

A BARBAROUS ACT AGAINST HUMANITY

The so-called multinational forces headed by the US imperialists have unleashed a brutal war against Iraq and have been severely pounding that country with unprecedented ferocity. The US imperialists are using the most sophisticated weapons at their arsenal and the obvious purpose is complete destruction of Iraq. The civilian casualty is totally beyond imagination and children, women, the old and the infirm—in a word none has been spared from the brutal aerial bombing and missile attack. On the very first day of aggression 18,000 tons of bombs were dropped and the rate of bombing has been escalating since then. One shudders to think of the havoc caused to civilians by this most intense carpet bombing. The Western analysts estimate that the explosive power of the bombs dropped on the first day only was more than what happened in Hiroshima 46 years ago when the first atomic bomb was dropped there by the US imperialists. So the magnitude and intensity of destruction can best be imagined from this after so many days of brutal inhuman and barbaric bombing on Iraq.

It is clear that though the US imperialists are taking the plea of freeing Kuwait for unleashing such brutality, their intention is to establish total supremacy in West Asia for absolute control over oil. Mr. Major, the British Prime Minister, has already expressed that they would stay in Middle East even after the war.

This brutal, barbaric and inhuman war of

game. It is because of this position of the counter-revolutionary Gorbachev clique that the US imperialists were able to get their drafts passed as the UN resolutions and even acted beyond the UN resolutions as is clear from the statement of the Secretary General of the UNO that the bombing on Baghdad was not sanctioned by the UN resolution. It is the US imperialists who manipu-

played a positive role in restraining the moves of the imperialist powers. The UN resolution could not be implemented in case of Israel which repeatedly refused to obey the UN resolution on the withdrawal of the Israeli forces from occupied West Bank, Gaza Strip, Gelan Heights, Jerusalem and Lebanon as Israel

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has been backed by the US imperialists. So also South Africa flagrantly violated the UN resolution with the backing of the imperialist powers. Here we find a double standard being played by the powerful imperialist countries as suits their purpose.

The relation between Iraq and Kuwait was sour for some time past particularly after the end of the Iran-Iraq War. During the Iran-Iraq conflict, the

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aggression against Iraq has set shockwave throughout the world and the people of all the countries including the USA, Britain, France, Germany, Japan, Italy, Turkey and all the Arab countries are in convulsion and taking to the streets in condemnation of this brutal attack on Iraq. Even the Defence Minister of France resigned in protest against this aggressive design.

Yet the US imperialists have been able to unleash this brutal war of aggression by manipulating the UN because of total capitulation of the counter-revolutionary Gorbachev clique which not only helped in establishing the myth of the supremacy of the US imperialists but became an accomplice in their war

related the UN to get the resolution on the use of force for 'freeing' Kuwait passed in that body. Thus the UNO which was formed to ensure peace in the world has become instrumental in waging war at the instance of the US imperialists. The UN which has been formed to ensure peace can never be empowered to wage war under any circumstances. This is for the first time in history that such a barbaric military attack has taken place against a country on the plea of UN sanction even after economic embargo imposed by it. The imperialist powers have always attempted to use the UNO for their self interest; but the Socialist Camp which was in existence then and non-aligned countries

Iraqi economy was heavily subsidised by Gulf nations including Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. But after the war the subsidies ended, oil prices plummeted and Iraq was left struggling with 60 billion to 80 billion dollars in debt. Iraq, which heavily depended on import of food was facing difficulty in paying for the import bill. Iraq's complaint against Kuwait was that Kuwait had not been observing the norms of OPEC countries and extracting more oil than its OPEC quota to cushion themselves against lower oil prices at the dictate of US imperialists while Iraq and Palestinians fought and died for Arab cause. Moreover, the Kuwaiti oil exploration extended underground beyond the territorial limit of Kuwait

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Central Committee condemns refuelling to US Air Force in India

Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary, SUCI, has issued the following statement to the press on 29th January, 1991 :

We are shocked at the news of refuelling of US war planes in India.

While the peace loving people all over the world in lakhs have been raising their voice against US warmongers, including in the USA itself, the Government of India by helping the US war preparations thus has betrayed the democratic aspirations of the Indian people having a long and glorious tradition of anti-imperialist struggle.

Moreover, the Central Government has banned any demonstration in front of the US Embassy in the capital.

We unequivocally condemn this attitude and urge the people to develop mighty democratic movement to compel Indian Government to adopt positive anti-imperialist stand.

President's Rule in Tamil Nadu condemned

Expressing deep resentment at the dismissal of the DMK Government and promulgation of President's rule in Tamilnadu, Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary of the Socialist Unity Centre of India, in course of a statement stated that it was another instance of Chandra Sekhar Government's abject surrender to the Congress(I) for advancing its narrow partisan interests throwing to the winds all democratic norms and values. Condemning this arbitrary and highly undemocratic act of the Central Government, Comrade Mukherjee called upon all democratic minded people and the people of Tamilnadu in particular to raise their voice of protest against it.

and a huge quantity of oil at the underground reserve within Iraqi territory had been illegally extracted. Iraq demanded 30 billion dollars from Kuwait as compensation for illegal extraction and also for loss suffered by Iraq for exceeding the OPEC quota of extraction by Kuwait resulting in lower international price of the crude. On refusal by Kuwait Iraq simply

took over the country in a blitzkrieg. In this context it may be pointed out that Iraq has always been claiming that Kuwait was a part of Iraq in the past and even during the Ottoman Empire and only in 1921 the British imperialists carved out Kuwait from Basra district of Iraq in their divide and rule policy. So

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NATIONWIDE CONDEMNATION OF US ATTACK

BIHAR

PATNA 14. 1. 91 :

Led by the SUCI a fervent demonstration traversed the main thoroughfares of Patna city condemning severely the US-imposed war in the Middle East. At Patna Junction it turned into a rally, which was addressed by Comrade Shankar Singh, Member, Central Committee of the party. He demanded immediate withdrawal of the multinational forces, particularly the US forces from the Gulf region. He criticised the capitulationist role of the Gorbachev clique and urged that the Arab countries must sit together and solve the crisis.

