

# US IMPERIALISTS—HANDS OFF LIBYA !

Ever since Libya under Colonel Muammar Gaddafi struck a big blow to the US interest in that country by nationalising all the oil industries, the chief source of its economy, mainly dominated by the USA at that time, the United States has been trying to find an excuse, on the basis of which it could take retaliatory actions against Libya. But everytime it took or attempted to take any action against this sovereign north African state, the USA found itself alone. Even its longtime ally Britain and France and other powerful nations like Italy, Germany and Japan not only did not nod their heads in recognition but also criticised the US action like the airstrike a few years back on the presidential palace of Col. Gaddafi at Tripoli with an obvious intention to kill him. To kill Gaddafi has become a necessity because he is now the source of inspiration to the resurgent national states of the Middle East, particularly the Arab states who want to stand against the USA, politically and economically.

All these attempts in the past were limited ones. That was a time when the USSR though under the leadership of the revisionists played a most minimum role which even worked as the deterrent to the worldwide US gangsterism, terrorism, sabotage and subversion. But with the ascendancy of the Gorbachev Clique to the leadership of the Soviet Union and subsequent counterrevolutions in the USSR and East European countries the machinations of the USA got a free rein against the resurgent nationalist states the world over who do not intend to kneel down before the USA wanting to dictate terms in shaping out the political and economic future of them in the name of a new world order or a unipolar world. The nations defying the US dictates are accused by the USA of indulging in terrorism and hence in the interest of peace and stability

a worldwide measure against these nations was the pet slogan of the USA. But it is the culprit itself who accuses others of the crime. Because who does not know that it is the USA which indulges in crimes like terrorism, sabotage, intrigue, conspiracy and international gangsterism against the sovereign nations of world who do not surrender to the imperialist and neo-colonial interest of the USA? Has not the USA still been pursuing its criminal activities in Cuba, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras and Panama? Is not the USA interfering in the internal affairs of other countries overtly and covertly and somewhere indirectly through its financial tentacles like the IMF and World Bank taking advantage of the nations' relative economic backwardness? It is the USA which is the enemy of peace and progress the world over. Not to mention Vietnam, did not the USA in the past perpetrate its criminal onslaughts on the freedom loving people of the world in contravention of the international canon? Has not the USA last year waged the most uncivilized war against the Iraqi people and massacred the lakhs of innocent civilians including women and children? That USA is speaking of peace and progress now. Can any sane people trust it? So anybody having an iota of hatred against terrorism should direct it against the USA, chieftain of international gangsterism and subversion in the interest of peace, progress and stability.

All these attempts having proved futile against Libya, the USA is now resorting to the tactics of levelling fabricated charge of involvement of two Libyan nationals in the crashes of two air liners—one a Pan-Am and another of Air France. Had it been true then why the USA first accused the Lebanese terrorist groups' involvement in the plane sabotage? Why  
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## Call of 24th April

The flag of the SUCI while flies from corner to corner of our country, we prepare ourselves to observe its 44th foundation anniversary that falls on 24th April this year. April 24, the very day, conjures up a host of memories in our mind. Of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Of his lifelong uncompromising unflinching struggle that reached him to the stature of a giant communist leader and teacher. Of his momentous teachings and warnings as early as 40s and 60s regarding international and national problems. Of how they came tragically true.

Not for nothing, our party, the finest creation of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, that started its journey in 1948 on that historic day with so tiny a shape, has now become a considerable force to reckon with. A force of movement, attracting more and more the teeming toiling millions, our party is the embodiment, so to say, of the invaluable teaching of Marxism-Leninism to adhere to the correct base political line, which decides everything. All other parties, on our soil, big or small, of whatever colour, parties even professing Marxism-Leninism bear glaring testimony to this truth, having been split and further split and been emaciated for their wrong political line since inception.

The setback that has plagued some socialist countries, the weakness that has struck the anti-capitalist, anti-imperialist movements from country to country are caused, in the final analysis, from incorrect political line long pursued by revisionists, reformists and the pseudo Marxists. It is an eye opener and true communists mustn't fear problems. How fondly we recall Comrade Shibdas Ghosh who inspired us saying, "There are two types of men—one who is afraid of facing problems while other has the guts to confront and combat...We, the conscious revolutionary workers are not afraid of problems. We are always ready to face all sorts of problems, our only problem is how to tackle them correctly and manly....The essence of revolutionary life is to find happiness in the stress and strain of struggles and problems—life without problem is sterile."

