Convention in Calcutta

With Dr. Arabinda N. Bose, ex-V.C., Jadavpur University in the chair a Citizens' Convention protesting the Representation of People's (Amendment) Act, that sounded the death knell of democracy, was held under the auspices of CPDRS at Mahajati Sadan Hall, Calcutta, on 13.8.89. It was largely attended by cross section of people.

Mukherjee, Convenor, MSS All India Committee was present among the speakers who participated in the seminar.

In her speech, Comrade Mukherjee, tracing the history of women's struggle for emancipation from subjugation to men in patriarchal society showed that in all exploitative societies, women fought and achieved remarkable victories but without replacing this present day exploitative society, i.e. revolutionary transformation of society from capitalism to scien-

tific socialism, the final and actual emancipation of women is impossible. That is why, women's struggle for emancipation is inseparably linked up with the struggle for emancipation of the society from class rule of the capitalists. And in that sense, freedom for women is not to share the privileges of men, but it is the freedom to fight against all problems in this unjust social system.

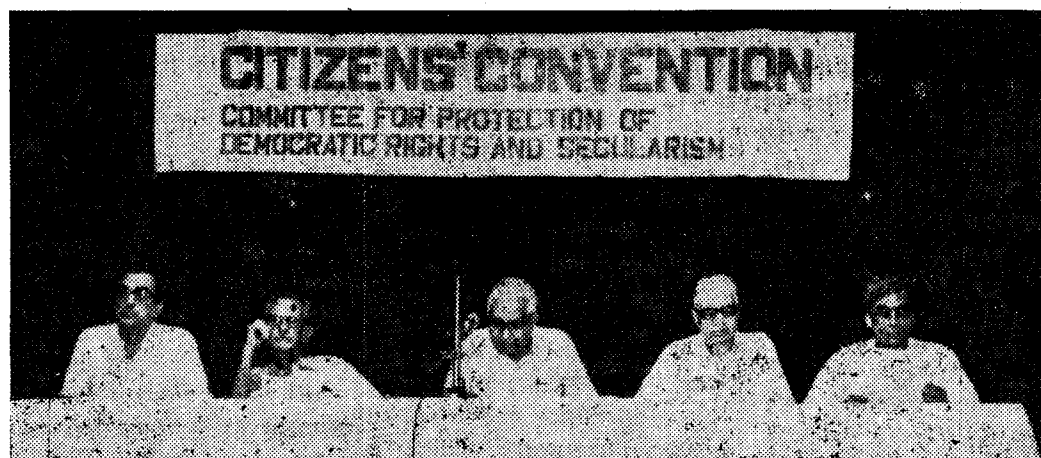
Other speakers included Prof. G. Haragopal, Genl. Secy., Andhra Save Education Committee, Smt. Sushama Sud, Principal, Gujarat School, Smt. G. G. Vanumala and Comrade G. Lalitha,

President, A.P. MSS State Committee. Comrade Prameela, Hyderabad City In-charge of the MSS took the chair.

This programme and other programmes prior to it, particularly a programme of removing obscene posters in the city and pasting MSS posters by the MSS workers created much enthusiasm in Hyderabad.

MSS Convention

(Contd. from page 7) Rao, Vice-President of the Karnataka State Preparatory Committee of MSS was present as the main speaker. In Alleppy also, MSS convention was held on 6th July last.



Speakers at Mahajati Sadan Hall (from left) Manik Mukherjee, member, W.B. State Secretariat, SUCI, Prof. Arun Bose, Dr. Arabinda N. Bose, Justice C. K. Banerjee, Eminent Jurist A. P. Chatterjee.

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