Others who spoke were Comrade Rekha Singh, Secretary, State MSS and Comrade Bipin Mahato, Secretary, State AIDS.

WEST BENGAL

Calcutta, 31.1.91 :

Condemning the US aggression on Iraq and demanding withdrawal of so-called Allied forces from the Gulf, the people of West Bengal raised their voice of protest and staged several protest demonstrations in front of the US information service and US and British Embassy in Calcutta. The students and youths staged a protest demonstration under the auspices of DSO and DY0 on 14th January and on 16th the 13-party combine organised a protest march in front of the USIS and burnt an effigy of President Bush. On 17th January the party took out a demonstration and staged protest in front of the USIS and then US Embassy where the police severely lathicharged injuring several comrades including Comrade Sail Chakraborty, member, WB State Committee of the party, and arrested several comrades.

On 28th the 13-party combine again staged a protest in front of the

USIS and US and British Embassy attended by a few thousand people and decorated with the replica of the marauder US F15 aircraft and effigies of President Bush and UK Prime Minister Major and burnt them in presence of thousands of people.

On 30th January the MSS, Calcutta unit, staged a protest demonstration before US and UK Embassy attended by hundreds of women. The speakers there condemned the US and other imperialists for launching aggression on Iraq and at the same time condemned the role of the Central government headed by Chandra Shekhar in providing refuelling facilities to the US military aircraft in India.

In all the programmes the speakers condemned the USA and its allies and demanded immediate withdrawal from the Gulf and settle the matter through negotiation.

DELHI

NEW DELHI 17.1.91 :

Under the aegis of the Delhi State Committee of SUCI, a sit-in demonstration was staged in front of the American Centre at Connaught Place to protest against the US raid on Iraqi territory. The demonstrators demanded immediate withdrawal of all allied troops led by American warmongers from Iraq and peaceful settlement of the Kuwait issue. They shouted slogans like 'US imperialists Hands off Middle East', 'War—No; Peace—Yes', 'US Pirates Go Hell', 'No War For Oil' etc. The sit-in demonstration started at 12 noon and continued till 6 in the evening.

The Delhi unit of the party held a protest demonstration on 22nd January before the US Embassy against the war of aggression launched by the USA against Iraq. Hundreds of people carrying anti-war and anti-US placards, banners and

posters started off from Tin Murti Lawns towards the US Embassy in a procession. They raised slogans against US imperialism and for withdrawal of US and the so-called 'Coalition forces' from the Middle East to pave the way for a negotiated settlement of the Iraq-Kuwait problem by the Arab people themselves.

A copy of the memorandum was later handed over to the US Ambassador.

TAMIL NADU

MADRAS 18.1.91 :

Hundreds of people passing by the US Consulate in Madras on 18th January, witnessed a large demonstration, led by the Madras-Chingelpet District Committee of our party, raising slogans condemning the imperialist aggression against Iraq masterminded by the US imperialists.

The demonstrators demanded withdrawal of US and Allied troops from the Gulf, and a settlement to the Palestine and Kuwait problems through negotiations. The USA was criticised for bullying its way into the role of a policeman, and it was pointed out that the role of the USA in Latin America, its violation of the sovereignty of countries there hardly give any credence to its slogan of protecting the 'free world', when its intention was to somehow find a justification, however feeble, for its presence in the Middle East.

MADRAS 22.1.91 :

On behalf of the Madurai District Committee (Tamil Nadu) of the party a protest demonstration against the US attack on Iraq was conducted on 22nd January, 1991 before the Railway Junction, Madurai.

The speakers called upon the people to come forward to build up a militant peace movement against the war manoeuvre

of the imperialist camp headed by the USA. They also called upon the well-meaning people to expose the imperialist design of USA in the name of liberating Kuwait. With this call the demonstration ended. Comrade Anandhan and Comrade Palanisamy, Secretary, Madurai City Committee were among those who spoke.

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BHUBANESWAR
25.1.91 :

Against the wanton aggression and indiscriminate bombing on Iraq by US and its allies a 5000-strong demonstration organised by SUCI, Orissa State Committee, marched through the streets of the Temple City today

carrying posters and chanting "No War—We Want Peace", "US Imperialism—Hands off the Gulf" and other anti-war slogans.

The demonstration was led by Comrades Mayadhar Nayak, Raghu Nath Das, Devendra Sahoo, Jagabandhu Boral, Uddhab Jena and Balaram Sahoo — all State Committee members.

The police stopped the march at the A. G. Square. A five-member delegation placed a Memorandum to the Governor, Orissa, addressed to the President of India.

A meeting was held at the spot where the memorandum was read out and an effigy of US President Bush was burnt.

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Sukinda Miners' Conference Held with Enthusiasm

SUKINDA 15.1.91 :

The 13th Annual Conference of Sukinda Upatyaka Mines Workers' Union was held here from 9th to 11th January last in which Comrade Tapas Dutta, the President of the union and General Secretary, UTUC(LS) addressed as the main speaker and Comrade Mayadhar Nayak, the General Secretary of the union presided. More than two thousand delegates from different mines of Sukinda attended the conference along with fifteen hundred fraternal delegates from AIKKMS, MSS, DSO and DY0.

Inaugurating the conference Comrade Tapas Dutta called upon the workers to remain prepared for greater sacrifice to build up and protect their union. He said along with their struggle for

improving living conditions the workers must develop their political consciousness and participate in the revolutionary movements shoulder to shoulder with other sections of the toiling people for the establishment of socialism by breaking the exploitative capitalist system, the source of all evils.

SCHOOL OF POLITICS

A School of Politics organised on the occasion on 10th and 11th was conducted by Comrade Dutta. Comrade Bishnu Das and Comrade Bijoy Sahoo, state party leaders, attended as guests. An Executive Body of the union was elected unanimously.

