

Resolutely Fight Neo-Revisionist- Imperialist Conspiracy

—Comrade Nihar Mukherjee

The 74th Anniversary of the Great November Revolution was observed in due solemnity at the Study Centre of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh's Thoughts at Ghatsila in Bihar from November 7 to 17 last. On its premises, with decorations of 74 red flags, our beloved leader and General Secretary of the party, Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, hoisted the Red Flag in a ceremony on the morning of 7th November. He put garlands on the portraits of the great leaders of the international communist movement and the proletariat—Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin, Mao Zedong and Shibdas Ghosh. He also garlanded the portraits of Comrades Sachin Banerjee, Hiren Sarkar and Subodh Banerjee—departed members of the Central Committee of the party. In

a decision of the Central Committee, the party has adopted a programme to observe November Revolution anniversary on a much wider scale and with greater emphasis this year in every state with the object of explaining to the party workers, supporters, sympathisers and all sections of the toiling people including workers, peasants, students, youths and women the true nature of the present crisis of the international communist movement in the light of the teachings of November Revolution.

Undoubtedly, communism is the historical, scientific and objective way, the only way, to achieve emancipation of the toiling people all over the world from exploitation of all sorts. The question arises how could different socialist countries turn away

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reaction in society, is how could capitalism be restored in the Soviet Union where November Revolution had led to the establishment of the first working class state of the world. Why this downfall of the Soviet socialist state where once hunger, poverty, malnutrition and unemployment had disappeared and the country strode ahead of the imperialist giant, the USA, in education, culture, morals, and even in industry, science, technology, military might and space science to be reckoned as a super power on a par with the USA?

'WE WILL NEVER SUBMIT TO HEGEMONY' : FIDEL CASTRO

'During the closing speech of the Party's and the nation's most important event, Fidel stated that the Congress was historic because destiny had turned Cuba into the standard-bearer of the revolution of the poor, the workers, and the exploited. He added, "Cuba is not the only progressive, democratic and revolutionary country, but it is the only country which has become an isle of revolution just a few miles from the United States, in a practically unipolar world and surrounded by capitalism on all sides. An isle of revolution between the Atlantic and the Pacific, an isle of revolution in this hemisphere, an

isle of revolution in a large part of the world, where the remaining socialist states are 15,000 to 20,000 miles away.

"At a time when the Eastern European socialist camp collapsed, when in the USSR, Cuba's most solid and firmest ally, which assisted us with great solidarity and to whose peoples we owe a debt of gratitude, not even the glorious Communist Party founded by Lenin still exists. Now they don't talk about socialism there and the word of the day is the market economy."

Later on he stressed, "there will never be peace with the United States

without our country having full sovereignty and independence, there will never be peace with the empire unless the Revolution and socialism are in full force. We will never submit to hegemony. We will never accept the unipolar domination of the US empire."

[This is the exact reproduction of the part of the speech Fidel Castro gave on the occasion of the Congress of the Cuban Communist Party as published in *Granma International*, 20th October, 1991, official Organ of Cuban government. —Editor, P. Era]

the evening a meeting of party workers, supporters and sympathisers was held with Comrade Sudhir Pal presiding over.

The proceedings which began with songs on Comrade Lenin and Comrade Shibdas Ghosh concluded with the Internationale. In a brief address Comrade Mukherjee dwelt on some teachings of November Revolution in the context of the present situation. We publish below the highlights of his speech in an English version.—Board of Editors, Proletarian Era.

Comrade President and Comrades,

We have assembled here on the occasion of the 74th Anniversary of the Great November Revolution. You know, following

from its course and why this crisis today in the communist movement? Our comrades and the rank of supporters, too, must have a clear and critical understanding of this. There must not be any gap in the understanding. At the same time they should realise that this disastrous turn, so painful to people everywhere, is a temporary setback. What is required now is to give a new momentum with the force of our realization—therein lies the true significance of observing November Revolution today. The one question which fills the hearts of millions with despair and dejection, including those who are not so conscious politically and are unaware of the intrinsic process of progress and

You have heard the party analysis on all this on many occasions before.

But knowing reasons does not suffice. Understanding does not transform into realization so long as the objective process of social development and its governing laws are not fully grasped. Remember, however difficult the problems, their resolution would become possible only by searching out the roots in the light of history and science and by learning the way to eliminate the roots. This Marxist methodology shall have to be pursued to resolve the present problems. too.

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Hold Aloft Noble Banner of Communism

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Failure to grasp the objective law of socialist development invites the danger of capitalist restoration

The answer to why these socialist countries turned away to move backward from socialism should be sought along this approach. Before that, however, you should know that true Marxists always recognized the real possibility of slideback of socialism to capitalism even after revolution. This recognition inheres in Marx's characterisation of socialism as 'the transitional phase' between capitalism and communism. There are similar observations on this in discussions by Lenin, Stalin and Mao Zedong. Remember, proletarian dictatorship is historically indispensable during the entire epoch of this transitional phase so that the possibility of slideback can be eliminated. Hence the all-important task of pursuing the correct base political line of the party and building unity of the party and the masses on that base to lead continuous cultural revolutions to elevate people's ideological-political-cultural standard and thereby consolidate proletarian dictatorship and widen the base of proletarian democracy. These giant communist leaders all emphasized this task time and again. Lenin and Stalin waged this struggle without relent till the last breath to strengthen the party and the socialist state by overcoming lapses and elevating the ideological-cultural standard. With the same objective Mao Zedong initiated the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution in China. So, people who are indulging today in a campaign that restoration of capitalism in erstwhile socialist countries has invalidated Marxism are either acting on ignorance or deliberately distorting the truth.