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SUCI workers burn the effigy of George Bush before the United States Information Service, Calcutta, on 15th April, the day from which US sanction starts against Libya trampling all international norms.

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Here is the teaching of the great Marxist thinker, who showed the way to lead an honourable and happy life, that is the revolutionary life, instilling at the same time what he termed 'revolutionary audacity' that would never bend before an adverse situation.

The situation we face now is indeed extremely adverse. What Comrade Shibdas Ghosh said that capitalism today is the creator of all evils appears to be more true at present with all its savagery perpetrated jointly with the imperialists. And about the social democrats what Comrade Shibdas Ghosh said is today the bitter truth. He warned long back that the social democrats would play the role of ultimate defender of capitalism. Their long history of covert compromise, assaults against the working class and now their 'politics of consensus' in chorus with the Congress(I) fully confirm his analysis.

This is a situation that calls for a powerful protracted united movement for which we are striving hard, and been successful although on a very limited scale. The redeeming feature is that common people want struggle—they cannot submit to and tolerate for long the burden of capitalist crisis put on their shoulder. Whenever there is a call of movement with a promise they do not fail to response.

So, it is not altogether dark. Rather the gloom has started to drift. At the national level when we see even amidst communal-divisive-separatist turbulence men are exploding on democratic demands, we see abroad, in Moscow people marching on the streets, carrying red flags and bearing the portraits of Lenin and Stalin in the face of police batons. Coupled with it comes to us further news of devastating internal crises of imperialism, particularly of the US from which they only vainly strive to get away by further hounding the weaker national states.

These developments we must not overlook. And to solve the problem we need, among others, studying and restudying the works of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, besides studying classics. We should keep in mind when we study Marxism—this is not for any pedantic purpose. Our object should always be to study deeply and thoroughly in order to assimilate the teachings and apply them in our life and practise.

Let us study the life struggle of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, which is inseparably connected with the history of the birth and growth of the SUCI, which reminds us so often of 24th April. The day comes to us, to our life again and again reminding us of the expectations Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had of us. He wanted us to be true revolutionaries, and to act as situation demands. Every hour, every day, every moment we see before us brothers rot, sisters outraged, aged humiliated, all

## Central Committee condemns US economic sanctions against Libya

Cal, 13.4.92 : Expressing grave concern over the US imperialist engineered decision of the UN Security Council to impose economic sanctions against Libya, the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Centre of India, in a statement, inter alia, said that the US imperialists who for long have been organising acts of violence, terrorism and subversions all over the world is now using the UN Security Council as a tool to bring economic sanctions and threat of war against Libya flagrantly

violating international norms and UN Charter. The Central Committee calls upon the right thinking and peace and freedom loving people of the world in general and our country in particular to vehemently protest against the growing attacks of the US imperialism on weak and small nations and its threat of war and observe 15th April, 1992 the day from which this unjust sanction comes into effect as 'Hands Off Libya Day' through protest meetings and demonstrations.

## SUCI memorandum on Libya

[Text of the memorandum submitted by the SUCI in different states to the US embassy and consulate offices]

The patriotic people of India cannot but note with grave concern that close on the heels of war of aggression in Iraq; the US Administration now threatens, using UN Security Council as a tool, to impose air traffic, arms and diplomatic sanctions against Libya unless it turns over by April 15 the two alleged suspects in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am and Air France Airliners thus posing fears of yet another war in the Middle East.

That this charge against Libya is false and fabricated is borne out by the facts that the same was first levelled against Lebanon, then shifted on to the shoulder of Iran and now Libya has been made the target of attack.

Being backed by the accomplices like Great Britain and France in particular and

taking advantage of the present international situation, the USA is going to create a dangerous precedent, which no international norm or canon can allow, of demanding to try foreign nationals in the territory of a big power raising the bogey of terrorism against Libya and invoking a most unjust UN resolution 748 in flagrant violation of UN Charter. The US Administration has also blatantly ignored Libya's suggestion to try those alleged suspects at the Arab League or in an Arab or a friendly country.

We strongly protest this belligerent policy of the USA against Libya and some countries of the Middle East in particular and of threat of overlordism in general against all weaker nations the world over and demand of your administration: "Hands off Libya". While doing this we are sure, we reflect the united voice of all patriotic people of our country.

## Kerala MSS demonstrates against price-rise, atrocities on women

Kerala State Committee of MSS organised a Women's March to Kerala Secretariat at Trivandrum on 10th March 1992 in protest against spiralling price-rise, obscenity and atrocities on women. The women's march was organised in continuation of the All India movement developed by MSS in which 31st January was observed as All India Protest Day.