The conference began with the song 'The Great Leader' and ended with 'The Internationale'

MOVEMENTS IN STATES

KARNATAKA

Thousands of youth rally demanding employment

Demanding of the State and Central governments to fill up vacant posts in government departments; to incorporate right to work as fundamental right in the Constitution; open immediately Vijaynagar Steel Plant & Mangalore Oil Refinery; provide employment for all, pending which adequate unemployment allowance, etc., as immediate measures to solve severe unemployment problem, the Karnataka State Unit of the AIDYO had organised a massive 'Vidhana Soudha Chalo' programme on 28.12.90. More than 10,000 youths both urban and rural, from several districts of Karnataka spiritedly marched from Malleswaram Playground to Vidhana Soudha in a procession holding placards and shouting slogans. Thousands of students and youth from different colleges, localities in the Bangalore city came in procession to the Malleswaram ground to join the main procession.

As soon as the procession reached Cubbon Park, a public meeting was held. Addressing the mammoth rally Comrade K. Radhakrishna, State Secretary of SUCI, the main speaker, called upon the youth to wage a re-

lentless battle against both the State and Central governments demanding of them to solve the problem of unemployment.

The main resolution demanding of the governments to solve the unemployment problem was moved by Comrade Surendra Babu, member, State Unit of AIDYO and was seconded by Comrade Bhaskar, Vice-President of AIDYO, Bangalore District Committee. The resolution was unanimously passed.

Comrade B. R. Aparna who presided over the meeting demanded that at least one labour intensive industry be opened in every district and computerisation which is killing job opportunities in this system be stopped. Comrade H. B. Chandanekar of Gulbarga demanded that the Health and Education services shall be extended to create more jobs and to serve the people. Comrade Ramjanappa of Bellary demanded in his speech that Vijaynagar Steel Plant be started at the earliest. Comrade Raju of Raichur stressed the need to make 'right to employment' a fundamental right. Comrade G. K. Ravi of Tumkur called upon one and all to fight to ensure that all daily-

wage workers, contract teachers etc., be regularised by the state government. Comrade Sandeep of Mysore urged the state and central governments to fill up all existing vacancies.

Later a memorandum addressed to the Prime Minister was submitted through the Governor and the Chief Minister's office.

DOWRY DEATH : Women & youths rise in protest

On 9th January 1991, the students' community of Bangalore exploded in a mighty protest against the ghastly murder on 12 December last of a young lady Geetha by her dowry greedy husband. The murderer has been absconding since then. The delay of the administration to arrest the culprit enraged the people. Girl students in thousands upon thousands as also boy students and common people converged at Cubbon Park, the venue of the protest meeting. The protest movement was given an organised shape by the AIDS0, AIDYO and MSS.

Among the speakers were Com. K. Uma, state

secretary, AIDS0, Com. Surendra Babu, State Committee member, AIDYO, Mr. Hanumantha Raya, a leading advocate, Com. Jayalakshmi H. G. Treasurer, MSS, Com. Sheela S. Rao, State Secretary, MSS read the memorandum. The parents of the victim were also present as speakers. Com. M. Umadevi, Secretary, Stu-

dents' Association of Maharani's College, where the victim had studied, presided over the meeting. Everybody condemned government's criminal collusion in apprehending the murderer and demanded his immediate arrest. They also pledged to spread further the movement to stop any more dowry death.

TAMIL NADU

Anti-Price Hike Demonstration In Madras

The Madras-Chinglepet District Committee of the Socialist Unity Centre of India today led a well-attended demonstration to protest against the recent price-hikes throughout the country.

Comrade S. Narayanasamy, member, Tamilnadu State Committee, SUCI and Secretary, Madras-Chinglepet District, pointed out how the prices of all essential commodities had been raised steeply and had gone beyond the reach of even the middle class. He

said that the Indian capitalist class had unleashed the most barbarous fiscal attack on the common people on the plea of gulf crisis and was passing the heavy burden of its crisis on to the shoulders of the common people to safeguard the super profits of the capitalist class.

He demanded the rulers to take measures on war footing to control the prices of essential commodities and to reduce the prices of petroleum products drastically.

ORISSA

Glorious Victory By Sukinda Workers

SUKINDA 2.191 :

A move by the authorities of Bannipal Charge Chrome Plant in Keonjhar District, a public undertaking of Industrial Development Corporation, Orissa, to lay-off virtually all the 1500 employees from 1st January was foiled by the concerted move of the workers under the leadership of Bannipal Charge Chrome Project Workers Union affiliated to UTUC (Lenin Sarani).

Corruption and wastage were, deliberately given a freehand by the vested interests in management and some ministers of Orissa Government who had been conspiring to sell the unit to some private company cheaply.

As soon as the lay-off notice was served the union submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister of India, state Chief Minister, Labour Minister, Industry Minister, and the Labour Commissioner underlining the real situation created by the vested interests. A massive protest meeting was held on 21st December before the Bannipal Plant where Comrade Mayadhar Nayak, the president of the union, Comrade Devendra Sahu, General Secretary, and Comrade Balaram Sahu, Secretary, All India KKMS, Orissa State Council, spoke criticising the anti-worker move and conspiracy of the vested interests and the government. A resolution was passed in

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A section of the vast gathering of youths at Cubbon Park, Bangalore, on 28th December last.

US imperialism wants domination over oil-rich Middle East & the World

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as a result of British conspiracy Kuwait in 1961 became a sovereign state as an Emirate. Iraq has emerged as a capitalist state with the aspirant national bourgeoisie of Iraq in the state power. The existing political reality is the existence of the sovereign state of Kuwait at the present time and so the dispute between the two countries should be resolved through negotiations. The takeover of Kuwait by Iraq is no doubt condemnable although thousand times more condemnable is the occupation of West Bank, Gaza Strip, Golan Heights, Jerusalem and Lebanon by Israel. As a matter of fact to ensure peace in the Middle East all the long outstanding problems including the Palestinian question, Israeli occupation etc as well as the present Kuwait-Iraq dispute must be resolved not militarily but through peaceful political negotiation among the Arab states without any intervention by the imperialists, particularly the U.S.

The demand for withdrawal of Iraqi forces only from Kuwait at the present moment will not ensure peace in the Middle East. Peace can be ensured only when the entire gamut of geopolitical questions of West Asia is solved through negotiations.