In reality, the decline of the Marxist-Leninist ideological standard and emergence of revisionism in its wake, consequent deviations from the base political line; deviation from the course of the socialist economic law, rupture of the organic link between the people and the party and the state—all this gradually and inevitably sapping the proletarian democracy to lead to its downfall in the end—have combined to overthrow socialism and restore capitalism in these countries.

Revisionist deviation is root cause behind this crisis

After usurping the leadership of the CPSU at the 20th Congress of the Party in 1956 when the Khrushchevite leadership had declared that the stage of proletarian dictatorship had been over in the Soviet Union, thereby trampling Marxism-Leninism to take its first step on the revisionist line, our most beloved departed leader, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, had sounded caution against this looming danger. He observed, 'It will open the floodgate of revisionism'. An even more profound caution ringed in

his words that in this stage of total capitalist degeneration and vulgar individualism the hangover of capitalist mental complex in the socialist society had assumed the form of socialist individualism to eat into the vitals of socialism from within. Comrade Ghosh emphasized in clearest terms that the only way to resolve this problem and safeguard socialism was to weed out this individualistic tendency and private property mental complex in society with the force of higher communist morals and ideology to pave the way for a total and complete merger of individual interest and social interest. See how, the bourgeois individualistic traits and tendencies are in complete command of the people in these socialist countries. So readily are they turning away from socialism to slip now into the lure of bourgeois democracy!

This degeneration did not start all in a day. Prolonged pursuit of revisionism, for some 35 years, has bred this mentality in majority people, in the present generation in particular. They haven't seen revolution, nor taken part in the struggle to build socialism. Hardly have they any feelings for the imponderable sacrifice of 20 million people under the party's leadership in World War II. They have no links with the socialist tradition which the party had built up under the guidance of Lenin and Stalin. They have been groomed in the dark shadow of the revisionist deviation to which the party succumbed under the renegade leadership of Khrushchev, Brezhnev and the like when the socialist mores were getting fast eroded, making room for revisionism, liberalism and bourgeois individualism. They enjoyed the fruits of socialism without having a bond of affection or a sense of identification or obligation towards socialism which only the higher communist culture and ethics could ensure. They are a rootless lot with no ideological moorings, themselves unaware of it even. They are the people who make up the ranks of Gorbachev and Yeltsin's followers.

So nothing prevents them from assaulting the statues of Lenin. Only people cherishing old communist values are coming forward today to guard the memorials of Lenin. This poverty of philosophy, a crisis of ideology, which is only a symptom of the inevitable capitalist ailments, has seized these socialist countries in the aftermath of their revisionist deviation. On this, too, Comrade Ghosh had given a warning long back. On each and every weakness manifesting in the communist movement, which were allowed to proliferate to pave the ground for this present onslaught, Comrade Ghosh sounded notes of caution time and again on every occasion.

No progressive or democratic movement can be led through to success in this era without communism guiding it

So, engage yourselves in constant pursuit of Marxism - Leninism - Shibdas Ghosh's

Thought, study history critically and have a correct and comprehensive grasp of society. At the same time, engage actively in mass and class struggles to acquire a higher standard of revolutionary character so that blind emotion and mechanical thinking can never take command of you. Remember, waging this all-cut struggle is the only means to guard against revisionist deviations and to inspire the masses with the higher consciousness and advance gradually towards the revolutionary goal. That will help people, now blinded by confusion to see through the vile bourgeois propaganda one day, like they refused in the past, under the influence of progressive and communist movements the world over, to succumb to similar bourgeois conspiracies.

For instance, some people—there are many intellectuals among them—are jubilant, thinking democracy has won victory in the Soviet Union and the east European countries. Don't they see the real face of this 'democracy'? Until now, hunger or poverty was something unknown in the life of the Soviet people. Parents were assured that their children would be looked after by the state for education and everything else. But what is the picture now? This was the country which had wiped off, for the first time in world history, all vestiges of cultural depravity. Now hot on the heels of restoration of capitalism and bourgeois democracy, price-rise, hunger, poverty and unemployment have fast returned. More despising robbery, theft, murder, even sex perversion and prostitution are spreading fast. This is the face of their vaunted 'democracy'!

There arose in the past, under Stalin's guidance and the party's leadership, one Soviet nation and one Soviet Land through a process of integration of numerous nationalities on the Marxist principle of solving ethnic and nationality questions. Peoples of different nationalities and ethnic groups, united by the ideology of proletarian internationalism, transformed Russia, previously a backward country in economic political-social-cultural-military spheres, into a fore-ranking world power. This unity of the Soviet people achieved under the party leadership, was the source of power to defeat fascism, the arch enemy of mankind, and save the Soviet Union and entire mankind from its scourge. Whereas, in the aftermath of restoration of capitalism following glasnost and perestroika, the monolith of the mighty Soviet nation is falling apart. The whole edifice of the Soviet land is crumbling down.

But it was Stalin, who they paint a dictator, a tyrant, a butcher of democracy, under whose leadership the Soviet party, the state and the Red Army inflicted total defeat on imperialism-fascism. This brought in its wake an unprecedented mass upsurge across the world for peace against war. A tide of national liberation struggles followed. Inspired by the Great November Revolution the revolutionary struggles in China, Vietnam, Korea, Cuba and some other countries

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Jubilation of Capitalist-Imperialists will be only short-lived

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fast achieved success in this favourable world situation. In the face of these revolutionary uprisings in one country after another imperialism had to retreat to a corner. The freedom struggle in our country also reached its culmination in this period. Which is then really conducive to the growth of democracy—capitalism or socialism? In fact, no progressive social movement can achieve success in this period without being guided by the communist ideology. No hue and cry for 'democracy', 'individual liberty' or 'humanity' can suppress this truth for ever. That would be impossible.