On 10th March hundreds of ladies came forward to take part in the Secretariat

consequence of the rule of capital and the revisionists' submission. We take oath today, on this occasion, the 44th foundation day of the SUCI—we will stand like 'one man' and will plunge ourselves to strengthen united democratic movement against the rule of capital, forge broader unity of democratic and patriotic forces against the renewed neo-colonial attack of US imperialism and conduct a relentless struggle against revisionism that has been eroding devastatingly the revolutionary essence of Marxism Leninism. This is the call of the hour. Let us all bend our energy to be equal to the task.

March. The march started from Thampanoor and traversing the main roads of the city converged in the main gate of the Secretariat by 2 p.m.

In front of the Secretariat Comrade Lalitha Mathew, President of the state MSS read out the memorandum to be submitted to the Chief Minister. Comrade Venu Gopal, state secretariat member of the SUCI, called upon the mothers and sisters to carry further forward the movement against the policies of Central and State Governments which are making the life of the society and particularly of women extremely trouble some. The meeting before the Secretariat was also addressed by Comrades Shyla K John, Joint Secretary, MSS, Kunjumol, Vice-President, S Radhamoy, Treasurer, Mini K Philip and Lyse Sebastian, executive committee members of MSS.

A delegation led by Comrade Lalitha Mathew went in to submit the memorandum to the Chief Minister. In Chief Minister's absence, the memorandum and countless collected signatures were received by his personal assistant.

## India Govt.'s role on Libya is a betrayal to our anti-imperialist tradition

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then afterwards it pointed its accusing fingers towards the Iranian fundamentalist groups after the first charges proved false? So also the charge against the Iranians proved a fabricated one. Hence the USA is pulling its strings against Libya with the charge that two Libyan nationals were involved in the plane sabotage. And wonder of wonders, against all ethics of jurisprudence the USA declared the two Libyans guilty without proving anything against them and demanded of Libya to hand over these two to the USA and basing on the fabricated charge and suspicion without any proof whatsoever the USA for the second time is using the UN as its tool to put a deadline of economic sanction against Libya.

The Libyan government rightly did not submit to the US bully and UN sponsored threat and has courageously stuck to its stand of not handing over its two nationals to the US butchers. The stand of the Libyan government is quite clear and justified. It declared that it found charges against those two all fabricated. It has also declared that how could it hand over the two so-called accused before the charges against them were conclusively proved and it could not act on mere suspicion and justifiably so.

Here the role the P V Narasimha Rao government played is most sordid. As one of the protagonists of the non-aligned movement it could deter the US intrigues by mobilising the world public opinion, particularly the third world. But on the contrary, the way it helped the USA to get the measure have a safe passage in the UN is the virtual betrayal to the anti-imperialist traditions of the Indian people and virtual surrender to the US overlordism. We demand of the Central government to immediately refrain from playing the role of the accomplice of crime perpetrated by the USA and appeal to the world people to raise boldly their voice against the US imperialism and force their respective government to rise against this US conspiracy.

## Joint TU Rally against industrial and fiscal policies at Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar, 2nd April: Thousands of workers belonging to numerous unions affiliated to the UTUC (LS), CITU, AITUC and HMS jointly held a rally against the Central Government's industrial and fiscal policies. The state level leaders of these four central trade unions submitted a memorandum, addressed to the Prime Minister, through the Governor of Orissa on the day.

## AIDSO-led students' movement in AP

The AIDSO Andhra Pradesh Unit, failing to get any response from other Left and democratic students' organisation to build up a united movement, single-handedly launched a movement against the state government's increase of price of rice supplied to the students welfare hostels. Increase was made from Rs. 2.65 to Rs. 3.50 severely affecting school students. AIDSO also protested government's proposal to close welfare hostels phase-wise. The movement was built up in different part of the state.

HYDERABAD: The AIDSO built up Student Struggle Committees in many hostels in the twin cities, organised a rally with hundreds of students on 10th February from public garden to the Secretariat and submitted a memorandum to the Secretary of the concerned department. On 14th February a students convention was organised which elected a twin city student struggle committee. On 22nd February a dharna was organised in front of the Directorate of Social Welfare.

CUDDAPAH—The Cuddapah town unit of AIDSO organised a rally of school students to collectorate office on 12th February. A memorandum was submitted to the collector. On 25th February the unit organised a convention of school students. The convention demanded immediate acceptance of the long pending demands of the hostel students.