But what prompted the US imperialists to give this purely regional conflict a global dimension? It is however known to all that the US imperialists need no pretext for naked aggression and gangster activities against other countries. Taking advantage of the present disarray in world communist movement the US imperialists, the leader of the imperialist camp and the gravest enemy of mankind, have been pursuing a policy of naked aggression against small countries like Nicaragua, Grenada, Panama etc. and providing patronage

and assistance to the Zionist Israel to continue its savage onslaughts on the Middle East and particularly against the PLO. The US imperialists have been attempting to create partial and local wars and war tension throughout the world. They along with the British imperialists have been indirectly patronising the racist South African regime practising apartheid. The US imperialists have been arming the NATO countries to the teeth with the most sophisticated nuclear bombs and missiles and threatening with the massive preparation of Star Wars. The track record of the US imperialists in Korea, Vietnam and Libya would indelibly be written in black in the history of mankind. So it is no wonder that the US imperialists will lose no opportunity to wage a war of aggression against any country for their interest without any pretext whatsoever. But Saddam provided them a pretext in this respect by his wrong done against Kuwait. The US imperialists swiftly moved to the Gulf region unilaterally to take full advantage of the wrong of Saddam. Washington waged both military and diplomatic manoeuvre so as to ensure the sealing of all possibilities of peace and whipped up war hysteria in such a way that the outbreak of war cannot in any way be avoided. Immediately after the Iraqi takeover of Kuwait the US imperialists froze Iraqi and Kuwaiti assets in the US and prevailed upon other countries including Britain, France and Japan to do likewise. The US imperialists unleashed this war of aggression against Iraq and has given it a global dimension with the aim of warding off the threat of Saddam against Israel, ensuring control over the crude in the Middle East and thus maintaining their supremacy over other countries after the

post-cold war situation, ensuring the NATO revival, attempting to get rid of the serious recession in the US economy through increased production of armaments and reviving their military supremacy the myth of which was exploded during Vietnam war.

The Middle East politics has been revolving round the question of the control on the oil reserve. The US imperialists have been maintaining their control in West Asia in collusion with Israel. During the period when the Soviet revisionists were pursuing a hegemonistic policy with contention and collusion with the US imperialists the sphere of influence was demarcated in the understanding between the superpowers. But the Soviet Union could not continue this hegemonistic policy for its present political position and also because of economic compulsion. The US imperialists have been trying to fill in the vacuum of the Soviet Union. But the regional powers of the Middle East, which are not lackeys of the US imperialists are the main hurdles in achieving their objective of full control over the Middle East oil. Iran under Khomeini, the fundamentalist leader, was posing a threat to the US interest in West Asia. So the US imperialists backed Iraq in the Iraq-Iran war to clip off the wings of the fundamentalist rulers of Iran. But after the end of the Iraq-Iran War, Iraq emerged as the most powerful military power of the region, posing a potential threat to Israel and the US oil interest in the Middle East. The United States has vast oil resources of its own but it is preserving the same and exploiting the Middle East oil. The US imperialists are aware that during the post-cold war period the control over oil of the Middle

East will ensure the supremacy of the US imperialists vis-a-vis the other giant economic competitors. So in order to ensure the supremacy in this post-cold war world situation Iraq has got to be contained with its military machine destroyed.

Secondly, the spectre of a depression is haunting the US imperialists. The US economy is already in a recession and there is growing unemployment within the country. All key economic indicators in the USA including employment, manufacturing, sales and real personal income are down. It is forecast that economic slowdown elsewhere in the world and especially in Europe will make the US economic situation still more vulnerable. There is a severe demand recession in the international arms market and the Pentagon, overwhelmed with massive arms stockpile is not in a position to meet the appetite of the USA's order hungry defence industry. The once mighty dollar hit a record low against some major currencies.

Moreover, the Gulf war has provided the US imperialists with an opportunity of presenting a justification for not only continuation but even strengthening of the NATO. It is to be remembered that any sort of reduction in military spending will bring disaster to the US economy, an industrial-military complex, particularly during the present period of acute recession. So all these are the reasons for which the US imperialists have unleashed this war of aggression.

But before unleashing this military onslaught against Iraq the Bush Administration had to do a lot of homework in diplomatic front to rope in the support of his Western allies, Arab League and even of Japan. And it has been mentioned before that the key to Bush's unprecedented freedom of manoeuvre is the abject surrender of the counter-revolutionary Gorbachev clique to the US imperialists.

After the takeover of Kuwait by Iraq, the US imperialists militarily moved their armed forces to Saudi Arabia with the ostensible plea of defending Saudi Arabia from possible Iraqi attack even when there was no such threat. But Saudi Arabia had to be cajoled to agree to allowing the US troops in its soil by breaking the taboo against colluding openly with Israel's mentor. But the credibility of the US efforts "to assure the survival and success of liberty" is at a low ebb not only before the world people but even before the American people who refuse to shed blood for oil and to make the world safe for the monarchies. So the Bush Administration jumped for the diplomatic manoeuvring through the UNO and also outside the UNO so as to give an impression that all possible steps had been taken for a peaceful solution to the Gulf crisis. At the behest and engineering of the US imperialists a resolution for a tough economic sanction was adopted at the UNO with Cuba and Yemen opposing the move and China abstaining. The Bush Administration unilaterally moved to implement this sanction against Iraq by deploying the US Navy though the UNO had not given any sanction to the US to do so. President Bush then manipulated to drive a wedge among the nations of the Arab League and the 21-member Arab League was divided by 12 to 9. The 12 nations of the Arab League endorsed the despatch of Arab troops to Saudi Arabia for its defence. This worked as a great advantage to the US imperialists as this would go to show to the Arab people that the war was not between the western imperialists and the Arab nations.

But the biggest hurdle before the Bush Administration had been to holding together its Western allies and Japan to present a united face as a token of global approval. The fumbling of Japan

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Capitulationist Gorbachev helped Bush mount criminal assault on Iraq

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and Germany from the very beginning was a great discomfiture to the US imperialists and Bush burst forth in anger and accused Bonn and Tokyo of 'contemptible tokenism'.