Rise of socialism on the ashes of capitalism is a historical destiny

Crisis galore has enmeshed capitalism. The capitalist class is trying one means after another to free itself from the tangle. But there is no abating, crisis is aggravating. All the means failing, the class is ultimately taking recourse to militarisation of economy—war economy, that is war policy. The entire US economy today thrives on militarisation. The crisis of the market is the cause. But the capitalist-imperialists are rejoicing at this undreamt of setback of the world communist movement. The jubilation will be only short-lived. Because history testifies that every social system, also the capitalist system, could sustain progress so long as the inevitable and inherent contradiction between production relation and productive forces did not turn antagonistic. But while production relation remains static in a class divided society, productive forces, ever dynamic and developing as these are, come into inevitable conflict with production relation at every stage of social development with the result that every particular class-divided society is historically destined to be destroyed. The inexorable law of history stipulates for coming into being of a new social system on a new production relation. The capitalist social system emerged in this process through destruction of the feudal social order. And the same law of social development makes inevitable that capitalism will be destroyed and socialism will replace it.

So, the jubilation of the capitalist class is going to be short-lived. The more ruthless their exploitation and the more the people sink into the abyss of poverty and destitution the more that add to the number and strength of those who will dig the grave of capitalism. Thus the class exploitation and class conflict are growing more and more intense and that sounds every kind of class struggle cannot eliminate capitalism. Marxism does not mean simply class struggle. In fact, long before Marx, bourgeois economists and historians—namely Adam Smith, Ricardo, Hobbs, etc—did recognise the existence of class struggle in society. But this humanist concept of

class struggle did nowhere lead to working class revolution. The true concept of Marxism affirms that destruction of capitalism is the inevitable consequence of class struggle in the capitalist society which leads to the establishment of socialism and ultimate transformation to communism through the transitional phase of the dictatorship of the proletariat. Upon this realization the revolutionaries are fortified in their belief that the ultimate victory of socialism and communism is inevitable.

Lenin said in categorical terms that the historical epoch of the dictatorship of the proletariat is the stage of the fiercest class struggle. The proletariat achieves its final victory after it eliminates completely every vestige of the capitalist mental makeup or vile individualism in the sphere of culture, tastes, morals and ideals by waging an unrelenting ideological struggle to merge ultimately individual interest with social interest. For the communist values to be established in society is the indispensable historical process. Completion of this process signifies completion of the transitional phase of socialism and beginning of communism, that is complete elimination of all sorts of inequalities, differences and discriminations and simultaneous creation of the objective social condition for total emancipation, liberation and unhindered development of the individual. As before revolution so also after, it is an indispensable task of the revolutionary party therefore, to conduct continuous cultural revolutions. This is where revisionism has concentrated its assault to create confusion.

Only organised and conscious popular uprising led by the revolutionary party, and not spontaneous, can lead to destruction of capitalism

So, face up to all adversities with courage, take more initiative and hold aloft the standard of communism. Others, who you find in despair and dejection now, will again stand up with hope. The capitalist exploitation and oppression will push them on to the road of struggle. But does that mean those struggles will develop on their own without the revolutionary party playing its role? No, it can't be so. Even if it happens so, the revolutionary movement does not gain in any way. There has not been any dearth of spontaneous popular outbursts in this country. The CPI, the CPI(M) and such other social democratic parties have deceived the people with fake revolutionary slogans only to reap electoral dividends out of all this. Everytime it is the democratic mass movement which had to pay the price for it. Still it has to. Against this what is required today is to organise people's movements from the grassroots level on the anti-capitalist base political line under the leadership of the genuine revolutionary party, to develop

the class and mass struggles on the unity of the working class and the broader masses of the people, and, thus advancing through the vicissitudes of struggles to strengthen and broaden the movements and organise People's Struggle Committees and Volunteer Corps. This alone can give birth to that alternative political power of the people which is their indispensable instrument for revolution.

The victory of the Great November Revolution was made possible through giving birth to the people's own alternative political power through the Soviets. This is an essential pre-requisite for success of revolution in every country, although the form may vary.

But you are to transform yourselves, build yourselves anew to be capable of performing this revolutionary task. Success in this task will ensure success of revolution. Nothing can then prevent the revolutionary movement from winning victory.

This is again the only way to defeat the bourgeois conspiracy to institute fascism which the class is trying to carry out in different countries, somewhere keeping the parliamentary facade intact, somewhere tearing it apart but everywhere pursuing the dual policy of deception and suppression. Emancipation of humanity and civilisation from exploitation, oppression and inequality of every sort will come in the wake of the final victory in this battle. Putting an end to all discrimination and inequality and opening the door to the individual's emancipation and allround development is possible only in the communist society which emerges from successful completion of the transitional phase of socialism. The task of leading mankind to this stage devolves on the most exploited and oppressed class in the capitalist system—the proletariat—and its vanguard detachment, the communist party.

Building the revolutionary party in the correct process by correctly realising communist ideology ensures allround success of revolution

There is another invaluable teaching of November Revolution, you should keep in mind. The party which will lead the revolutionary movement and build it strong enough will have to be itself organised in the correct process. This is the most urgent struggle. For that, democratic centralism has to be kept a living process at all levels, from the cell through local, district, state to the Central Committee. Side by side, all the mass organisations led by the party have to be conducted as schools of communism. Above everything, the leaders and the rank and file of the party workers should engage in a constant struggle to rebuild and elevate themselves on the correct and comprehensive realisa-

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The Great November Revolution Day was observed this year with greater emphasis. All over the world communists held the red flag higher and marched in unison to mark the 74th anniversary of the Great November Socialist Revolution. While the red flag fluttered, communist revolutionaries recalled the teachings of the great teachers of Marxism-Leninism and pledged anew to fight uncompromisingly bourgeois philosophy, revisionism and counterrevolutionary ideas.