NELLORE: The Nellore Revenue Divisional Unit of the AIDSO observed 9th February as black day. The day was symbolically selected as the CM visited the district on the day. Two thousand students of 29 hostels wore badges of black day.

Anantapur and Srikakulam district units of the AIDSO organised massive propaganda work on the burning issues.

## AIDSO remembers Vidyasagar, Bhagat Singh in Gujrat & MP

GUJARAT

Ahmedabad: On the occasion of the Vidyasagar death centenary the AIDSO organised All Gujarat Educational and Cultural Meet on 25th February '92. More than 200 students from 6 districts participated. The Meet was inaugurated by Mr Prakash Bhai Shah, former Editor, JANSATTA. Dr J Dholokia, a renowned economist was present as the Chief Guest. It was presided over by Comrade Bharat Mehta, President, Gujarat State Committee, AIDSO. Comrade Debasis Roy, member, All India Committee, AIDSO was present

## Protest rally against anti-people policies by SUCI, Karnataka

KARNATAKA: A State level protest rally against burning problem of pricerise and anti-people policies of the State and Central governments was organised in an enthusiastic and successful way on 5th March 1992 at Bangalore. The initial flame of massive people's movement has been lit by workers, peasants, students, women and youths who came to Bangalore to participate in the rally. The protest march, started from Chikalalbagh at 11.30 A M and reached Cubbon Park where a public meeting was held.

Comrade B R Manjunath, Member, Karnataka State Committee SUCI, presided over the meeting. Comrades K Uma, S Simhadri, H V Diwakar, members of the State Committee addressed the meeting.

Comrade K Radhakrishana, State Secretary of our Party who was the main speaker on the occasion made it explicitly clear as to how all the policies and steps of the State and Central governments were pro-capitalist and anti-people in nature. In his emotional speech he explained how the recently placed State budget had protected the interest of the liquor barons and merchants and had put the whole burden of taxation on the shoulders of the overburdened people. United people's movement is the necessity of the hour. But the BJP with its communal politics is attempting to whip up communal and divisive tendencies which would create obstacle to people's unity and united movement, he said. He gave a call to rally round the party to develop a organised, painstaking protracted movement.

as the speaker. Comrade Joyesh Patel, Secretary, AIDSO also spoke.

In the Meet drama on communal harmony and other cultural programmes were performed.

MADHYA PRADESH

Sagar: In memory of Bhagat Singh, Saheed-E-Azam, a mass meeting was held at Naya Bazar on 23rd March—the Martyr's Day, organised by the AIDSO. It was presided over by Comrade K D Sharma. Main Speaker was Comrade Ram Avtar Sharma. Comrade Vijay Thakur also spoke.

Bhopal: On the occasion of the Bhagat Singh Day a meeting was held at Saketnagar on 26th March. The memorial meeting was presided over by the respected Veteran freedom fighter Sri Krishna Raoji; Comrade Pramod Tambat was the main speaker. A large number of students and youths attended the meeting;

## Comrade Nihar Mukherjee demands unconditional release of Justice Ajit Singh Bains, leader, human rights & others

Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary, SUCI issued the following statement to the Press on 14.4.92 demanding immediate and unconditional release of a former Justice Ajit Singh Bains and others :

"Words fail to express our strong sense of protest and vehement condemnation against the most inhuman treatment meted out to Justice Ajit Singh Bains, a former Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court and a leader of human rights movement by arresting him under the dreaded and infamous Act—TADA, handcuffing him in full public view and refusing to produce him before the High Court as demanded in the habeas corpus petition.

"We also condemn the shameless defence of this incident by the Congress(I) Chief Minister of Punjab, recently elected by minority votes, and demand immediate and unconditional release of Justice Bains and all those connected with human rights movement."

## Delhi Police lathicharge joint demonstration by Left Parties on Libya

New Delhi, 15 4 92 : SUCI, CPI(M), IPF, Communist Gadar Party, RSP and Forward Bloc brought out a joint demonstration of protest in front of the American Embassy, today condemning the US embargo against Libya. The well decorated demonstration, although very disciplined, met with severe lathicharge and teargas by the police. As a result more than 50 were injured including women and children. This act was criticised by the democratic people of all walks. The demonstrators burnt an effigy of Bush.