The attempt to invoke Constitution for not agreeing to the despatch of troops to foreign land by Germany and Japan was strongly resented by the White House. The US imperialists resorted to severe arm-twisting of Japan and threatened to pull the US troops from Japan if the full cost of basing the American troops there was not paid, by introducing and passing a Bill at the House. Tokyo, however, swiftly responded to this threat and substantially increased its contribution to the Gulf War efforts.

But what is most irritating to the US imperialists was the murmur of French dissent and this was most obnoxious to them after the complete secret understanding with Gorbachev at the Helsinki Summit. The statement by the French Defence Minister that the military buildup had limited the possibility of a peaceful solution was considered by the US imperialists as stabbing in the back. A French spokesman asserted that France should "not have to play deputy Sheriff" to the US and the war would hurt French interests and the Islamic World would never forgive the West after the war. France had been consistently rubbing up the Anglo-American backbone not only by repeatedly floating various unilateral peace proposals but even by doing so upto the last moment of the UN imposed deadline.

Even Italy backed up its endorsement of the war effort of the US imperialists with a token force while the official Italian spokesman expressed concern that the military buildup foreclosed the possibility of talks and made an armed conflict inevitable.

The countries of Arab League have categorically taken the stand that their troops are in Saudi Arabia for the defence of that country and they will never participate in attacking Iraq, a brother Muslim country. Similar is the stand of Pakistan. France's stand before the war started was that there was no sanction of the UNO to attack Iraq and its military activity would be limited only for freeing Kuwait from Iraq.

So it is clear that the conflict of interest within the imperialist camp was there but the US imperialists have been able to rope in all of them before attacking Iraq. Moreover, the US imperialists have reportedly bribed heavily some of the Arab governments for supporting the US-initiated war efforts. Again, the US imperialists are taking pains to keep Israel away from the war by heavily bribing that government so as to keep the US-led allied forces intact. The US imperialists are aware that if Israel is drawn in this war the Arab countries of the front will be compelled by popular pressure to switch over sides and the present war will turn into an Arab-Israeli strife, much to the discomfiture of the US imperialists. In such an eventuality the surge of pan-Arabism cannot be contained by any force and the control of the US imperialists over the Middle East will be permanently lost.

This war once more shows that the teaching of Lenin that imperialism generates war in the era of imperialism and proletarian revolution is very much valid even today. The trash that capitalism-imperialism has changed character in the changed situation with rapid technological development and that it has peaceable intention, as dished out by Gorbachev & Co, has been proved to be utterly wrong.

The role of the counter-revolutionary Gorbachev clique in the

present Gulf crisis is quite ignoble. It not only did oppose the US Imperialists in their war of aggression but it has become an accomplice in the war effort of the imperialist powers. We saw in the mid-fifties how one single Soviet ultimatum stopped the war in Middle East with in a few hours! But at present this Gorbachev clique has totally capitulated to the US imperialists. It not only failed to veto the UN resolution authorising the use of force against Iraq after the deadline of January 15, but actually voted for the resolution and pledged to the US imperialists positive help in their war effort too. This was simply unthinkable even a few days ago. The policy pursued by Gorbachev has given a long handle to the imperialists and despite such contradictions existing between the US imperialists and other imperialist and Arab countries, the US imperialists, the leader of the capitalist imperialist

counter-revolutionary Gorbachev clique. But the people have expectations about China which did not live upto the expectation of the people. Had China played a proper role the US imperialists would not have been able to precipitate their action to this extent. Even now China can initiate political and diplomatic moves with the demand for immediate and total withdrawal of the US and other forces from the Middle East and an amicable and political solution to the Kuwaiti and Palestinian questions.

The naked pro-US imperialist role of the India government is quite outrageous and an affront to the glorious anti-imperialist tradition of the Indian people. In allowing refuelling facilities to the Gulf-bound US military planes and banning demonstrations before the US embassy in New Delhi the India government has shamelessly involved itself in the war effort of the US imperialists. The apparent neutral posture of India government has been nakedly exposed. This

tries through diplomatic moves so as to ensure the immediate withdrawal of the troops of the US and its allies from the war-front of the Middle East. The problems of the Middle East have to be resolved politically and not militarily. Only after the withdrawal of the troops of the US and its allies, necessary condition will be created for a political solution to all the problems including the longstanding Palestinian question, Israeli occupation, Iraq-Kuwait dispute etc. through negotiations among the Arab states within the framework of Arab unity without any imperialist and particularly the US imperialist influence.

The only silverlining in this war is the mighty peace movement launched by lakhs of people throughout the world. People are coming out in lakhs in different countries including the USA, with the demand for immediate withdrawal of troops from the Middle East and establishment of peace there. It is to be noted that the mightiest imperialist country of the world has waged this war of aggre-

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camp are able to rope in all these countries in their war design because of the contemptible role of the Gorbachev clique which has been acting hand in glove with the US imperialists.

We like to draw the attention of all whether they support communism or not to note that the Soviet Union and the socialist camp acted till the other day as a deterrent to the war design of the imperialists and so they stood as the bulwark of world peace. But this role is now absent. And so what a catastrophe has befallen the civilisation and mankind which is exposed to the war design of imperialism-capitalism virtually without any force to restrain them. Of course no one should have any illusion about the

reactionary government which has thrown the people to the mercy of the blackmarketeers, profiteers and hoarders who are out to fleece the people, taking advantage of this war, must be compelled to change its out and out anti-people and naked pro-US imperialist role through pressure of movement.

It should be remembered that these countries which pursued pro-US imperialist foreign policy had to face grave threat to the freedom, security and sovereignty of these countries from the US imperialists. So the people must come out in millions to exert pressure on India government for not only changing this naked pro-US foreign policy but also to force it to take positive initiative among the NAM coun-

tries against a developing third world country. It must be remembered that today the US imperialists pose the gravest threat to mankind and civilisation and if the US imperialists cannot be contained in this Gulf war, mankind and civilisation would be exposed to the gravest threat of the US imperialist gangsters with much wider and newer dimension. So in order to counter this imminent danger looming large over mankind and civilisation it is incumbent on the peace-loving people all over the world to mount pressure by launching powerful militant peace movement against the US imperialists, the main enemy of mankind so that they are compelled to withdraw the troops from the Gulf immediately.