In our country our party the SUCI observed November Revolution Day in a befitting and solemn manner. Everywhere party flags were hoisted, party offices were well decorated with portraits of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin, Mao Zedong and Shibdas Ghosh. In every mass meeting the message of our beloved General Secretary, Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, was read out and the songs composed on Lenin and Shibdas Ghosh were sung at the outset and the Internationale sung in conclusion. We are publishing here the news of observance of the occasion so far received.

HARYANA : Rohtak, 17.11.91 :

The Haryana State Committee of the SUCI held a huge demonstration today commemorating the Great November Socialist Revolution. It started from the Rohtak railway station and winding through main thoroughfares culminated into a big public meeting near the party office.

Comrade Pritish Chanda, member, Politburo of our party, delivered the main speech. He explained the invincibility of Marxism-Leninism, notwithstanding temporary setbacks of socialism, for it stood on science. He recalled the past days when after demise of great Lenin under the able leadership of Comrade Stalin Soviet Russia became a world power to reckon with, turning world imperialism relatively weak, encouraging revolutionary battles, anti-imperialist movements and anti-colonial liberation struggles and militant peace movements all over the world. It had been possible for correct adherence to the socialist laws. But after Stalin, starting from Khrushchev revisionism struck a blow that culminated in the counterrevolution under Gorbachev-Yeltsin clique. Comrade Chanda said that although we were deeply pained this had not taken the communists by surprise. Starting from Marx and Engels, down to Lenin, Stalin, Mao

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Zedong and Shibdas Ghosh, all had warned of such a probability.

Comrade Chanda said that there was nothing to despair. All communists would take lessons from it. Communist movement would be more powerful. And final victory would be achieved.

The meeting was presided over by Comrade Balwant Singh, member, Haryana State Committee, SUCI.

UP : Jaunpur, 9.11.91 :

Great November Revolution Day was observed in Eastern UP with great enthusiasm. A rally was organised in Jaunpur city on this occasion. Thousands of workers and peasants and the party workers from Jaunpur, Sultanpur, Pratap Garh, Allahabad, Kanpur and Lucknow participated. Recalling the teachings of November Revolution a meeting was held at Collectorate Bar Association Hall today. The big hall was packed to capacity. In the beginning of the meeting the message of Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, was read out by Comrade V N Singh, Secretary, UP State Committee. Comrade Shankar Singh, member Politburo, SUCI, was the main speaker.

Comrade Sarod Kumar, member, UP State Committee, SUCI presided over the meeting. Comrade Jagadish Chandra Asthana, District Secretary, Jaunpur SUCI Committee, conducted the proceedings. Comrade Shankar Singh explained the importance of November Revolution and the role of Comrade Stalin in establishing the greatness of socialism. He called upon all to take lessons from the painful situation of Soviet Russia. He cautioned to remain alert of all the attacks of capitalism-imperialism and neo-revisionism at this juncture and appealed to all to inculcate the teachings of Marxism-Leninism and apply it in life.

ORISSA : Bhubaneswar, 15.11.91 :

At PMG Square here a mass meeting under the auspices of the Orissa State Committee, SUCI, was held to mark the 74th Anniversary of the Great November Revolution. It was presided over by Comrade Raghunath Das, Secretary, Puri District Committee, SUCI. Comrade Tapas Dutta, member, Central Committee and Secretary, Orissa State Committee, SUCI, delivered the main speech.

Comrade Dutta said that the so-called democracy in capitalist-imperialist countries and in erstwhile socialist countries was tantamount to exploitation and torture, inflation and price rise and unemployment. To solve these problems and to bring true emancipation communism was the historically determined path. Comrade Dutta urged to fight uncompromisingly for scientific socialism, which would bring us to our cherished objective.

DELHI : New Delhi, 7.11.91 :

The 74th Anniversary of the Great November Revolution was observed in due solemnity by the Delhi State Organising Committee of our party. A meeting held in this connection at Gandhi Peace Foundation Hall, was presided over by Comrade Ram Singh. Comrade Ashutosh Benerjee, member, Central Committee, was present as the main speaker. In his speech Comrade Banerjee pointed out that unless greater stress was laid on the struggle to uplift ideological-cultural-political standard vis-a-vis the economy, socialist system itself would be endangered. The present setback in the international socialist bloc was the outcome of this.

KARNATAKA : Bangalore, 15.11.91 :

The 74th Anniversary of the Great November Revolution was observed by the Karnataka State Committee, SUCI, with due solemnity. In this connection a meeting was held at N.G.O. Bhavan, Bangalore. Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta, member, Central Committee, SUCI, was the main speaker. Comrade K. Radhakrishna, Secretary, Karnataka State Committee, SUCI, presided. The meeting was conducted amidst heavy rain.

Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta in his speech said that although the breaking down of socialism in the USSR and Eastern Europe at present was deeply painful, it was not unexpected. Comrade Dasgupta urged revolutionaries not to lose heart and called upon them to plunge deep in building up mass movement complimentary to anti-capitalist socialist revolution in our country.

ANDHRA PRADESH : Hyderabad

The Andhra Pradesh State Organising Committee of the SUCI organised
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a public meeting at Koti Sultan Bazar Park on 12th November to observe 74th Anniversary of the Great November Revolution. Comrade Murahari, Secretary of City Organising Committee presided over the meeting.

In the meeting the message of Comrade Nihar Mukherjee was read out by Com. K. Sridhar, State Secretary.

Comrade Sukomal Das Gupta, Central Committee member of the party, the main speaker to the meeting showed that November Revolution proved how the illiterate and ignorant workers guided by Lenin and Stalin not only captured state power but ran the administration so much so that USSR became a powerful industrial and military power. But revisionism culminating into counterrevolution through the policies of Gorbachev caused the present subversion to socialism in the Soviet Union. He said that the antithesis of capitalism would assert itself sooner or later in the erstwhile socialist countries.