## SUCI Madras=Chinglepet, protests rly. fare hike

The Madras-Chinglepet District Committee of the SUCI held a demonstration in front of the V P Hall, near Moore Market on Wednesday, 26th February. In the evening, to protest against the anti-people Railway Budget for 1992-93; S Narayanasamy, State Secretariat member, addressed the gathering.

Comrade Narayanasamy in his speech exposed the heinous role of the opposition parties in parliament, from the BJP to the CPI(M) and its allies and called upon the people to shake off apathy and frustration and build up powerful movement to pressurise the government to retract all its anti-people policies.

## International Women's Day in Haryana, Gujarat

8th March, 1992 was the International Women's Day. The Mahila Sanskritik Sangha, the revolutionary women's organisation on our soil observed this day with the call to free womenfolk from a humiliated orthodox life and to build them up as revolutionary soldiers to overthrow the exploitative capitalist system.

8th March was observed befittingly in different parts of Haryana.

### KURUKSHETRA—KAITHAL :

On this day a women's meeting was organised at Tarachand Dharamshala, Kurukshetra with enthusiasm attended by a big gathering. Speaking in the meeting Com. Chander Rekha, Secretary, Haryana MSS, explained the importance of the 8th March and urged to leave altogether the conventional mentality prevailing in our society and to come forward to construct a new healthy society based on equality. Women should adopt and propagate the scientific outlook in society and for that they must build up their own organisation to such strength that would be able to unleash a protracted movement for people's emancipation, and for women's emancipation in particular.

In the meeting Comrade Rekha, Comrade Usha and Comrade Santosh of Kaithal also spoke.

## SUCI movements against Railway budget in Orissa

Under the auspices of SUCI on 1st April Protest Day was observed against the railway fare hike through the railway budget by the Central Government. At Rourkela about 500 people demonstrated at the railway station and submitted a memorandum to the station superintendent. At Bhubaneswar a day-long dharna was organised at the Bhubaneswar station and meeting was held requesting the commuters to boycott the enhanced fares.

At Dhanmandal, East Coast Express and Tirupati Express Trains were detained for several hours as a result of squatting on the railway track by the party workers and the people. The police later used force to disperse the squatters. At Cuttack railway station protest dharna was also held. Similar programmes were held in other railway stations with the participation of AIDS, DYO and MSS workers along with those of the party.

### ROHTAK

Women meetings on International Women's Day were organised in Sanjay Nagar and Kamla Nagar of Rohtak Town on 8th March. Hundreds of women participated in these meetings and Comrade Sudesh, member, MSS, Haryana State Committee was the main speaker.

Comrade Sudesh, while speaking, explained that this was the day when we must remember the history of the struggling exploited working women of the world. This was the day when women started their struggle for parity with men regarding right to vote. In the year 1910 in Copenhagen, speaking from the international forum, Comrade Klara Zetkin, an eminent communist leader gave the call that right to vote alone could not bring emancipation to women of the world and for that a conscious protracted movement against capitalism, imperialism would have to be launched and by that exploitation of man by man would be abolished. Comrade Sudesh said that in our country exploitation in many ways were going on like disparity in employment, dowry system and foeticide. We must struggle against unemployment, price rise; obscurantist and vulgar ideas like communalism and casteism; divisive trends and separatism; pornography; alcoholism, drug addiction, etc.

Also Comrades Chander, Asha, Sujata, Sumitra, Kamlesh and Nirmala spoke in these meetings and placed their views. The meeting was presided over by Smt. Sariya Devi, a democratic minded aged lady. She praised the activities organised by the MSS.

### JIND

Jind district unit of the MSS organised the International Women's Day programme on 8th March which was attended by many women. In the meeting Comrade Basanti Devi, Jind district incharge, highlighted the importance of the Day and appealed to all women to come forward to organise movement against injustice and disparity prevailing in our society.

In Gujarat also 8th March was observed.

### AHMEDABAD

On 8th March, a team of the MSS of more than 30 women, led by Comrade Damini Shah, submitted a memorandum to the acting Chief Justice of the Gujarat High Court, Justice Mr. S B Mazumdar, demanding immediate judicial intervention to end dowry system and crimes related to it. After discussion Mr. Justice Majumdar assured them all possible help in the matter.

A meeting was also held on that day. It was attended by social workers, teachers, writers, students and common women. Comrade Damini Shah, in the meeting pointed out that despite ban on pre-natal tests in Gujarat there were cases of female foeticide. She called for movement against it.

The MSS also remembered the great humanist Iswarchandra Vidyasagar on his death centenary.

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