ASSAM STATE COMMITTEE On Recent Political Situation In State

3.1.91 : On the first day of its two-day session the Assam State Committee of the SUCI which met on 2nd and 3rd January, 1991, under the conduction of Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya, an eminent public leader and member, Central Committee of the party, reviewed the latest political situation of the state and issued the following statement today to the Press :

This meeting of the Assam State Committee of the SUCI notes with grave concern that the already difficult political situation of the state has become all the more complicated instead of being eased and improved with various apprehensions created in public mind after the promulgation of the President's rule and imposition of the Disturbed Areas Act and the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act. During the last 10 years, divisive mentality has gradually assumed serious dimensions in the state ; the people of the state have been divided into mutually contradictory warring camps on the question of language, religion and ethnic issues and although various new phenomena have taken place, new trends have appeared in the realm of thoughts, the divisive process has, instead of being retarded, been intensified all the more. In spite of the repeated assurances from the Governor and his advisers regarding restraining the activities of the armed forces after the declaration of the President's Rule, a feeling of fear, apprehension and terror is being created among the people, serious allegations of atrocities on women are being raised on the one hand ; on the other hand, a large section of the people of the state have not only failed to grasp the far-reaching consequences and the harmful aspects of the promulgation of President's Rule and the activities of the armed forces, but many of them are even supporting these for lack of proper political wisdom and prevalence of the thoughts and ideas arising out of the bitter experiences of the Assam agitation.

It is needless to say that in the stifling situation that has been created as a result of the rule and exploitation of the capitalist class, the firm unity of the people cemented on the basis of correct theory and ideology is the only pre-condition to get even a minimum relief in this situation. But the State Committee has observed with a deep sense of regret and anguish that this very truth is not being considered in right earnest ; rather instead of strengthening the bond of unity of the oppressed people, separatist ideas and ethnic considerations have been given preference to for all practical purposes.

Explaining the paramount importance of the unity of all sections of the people, the state committee firmly believes that even if any dedicated individual or a particular group of individuals ventures any courageous effort in the interest of the oppressed people of the society before arriving at unanimity with all sections of the concerned people through intensive dialogue and discussions on matters of principle, ideology, programme and objective, it is bound to face failure in the face of counter-attack. Recent movements in our country and abroad, even the happenings of North-Eastern India amply prove the truth that it will finally end in a fiasco even after the sacrifice of hundreds and thousands of valuable lives. Realising the urgent necessity of building up united mass movements for the complete withdrawal of President's Rule and military activities and restoration of democratic environment, the State Committee draws the attention of the struggling peo-

ple to the question of inevitability of forging the conscious unity of all sections of the people. Pointing to the ceaseless efforts of the capitalist class to engage the people in clashes against the people the State Committee calls upon all those individuals and organisations who are struggling for the interest of the oppressed people and want to reiterate that plunging untimely into a difficult struggle with inadequate preparation would mean sheer bloodshed and unnecessary wastage of fighting energy which should be avoided by all genuine revolutionary forces. The State Committee notes with a deep sense of pain that at a time when capitalism is being consolidated more and more everyday, the problems of life are being continuously aggravated everyday in all the states of the country because of the exploitative rule of capitalism and the life of the people is becoming unbearable and under these stifling circumstances when the importance of united movement of the people of all the states is being felt more urgently, at such a moment, in the absence of organised movement built up on the correct political line of anti-capitalist Socialist Revolution, communal, divisive and secessionist forces are rearing their ugly heads in different parts of the country, efforts for solving the problems of public life along separatist paths have become prominent ; whereas the remarkable teaching of the revolutionary movements of the world is that separatism and secessionism do not only work as a hindrance to the liberation movements of the oppressed classes, they also displace the oppressed people from the firm orbit of their unity, weaken their movements from within and bring these into blind alleys, the loss of life by thousands of honest and dedicated youths and students cannot check this catastrophic consequence. The State Committee of our party, therefore, calls upon all the patriotic,

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COMRADE GIAP HERO OF VIETNAM WAR ACCORDED RECEPTION

(On behalf of Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary, SUCI, Comrade Anil Sen, Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta and Comrade Pravash Ghosh, all members of the Central Committee of the party along with Comrade Debaprasad Sarkar, MLA on 16th January last at Great Eastern Hotel, Calcutta, presented this Address of Honour to Comrade Vo Ngyuen Giap, hero of anti-imperialist resistance struggle of Vietnam. Below is the text of the address :)

Your visit to India on the occasion of the unveiling of a statue of Comrade Ho Chi Minh in this year of the birth centenary celebrations of this departed great luminary of the world communist movement fills the hearts of the Indian people with joy and a sense of honour as they recall with pride the extraordinary valour and revolutionary military genius with which you conducted battles under the leadership of Great Ho Chi Minh against the US imperialist aggression of Vietnam. The Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Centre of India (SUCI), while it pays its revolutionary homage to the memory of Comrade Ho Chi Minh who successfully combined patriotism with proletarian internationalism, conveys through you its deep respects for the Communist Party and the heroic people of Vietnam.

The saga of Vietnamese people's liberation struggle has ever been a source of inspiration to the Indian people and the memory of Comrade Ho Chi Minh is enshrined in their hearts as epitome of independence, socialism and progress. This occasion brings the people of Vietnam and India closer together to fortify the fraternity and solidarity each cherishes for the other.

At this hour, when the international communist movement has suffered a setback, although temporarily, at the degeneration of the east European socialist states and of the Soviet state itself into capitalist states and the imperialist powers, headed by the US imperialist gangsters, have seized the opportunity to mount fresh onslaughts on socialism and renew war machinations on the peoples of the world, the communists of all countries should step ahead and fight shoulder to shoulder against modern revisionism in general and glasnost and perestroika, the counter-revolutionary design, in particular and against the imperialist war machinations, particularly the US imperialist bid to assert supremacy and hold out threats of war.