WEST BENGAL, Calcutta, 17.11.91 :

The WB State Committee of our party held a meeting at the Esplanade East, Calcutta, to observe the 74th November Revolution Day. Comrade Manik Mukherjee, member, WB State Secretariat and Secretary, Calcutta District Committee presided.

Comrade Provash Ghosh, member, Central Committee and Secretary, WB State Committee of the party was present as the main speaker. He, inter alia, explained how the fads of the present decadent capitalist society were constantly working to pollute the revolutionary character of the working class. He said revolutionaries must in all aspects of life continue an uncompromising class battle.

ASSAM, Guwahati, 17.11.91 :

On the occasion of the 74th Anniversary of the Great November Revolution, a big public meeting under the auspices of the Assam State Committee of the party was held today at Lakshmiram Baruah Sadan, Guwahati. Comrade Kalyan Choudhury, Secretary, Assam State Committee of the SUCI, presided over. The main speaker of the meeting was Comrade Asit Bhattacharya, member, Central Committee, SUCI. He said

that lamenting over the present setback in the international communist movement would not lead us anywhere. Only the ideology of communism was the historical beacon of guide to emancipation, he said.

TAMILNADU, Madras, 11.11.91 :

The 74th Anniversary of the Great November Revolution was observed with all solemnity in Madras where a public meeting was held at Venkateswara Hall in T. Nagar.

Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, member, Central Committee, as the main speaker, in his speech said conscious communists had to realise their great responsibility and they had to engage in a severe struggle to defeat revisionism-imperialism, and establish socialism.

Comrade Narayanasamy, T N State Secretariat member, SUCI, presided over the meeting and also translated Comrade Chakraborty's speech in Tamil.

KERALA, Trichur, 14.11.91 :

The central meeting to observe the Great November Revolution Day was held here today under the auspices of the Kerala State Committee, SUCI. It was held at Thekkinkadu maidan, which was presided over by Comrade C. K. Lukose, Secretary, Kerala State Committee, SUCI. Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, Central Committee member of our party, and the main speaker, spoke at length elucidating the historical significance

of the November Revolution and its lessons.

TRIPURA, Agartala, 7.11.91 :

The Great November Revolution Day was observed under the auspices of the Tripura State Organising Committee at Kaman Choumohani Crossing. Comrade Ranjit Dhar, Central Staff, SUCI, delivered the main speech. Comrade Milan Majumder, Secretary, Tripura State Organising Committee, was the president.

MP, Jabalpur, 17.11.91 :

A mass meeting, to commemorate the Great November Revolution, was organised in Ravi Durgavati Museum Hall under the auspices of the MP State Organising Committee, SUCI. Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee, Central Staff, SUCI, was the main speaker. Comrade Adityanath Sharma, member, MP State Organising Committee, read out the message of Comrade Nihar Mukherjee.

Sagar, 15.11.91 :

The Sagar District Committee of the SUCI observed the 74th anniversary of the Great November Revolution with due solemnity at Pandit Motilal Nehru School. Comrade K D Sharma, member, MP State Organising Committee, was the speaker, while Comrade Ishwar Dutta Abasthi, member, Sagar District Committee, was the president. Comrade Ram Avtar Sharma conducted the proceedings of the meeting.

Koraput tribal peasants achieve victory

Koraput (Orissa) : More than a thousand tribal people under the leadership of SUCI staged a demonstration in front of the Bai-pariguda Block Office on 8th October last demanding, among other things, effective steps on war footing to fight epidemic in which several people lost their lives, granting Rs. 10,000 to each family of deceased etc.

A 5-member team led by the Koraput District leader

Comrade Sadasiva Das, submitted a 12-point charter of demands before the BDO who later came out of his office and assured the people gathered there that the demands would be fulfilled before long. Later on, Com. Sadasiva Das and youth leaders Comrades S. N. Bisoi and Balam Naik addressed the gathering.

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Kundura (Koraput) : Hundreds of tribal peasants and agricultural workers led by

the local SUCI leaders, Comrades Balam Naik, Surya Bisoi and Yudhisthir Rana staged a demonstration before the Kundura BDO on 11th Oct. demanding opening of fair price shops, digging of tube-wells and wells in each village of the block, providing jobs to the agricultural workers at the government declared rate of Rs. 25/- etc.

The BDO received the memorandum and assured to fulfil the demands.

LESSONS OF RECENT BY-POLLS

'The largest democracy' of the world got yet another exposure in the recently held byelections on November 16 last. The byelections assumed the character of a mini general election with as many as 15 Lok Sabha and 56 Assembly seats involved in the contest, covering as many as 14 states and one Union territory. The Congress(I), the most trusted party of the Indian bourgeoisie, bagged 8 Lok Sabha seats while the Janata Dal got 3 seats, the BJP 2 seats, the BSP and the Forward Bloc one each. In the results of the Assembly byelections, it is seen that the Congress(I) secured 19 seats, the BJP 15, the Janata Dal 9, the SJP 5 and others 8 seats.

The elections saw acerbated campaign between the Congress(I) and those very parliamentary Opposition parties which have been advocating politics of consensus and who are instrumental in the survival of the minority Congress(I) Government at the Centre which, after coming to power, devalued the Rupee, sold gold in the foreign market and imposed heavy dose of taxation to fleece the people. Just after the formation of the minority Congress(I) government a quite out and out anti-people industrial policy has been announced and the Central Congress(I) Finance Minister declared that the pre-election promises could not be kept and stern measures were to be adopted meaning thereby high doses of taxation, privatization of Public Sector undertakings, retrenchment and so on. But just five months after the general elections the Congress(I) and all those parliamentary Opposition parties have appeared before the people again with tall promises in the byelections. But the people are not so fool as not to understand their trickery. They know from their past experience and the past performances of these political parties that all these high-sounding promises of these leaders are nothing but hoax and this is proved to the hilt by the sheer apathy and indifference of the common people towards the elections.

But these parties serving the interest of the capitalist class have taken full advantage of this apathy and indifference of the common people. All these parties care a whit about the people's verdict and trample election promises with impunity because of the absence of democratic mass movements. The leaders of these parties wax eloquence on democracy, individual freedom and non-violence and in season and out of season shed tears for those people leaving under socialism for the alleged absence of freedom and individual liberty there. But these 'votaries' of democracy, freedom and non-violence have again shown to the people their real face in the recently held byelections. Even the Nandyal parliamentary constituency from where Mr. P V Narasimha Rao, the Prime Minister of India, contested the election was no exception to the general rule despite world-wide focus on this seat because of its importance. The intending contestants were debarred from contesting

by dubious means and the Returning Officer was a party to that game. It is reported that one intending contestant was severely beaten up by the Congress(I) goons and he died on the following day because of the injuries sustained by him. Several nomination papers were summarily rejected on flimsy grounds and one person who managed somehow to file his nomination papers was hounded by the Congress goons and he fled to Hyderabad where he roamed about with wigs and dark glasses till the elections were over. Reports of largescale booth capturing in the Nandyal parliamentary constituency were published in almost all the national dailies and many of even Congress(I) men have reportedly been taken aback by the unbelievable 6-lakh margin by which the Prime Minister won the election. The Congress(I) is trying to paint the present Congress(I) Party as a qualitatively new one by showing that after a break from Nehru-Gandhi family rule and the coterie rule Mr. Narasimha Rao has been able to become the acceptable President of the party and the Prime Minister. The bourgeois spokesmen try to create such an impression that, at last one honest person who can lead the government and the party has been found out in the Congress(I) and they are trying to project him as an able leader with this yardstick of his ability to remain in power by hobnobbing with the Opposition parties. The people however see what the ability of this new leader is when a heavy dose of taxation is imposed on them and the people are asked to make more sacrifices in 'national interest'. As the bourgeoisie have so far failed to project a viable alternative to the Congress(I) in their design of two-party parliamentary system, they are trying to create a halo about the new Prime Minister and the Congress(I) on which they have to depend till an alternative comes to the picture by showing the big margin which is shown as the sign of popularity.

The features in other constituencies were the same, that is, both violent and silent rigging. Altogether 5 persons including one candidate were killed in pre-poll and during poll violence. Gangsterism took a virulent turn specially with gun-toting men moving freely, intimidating the people, firing shots and chasing the opponents. All the contesting parties resorted to communalism, casteism, parochialism according to their suitability. Blackmoney and muscle power were the key factors this time too. The candidates and the supporters were seen in photos in daily Press moving with deadly weapons. Reports of largescale booth capturing were received from all the constituencies. In Andhra Pradesh, police opened fire at Chinaganjam under Parchar Assembly Constituency and at Chennur in Cuddapah Parliamentary Constituency. All the parliamentary parties without exception resorted to booth capturing, terrorisation of the voters of the opponent parties with lethal weapons and even murderously assaulted

them. All the pre-election tall talks of ensuring free and fair election vanished in thin air and when rigging had been the main features in all the constituencies the Election Commission ordered repoll in only 340 booths. This attempt of the Election Commission to present a semblance of free and fair election is just like the attempt to save the parlour when the entire house is under fire.

But the main question is why the Indian ruling class has been failing to retain even the mask, and even the semblance of a free and fair election cannot be maintained to hoodwink the people with the tall talk of democracy and individual liberty and their claim of a firm foundation on which parliamentary democracy in India has flourished. The reason lies in the grave crisis of the capitalist economy and this has its reflection in the parliamentary politics as well. Because of the abnormally low purchasing power of the Indian people in the home market and also stiff competition with powerful capitalist-imperialist countries in the overseas market, the Indian capitalist class is faced with acute crisis of market. In such a situation, the ruling class is trying to artificially stimulate the market with the military expenditure.

The people who are already bent low by heavy taxation are further taxed to foot the Bill for the military spending. How ruthlessly the ruling class is exploiting the people with a high dose of military expenditure is revealed in the Press report recently that apart from others only for meeting the cost of liquor for military the poor countrymen had to bear at least Rs. 200 crores in two years. And on the other hand to crush the people's movement against this onslaught of the ruling class, it is fostering and fomenting communal, parochial and casteist forces to keep the people embroiled in fratricidal strife and permanently perpetuate the divide between the people. The ruling class is after foisting a two-party parliamentary system in its class design of bringing about fascism by maintaining the parliamentary facade. A powerful industrial-bureaucratic-military complex has already developed and this complex is at the helm in deciding every affair of the state. But despite the the all-out attempt of this powerful industrial-bureaucratic-military complex, this aim of foisting a two-party system cannot be accomplished because of certain other factors which are working at crosspurpose as has already been shown by our party previously. The intense competition among the monopolists for capture of market and also for securing government subsidies and subventions, the contradiction between the monopolists and the regional capitalists, the role of the small production, the contradiction between the rural capitalists and the industrial capitalists and the personal greed for power of the individual leaders of the bourgeois parties—all these are working at crosspurpose for which it is not becoming possible even for the powerful industrial-bureaucratic-military complex to execute

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Comrade Nihar Mukherjee's Call

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tion of the communist ideology. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh emphasised time and again that this struggle to transform the personal life and habits and conduct in accordance with the ideology was the real struggle to acquire the communist character. Ultimately, success in this struggle decides the allround success of revolution. Hence the Marxist teaching that the workers who will change the world will have to change themselves first. Even a momentary lapse in this struggle may grow into an element of wavering in the future, all the present advances notwithstanding. This is the lesson the disastrous development in the Soviet Union leaves for us, that land of November Revolution, its architect, Great Lenin, and his continuator, Great Stalin. We must be able to learn from it.