The Central Committee of the SUCI is confident that the Communist Party of Vietnam, in carrying forward the legacy of its departed leader, Comrade Ho Chi Minh, will not waver in holding aloft the revolutionary kernel of Marxism-Leninism and the noble banner of communism and proletarian internationalism and will take concrete steps to unite all forces that can be united in the two-fold struggle against imperialism on the one hand and modern revisionism on the other. The Central Committee pledges to fulfil the role of the SUCI in this task, as it ever has tried to.

Carry Forward the Revolutionary Heritage of Comrade Ho Chi Minh.

Uphold the Noble Banner of Communism and Proletarian Internationalism.

Long Live Revolution

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MOVEMENTS IN STATES

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KORAPUT KKMS

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BAIPARIGUDA
(KORAPUT) 9.1.91:

The All India Krishak O Khet Mazdoor Sangathan (AIKKMS) held a massive demonstration at Baipariguda block. A colourful procession of more than 1000 people marched through the main streets of the town demanding checking price rise, supply of essential commodities at cheaper rate, punishment to black-marketeters and hoarders, job guarantee to the agricultural workers round the year, compensation due to manmade flood

ORISSA MSS

Demonstration Against Dowry Atrocities on Women

A demonstration, organised by the MSS, Orissa State Committee, of about 1000 women, who came from all over the state was staged before Raj Bhawan, Bhubaneswar on 28th January against atrocities on women, dowry system and cultural decadence. Com. Binapani Das, President and Com. Lily Das, Secretary, MSS, Orissa State Committee led the demonstration and handed over a memorandum to the representative of the Governor.

In the afternoon a convention chaired by Com. Binapani Das was held in the Sochana Bhawan. Com. Lily Das explained the aim and objective of the MSS. The convention unanimously passed a resolution to immediately end the Gulf War.

January if the lay-off notice was not withdrawn.

Observing the strong protest and determination of the workers the authorities had to relent and the lay-off notice was withdrawn.

and pest infection etc. The procession was led by Comrades Balaram Naik, Gupta Kichei, D. Majhi and S. N. Bisoi.

The BDO came out from his office and received the 15-point charter of demand. Then a meeting was held before the block office gate. Comrade Sadasiva Das, district organiser, SUCI, Koraput, addressed the gathering. He called upon the peasants to develop mighty mass movements to compel the government to meet the demands.

Another resolution urging the government to take over the management of Malini Devi College for women with immediate effect was also passed.

The main speaker Com. Pratiya Mukherjee, all India leader of the MSS, said that the movement for emancipation of women was inseparably linked with the anti-capitalist socialist revolution. Ms. Arzunima Patnaik and Ms. Bina Kumarj Patnaik, both members of the faculty of Nalini Devi College for Women also addressed the convention.

Eminent freedom fighter and social worker Smt. Malati Chowdhury, who could not attend the convention due to old age and illness sent a message wishing success of the convention.

NEW DELHI

Demonstration by Party & MSS demanding Scrapping of enhanced price of milk

The Delhi State Organising Committee of the SUCI held a day-long Dharna on 17th December, 1990, before the Ministry of Agriculture against the hike in the prices of milk, effective from the 14th of the month. Hundreds of people joined the protesters in expressing their anguish against this anti-people decision of the government which is designed to snatch away the only available cheap nutrient from the half-fed, half-starved children of Delhi.

In the speech made by the leaders of the Delhi State Organising Committee, it was pointed out that the minority JD (S) government backed by the Congress(I) was taking advantage of the

division among the people on caste, communal and religious lines to push forth their anti-people measures.

Later a Memorandum was handed over to the Minister of Agriculture demanding immediate withdrawal of the increased prices of milk by the DMS and Mother Dairy.

The Delhi branch of the All India Mahila Sanskritik Sangathan held a day-long protest dharna on 31st December, 1990 before the Ministry of Agriculture against the hike in the prices of the milk made effective from the 14th December. Hundreds of women with children braving the cold winds expressed their anguish against this anti-

people decision of the government which is designed to snatch away the cheapest available nutrient from the poor children of Delhi.

During the Dharna state leaders of the AI-MSS, Ms Usha Singh, Ms Prakash Devi and others, stated that the minority JD(S) government, backed by the discredited Congress(I) have no moral right to raise the prices of milk which, they stressed, should be made available to all the poor people of Delhi at subsidised rates. It was also pointed out that the minority government was taking advantage of the division among the people on caste, communal and religious lines to push forth their anti-people measures.

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Demonstration in front of Ministry of Agriculture, New Delhi.

ANDRHA PRADESH

Convention to promote Communal Harmony

The Andhra Pradesh unit of the party took up various programmes to resist communal riots and to promote communal harmony among the people. For this purpose a committee named 'Secularism Parirakshana Committee' with a powerful executive committee was formed in November with the secular and democratic persons of eminence in different field of activity.

Under the auspices of this committee a pub-

lic meeting was held on 4th December'90 at Krishnakala Mandir presided over by Prof K. Venkatarreddy of Sri Krishna Devaraya University. Among those who addressed the meeting were V. K. Adinarayana Reddy, CPI state secretary-member, Govinda Rajulu, Dist. president, Janata Dal, Obula Kondareddy, CPI(M) dist. secy, Comrade B. S. Amarnath, SUCI dist secy, K. M. Saifulla, president, town unit, Telugu

Desam and Kashi Pathi, journalist.

HUMAN CHAIN

To attract peoples' attention to the ghastly murder of people in communal riots in Hyderabad and elsewhere in the country thousands of people, mostly students including two thousand girls, formed a 3 Km long human chain in the city of Hyderabad on 14th December. All the committee members took initiative and as a result the programme could evoke such a response among the people, particularly those related with education.

67th Death Anniversary Comrade Lenin Remembered

NEW DELHI

A public meeting was held on 21st January at the Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi under the auspices of the Delhi State Organising Committee of the Socialist Unity Centre of India to commemorate the 67th death anniversary of Comrade V. I. Lenin, the great leader of the World Proletariat. Speaking on the occasion Comrade Ashutosh Banerjee, Member of the Central Committee of the party, stated, among other things, that the consequence of deviation from the Lenin's teachings by Gorbachev is the disintegration and erosion of the Socialist World System. As the Socialist World System

was Comrade Pravash against the imperialist war efforts, its erosion has emboldened the imperialists, particularly the US imperialists, to launch war uninhibited in the Middle East. The only solution, he said, against this imperialist war lies in the cultivation afresh of Lenin's teachings.