We must not rest complacent, thinking we have in possession the great treasure of Shibdas Ghosh Thoughts. In no way must we neglect this struggle because, Shibdas Ghosh Thoughts are the fruits of the life struggle of Comrade Ghosh. Are we applying them in our life? We must ask ourselves this question. How far have we been able to transform ourselves? How far could the central, state and district leadership and the workers, supporters and sympathisers carry the thoughts to the masses? That is the test for us. We must not be content that we have learnt Marxism-Leninism; we must undertake the struggle to apply it constantly in life and transform ourselves. Remember, at the back of our wishes and consciousness, stealthy infiltration occurs of non-Marxist thoughts and ideas to pollute us. That may even pollute the leaders and cadres of the revolutionary party. So, the struggle must be ceaseless. If you relent, that will affect and lead to deviation in the end.

Conducting continuous cultural revolutions before and during the entire historical phase of socialism is an indispensable revolutionary task

You should, therefore, grasp these fundamentals in all aspects and engage yourselves, leaders to cadres all, in struggles covering every aspect—ideology, culture, tastes, ethics, habits and everything else. People would then see in you a transformed and nobler kind. It takes them time to grasp the theoretical points. But the more you will transform and the faster so, the more will that help the people realize the nobility of this ideology, one which is capable of leading to a great and beautiful life. Thus the ideological impact on the one hand and the illustrious lives of the leaders and cadres on the other, and organising the class and mass struggles side by side—the more living can you make these struggles and the deeper so, the more will you be able to attract the masses into

the fold of this revolutionary struggle, surmounting all difficulties. This is the way each of you should try to equip yourself with Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thoughts. That will also create the objective condition for the cultural revolution to be conducted in society as one conducive to the political revolution that follows. And these cultural revolutions have to be conducted continuously even after the socialist revolution till the emergence of the communist society.

Our tasks now

Remember here Stalin's teachings that it is impossible to put an end to capitalism without putting an end to social democracy both ideologically and organisationally. So, the task now is to defeat every form of revisionism and neo-revisionism, particularly the counterrevolutionary neo-revisionist blueprint. For, the emancipation of the downtrodden masses the only historical and scientific course before us is to wage an intense struggle against capitalism-imperialism-fascism on the one hand and neo-revisionism on the other. All the workers' and communist parties in different countries who are waging or are willing to wage struggle against capitalism-imperialism; particularly US

imperialism, and revisionism neo revisionism, particularly glasnost and perestroika, should now come together without loss of time. Immediately now should they come forward to build up an international forum to initiate a united struggle against capitalism-imperialism and neo-revisionism on the principle of 'unity-struggle-unity'. This movement, by maintaining close links and cooperation with the socialist countries and the revolutionary working class struggles and progressive democratic movements in the capitalist-imperialist countries, will pave the ground for development of a powerful, united, worldwide movement conducive to peace, freedom, democracy and socialism. This is the historical need of the present situation to keep aloft the banner of proletarian internationalism against the onslaughts of imperialism and neo-revisionism. For communists worth the name these are the real teachings today of November Revolution. Follow them in your life. Courageously accept the task which devolves upon you and step up the struggle. Be equipped with the Thoughts of Shibdas Ghosh and perform your revolutionary task.

Long Live Revolution!

Long Live Great November Revolution!

Long Live Marxism-Leninism-

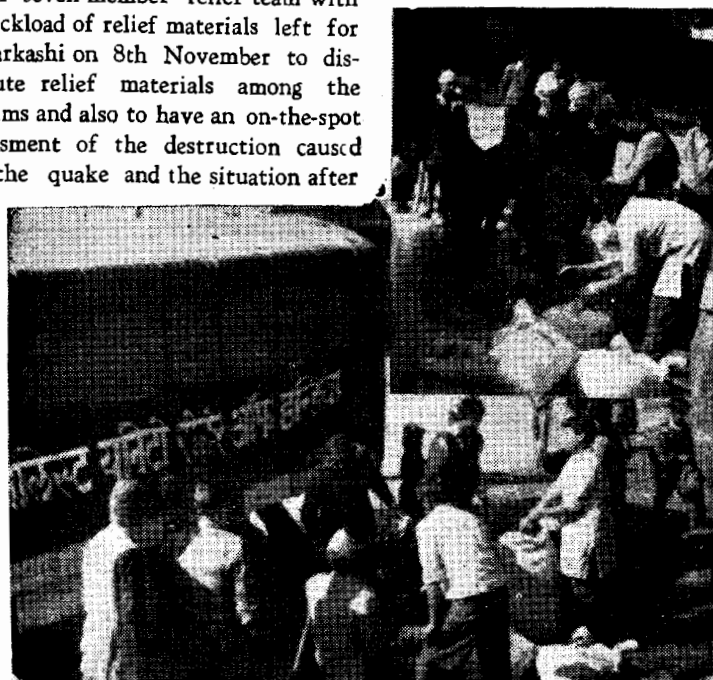
Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thoughts!

Relief work for Uttarkashi quake victims

The Delhi State Committee of the SUCI launched a week-long relief collection programme in Delhi and nearby areas of UP for the earthquake victims. A large quantity of rice, wheat, dal, medicine, blankets and clothings were collected by the party volunteers in Trinagar, Brij Vihar, Sahibabad and other areas.

A seven-member relief team with a truckload of relief materials left for Uttarkashi on 8th November to distribute relief materials among the victims and also to have an on-the-spot assessment of the destruction caused by the quake and the situation after

that. The team visited and distributed the materials in two of the most affected villages, Ganeshpur and Hinna, which had the death toll of 49 and 31 respectively apart from hundreds of injured. The victims related criminal negligence of the P. V. Narasimha Rao Government at the Centre and the Kalyan Singh government in the State to the SUCI comrades.



RECENT BY-POLLS

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its scheme by roping in all the bourgeois and social democratic parties serving the capitalist class interest. It is because of this situation, the talk of national government sometimes gains currency. People must remain alert against this danger.

Now a few words about the danger of communalism. It has already been pointed out how the ruling class is trying to foment and foster the forces of communalism, parochialism, casteism, etc., for disturbing the unity and harmony among the toiling people so that any united democratic mass movement cannot develop against the ruling class. Just before the byelections, the BJP revived the Mandir issue to gain maximum dividend in elections, the National Front consisting of the Janata Dal with its so-called Leftist allies raised the Mandal and Masjid issue. The BJP progressively gained in the last two general elections by raising the Mandir issue to a frenzied pitch before both the general elections. This time also the BJP adopted the same tactics of using the Mandir card and raising the same to frenzied pitch prior to the byelections. So it has once again been clear that to the BJP, the Mandir question is not due to its love for Rama or religion, the BJP is simply playing on the religious sentiment of the common men by using the Mandir card only to get dividend in the parliamentary politics. This communal politics of the BJP is creating the ground of minority communalism as a reaction. The interpretation of secularism by the BJP has absolutely no basis and is completely ahistoric. The Congress(I)'s interpretation of secularism is also against the real concept of secularism and this party which proclaims to fight the communal BJP, is itself guilty of practising out and out communal politics as has been many times shown by our party previously. It is no wonder that these bourgeois parties will not practise real secularism and will incite communalism to create division among people to serve the interest of the bourgeoisie. But the people expected that the parties like the CPI(M) and the CPI which claimed themselves to be Left and secular would create a countercurrent by practising real secularism. But it is regrettable that these parties pay only lip service to secularism and pamper to communal politics for a gain in the parliamentary politics.

On commenting on the byelections, a section of the bourgeois Press is trying to present the performance of the BJP government as an unblemished one. But one who knows the real state of affairs, is well aware how unblemished the BJP governments are! Even one minister of the UP government run by the BJP had to concede to the demand of instituting an

MOVEMENTS IN STATES**Anti-bus fare hike stir wins victory**

Unprecedented increase in bus fares was imposed on the people of Tamilnadu by the AIADMK Government headed by Ms. Jayalalitha from last October 26th. The increase rate in city buses is so high with a minimum of 20 paise to the maximum of one rupee per stage, while in mofussil buses by 2 paise per kilometre. The people of Tamilnadu never witnessed such high rise and it was unbelievable indeed. Condemning this highly anti-people measure of the State Government the Tamilnadu State Committee of SUCI called upon the people to come forward to build up mighty movement against the increase.

People's anger burst out into spontaneous movements in different parts of the state and particularly the student community came out of their institutions in protest against the bus fare hike. In Madras, Trichy, Madurai, Coimbatore, Tirunelveli and in such other cities students including those of schools took out processions in thousands. In many institutions AIDS0 took initiative to build up the students movement. The state

administration took stringent measures to curb the students movement and even permissions were refused to take out procession. In Madras and Madurai police resorted to severe lathicharge on the students.

But the big political parties in the state virtually kept mum. Even the so-called Left parties like CPI, CPI(M) did not come forward to involve all their forces into movement. Thus once again the people's movement could not get an organised and protracted form due to their virtual betrayal.

The movement spread widely to districts of Madras, Trichy, Madurai, Coimbatore, Tirunelveli, South Arcot and Sivakashi town.

Besides, propaganda works were carried out in Tirunelveli, Kanyakumari, Coimbatore districts. Subsequently the state government, fearing the people's wrath and also to cool down the people's rage, particularly of students, announced some reduction in increased fare. Once again this shows that the only path before the working people is the path of struggle which can ultimately guarantee the interest of the people.

enquiry on charges of misuse and misappropriation of funds raised for relief work for the recent earthquake victims. Just after tasting power the members of the BJP are fast getting entrenched in corruption.

As regards the CPI(M)-led Left Front Government this is to state that the discernible people know how this government takes recourse to silent rigging in a most efficient way. So the victory of the Left Front sponsored candidate from Purulia Parliamentary Constituency with such a big margin was almost a foregone conclusion.

The byelections again show pointedly that these parliamentary parties move with their narrow sectarian interest and they do not bother anything about the people's suffering. How long will the people remain silent spectators to these mischievous game of the bourgeois and petty bourgeois parties? People should remember that the burning problems in their life cannot be solved through elections and so it is hightime they came forward building up countrywide democratic mass movement against the antipeople policies of the Central and the State Governments. It should be remembered that democratic mass movement alone can show them the way-out to the solutions of the burning problems in their life.

Demonstration against rape of baby in AP

Condemning the barbarous incident of raping a six-year old baby of a grammar school by a sex maniac on 24th October last in broad daylight, the Hyderabad-Secunderabad city units of MSS and AIDS0 organised a protest rally with the students of different colleges of city which started from Mahaboobia College to Rajabhavan.

The participants demanded immediate, stringent punishment to the criminal who sexually assaulted the baby, and immediate ban of obscene films, posters, literature, video, blue films and drug and liquor—the factors behind such incidents. The procession culminated in submitting memorandums, one to the Honourable Governor and the other to the Commissioner of Police.

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