Mr. Anil Nauriya, Advocate, Supreme Court, who also spoke on the occasion, threw light on various aspects of Comrade Lenin's life.

The meeting, which was attended by hundreds of people, was presided over by Comrade J. Sinha, Member, Delhi State Organising Committee.

CALCUTTA

The 67th death anniversary of Comrade Lenin, the great teacher, was observed by the West Bengal State Committee of the party in Calcutta on 21st January. In the morning at the foot of the statue of Lenin at Esplanade a brief observance was held and wreaths were placed at the statue of Lenin by Comrade Anil Sen on behalf of the Central Committee of the party, Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta on behalf of Central Editorial Board, Comrade Pravash Ghosh on behalf of the West Bengal State Committee and Comrade Manik Mukherjee on behalf of the Calcutta District Committee of the party. Wreaths were placed on behalf of mass organisations by Comrade Prativa Mukherjee for AIMSS, Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee for AIDYO, Comrade Gayatri Dasgupta for WBMSS and Comrade Santu Gupta for AIDS0.

In the evening a mass meeting was held at Calcutta University Institute Hall presided over by Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta, member, Central Committee of the party. The main speaker

was Comrade Pravash Ghosh, Secretary, WB State Committee and member, Central Committee of the party. Before the meeting started a resolution condemning the US aggression on Iraq was moved by Comrade Manik Mukherjee and seconded by Comrade Gopal Kundu, both members of the West Bengal State Secretariat of the party.

Comrade Pravash Ghosh in his speech said that in the annals of human civilisation Lenin would be remembered as the greatest among the revolutionaries of 20th Century. Marx and Engels armed the working class with the invincible weapon of Dialectical Materialism in the period of advent of capitalism and Lenin correctly applied this weapon in the period of decay of capitalism by tearing apart the attacks from both within and outside i.e. the revisionists and the bourgeoisie and established first working class state in Russia. That is why Stalin said: Leninism is Marxism in the era of imperialism and proletarian revolution. Today we were passing through crisis when revisionists were

sweeping the world communist movement and the socialist states of Russia and East Europe had gone capitalist and the imperialists were imposing war on different countries, he said. Quoting Stalin he said that, imperialists dictated whether there would be war or not before the Second World War but the appearance of a powerful socialist camp and militant peace movement throughout the world worked as the brake to this imperialist design. In this respect he referred to the Suez crisis of 1956. He said, today the situation had changed a lot and in the absence of socialist camp the US and other imperialist countries were launching attack on Iraq and violating sovereignty of other countries. Here he reminded the comrades that the current war in Middle East had once again proved how utterly absurd was the revisionist theory that imperialists had become peaceable and that there was no more danger of outbreak of war. It was Lenin who brilliantly analysed the nature and character of imperialism, showed its essential features and concluded that so long as imperialism existed there would remain the danger of outbreak of war—which was known as the law of inevitability of war in the period of imperialism, he said. He appealed to the people to launch a vigorous ideological struggle in the light of teachings of Lenin to come out of the crisis the world communist movement was suffering from.

Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta in his presidential address said today we were passing through a period of crisis unprecedented in history of communist movement. Doubts are being expressed regarding the future of the communist movement or whether Marxism was valid or not. Of course these doubts became deeper after the incidents of the Soviet Union and East Europe. To find answer to all

these questions we would have to take recourse to dialectical method of judgement, i.e., the dialectical methodology, he said. Lenin taught us that 'Marxism is a science, not a dogma.' This meant that as science was an experimental truth and it developed with the development of civilisation and hence called creative, so also Marxism, the living soul of which was the concrete analysis of the concrete situation as shown by Lenin. He said due to the lack of proper understanding of this there were mainly two pernicious trends in the communist movement: Dogmatism - doctrinarism which was no Marxism at all, and another—revisionism i.e. vulgarisation of Marxism in the name of changed perspective.

How should we decide what was the Marxist methodology to judge this? He asked and referred to Lenin that Marx predicted that revolutions would occur in the industrially most developed countries while Lenin proved that revolution would take place in the weakest chain of imperialism because Marx's prediction was in the period of domination of pre-monopoly capitalism while in the changed perspective, i.e. the highest development of capitalism or in other words, imperialist era, the contradictions became acute in the colonial and semi-colonial countries—the breeding grounds of revolution.

Comrade Dasgupta said following Marx's teachings properly Lenin developed the theory of party formation and dictatorship of the proletariat and gave these a concrete shape on the soil of Russia which was no doubt remarkable. In reply to the sceptics regarding the future of communism he said, revolution was the culmination of laws of development of society and not a product of fancy of any individual brain. The present predicament faced by the communist movement was a temporary feature and the future of mankind lay in Communism and Communism

alone because it was the only course of development as shown by Marx and enriched by Lenin.

He appealed to the comrades to unleash a two-fold struggle to conduct democratic movements conducive to anti-capitalist socialist revolution on the one hand and on the other to wage a relentless uncompromising battle within to be free from all anti-revolutionary impact, being armed with the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the most developed understanding of Marxism - Leninism of today.

The meeting started with the song on Lenin and ended with 'The Internationale.'

ASSAM

On Latest Political Situation

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struggling forces of Assam to ponder seriously and patiently over all these points in facing the difficult political situation of the state.

It is the firm opinion of the State Committee that the usual legal, administrative and police setup is capable enough to meet the law and order situation of the state. It is extremely undesirable to deploy army on flimsy grounds and these types of deployment of armed forces is aimed at definitely stalling the process of democratic mass movement by terrorising the people. Hence, the State Committee feels the urgent need of withdrawing the Disturbed Areas Act and the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act.

After seriously considering the various aspects of political situation of the state in pros and cons, the State Committee comes to the decision that election should be held in the state without further delay and power should be handed over to the elected government of the people. So, the State Committee demands the immediate withdrawal of President's Rule and announcement of the date for holding elections.

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