

People Refuses To Pay Increased Bus Fare

Develop mighty sustained movement

When the people are passing through acute sufferings due to the unprecedented and steep increase in the prices of essential commodities, the recent increase in bus fare will add to the sufferings of the common people and plunge them into a deeper crisis. So the people of West Bengal are forced to build up resistance movement against the proposed bus-fare increase in their bid to keep their body soul together. People have refused to pay the increased fare at the call of the nine leftist parties and so inspite of the declaration by the Government about the increase in bus fare, this increase could not be implemented.

The Congress, its Government and the various propaganda media of the Government are carrying on relentless propaganda in favour of the increase in bus fare. But it must be admitted by one and all that this sinister attempt of the Congress Government has miserably failed. Almost the entire people of West Bengal has discarded all the arguments of the Congress Government, favouring increase in bus-fare with due contempt these deserve. People have come to realise that the present Congress Government is determined to fleece the people in the interest of the capitalists and other vested interests and with a view to serving these vested classes, the Congress Government is mounting attacks on the people and the present chaotic condition in the country has been created. In the prevailing situation when the Congress Government consistently persuing anti people policies and serving the capitalist class to reap maximum profit, the people have no other alternative but to develop mighty sustained movement against these anti-people policies and activities of the Congress Government.

In the last month, the entire people of West Bengal extended full support to the programme of civil disobedience movement and Bangla-Bandh call by the nine left parties. Thousands of people participated in the civil disobedience movement and courted arrest despite threats, intimidation and physical violence let loose by the Congress and its Govern-

ment and there was a spontaneous response to the call of Bangla Bandh on 17th November last despite fascist attack and terror by the stormtroopers of the Congress and police firing and lathi-charge. If this Congress Government had any faith in democratic principle, then Congress would have resigned in deference to the democratic aspiration of the people as expressed in these movements or at least this Congress Government would have changed its anti-people policies. But it is futile to expect any democratic behaviour from the present Congress Government which smothered democracy throughout the country and laid the rock bottom foundation of fascism.

People have again clearly expressed the strong anti-Congress Government mood through the resistance movement against the bus fare increase. Instead of accepting the verdict of the people, fascist Congress and its Government, having failed to fool the people with hoaxes, are trying to break the resistance movement by mounting fascist attack.

The people of Calcutta and suburbs have seen that the volunteers of the nine left parties have been carrying on campaign through slogans, speeches, appeal and posterings against the bus fare increase in a disciplined way and the SUC volunteers have even appealed to the passengers not to pay the increased fare by boarding the buses.

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School of Politics

Delhi

New Delhi : The Delhi State Committee of the SUC organised a School of Politics at MP Club Hall from November 18 to 20. Apart from party workers, supporters and sympathizers a number of college teachers, educationists and students from Delhi and its suburbs also attended the School.

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, one of the foremost Marxist philosophers of the present era and the General Secretary of the SUCI, elaborately discussed various aspects of dialectical materialism and the phase and the strategy of Indian revolution.

The School of Politics evoked great interest and enthusiasm among the progressive intellectuals here.

Haryana

Rohtak : A three-day School of Politics was held here amidst great enthusiasm from November 25 to 27 under the auspices of the Haryana State Committee of the SUCI. Party workers and active supporters from different districts attended the School.

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the well known Marxist Philosopher and General Secretary of the SUCI, discussed the basic tenets of Marxism, problems of democratic movements in our country and the way out, the historical role of the revolutionary working class party and other allied subjects.

U P H O L D

MEDICAL ETHICS

Com. Nihar Mukherjee, Secretary, West Bengal State Committee, SUCI issued the following statement :

“We strongly condemn the luke-worm attitude of the West Bengal Government towards the stipendiary doctors’ just demand for better arrangements for treatment of patients and essentially necessary minimum amenities and reasonable emoluments for the stipendiary doctors. It is shocking that the Government on the one hand are trying to break the stipendiary doctors just struggle by unscrupulously withdrawing doctors from the rural health centres and forcing them to work in place of struggling doctors and on the other hand instead of fulfilling the most legitimate demands are putting innumerable patients into inhuman sufferings and extreme hardship.

“We urge upon the struggling stipendiary doctors to remain steadfast to the high ethics by following their laudable decisions of serving the patients and at the same time, fighting the anti-people Government policies for the fulfilment of this demands against all odds.

“We demand of the State Government to refrain from persuing their heinous anti-people policies and to accept the reasonable and just demands of the stipendiary doctors without delay.

Congress trying to Disrupt the Movement By Provocation and Fascist Attacks

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the very beginning that if the workers of the left parties provided leadership through campaign by boarding the buses, the people would have got encouragement and the resistance movement could have been swiftly and extensively built up.

People responded to the call of the nine left parties and refused to pay the increased fares. In this way the people were being organised in peaceful, and disciplined way in the democratic movement. The Congress, having failed to oppose the movement openly, construed a heinous design and through provocations tried to detract the movement.

The anti-Congress mood of the people is mounting because of the Congress Governments anti-people policies in increasing the prices of food articles and other essential commodities and in allowing the business community to increase the prices uninterruptedly. So the Congress leaders were quite aware that the people would explode if the bus fare was increased at this moment. The Congress leaders had no headache about this movement; but only thing, they tried to avert was to forestall any anti-Congress Government democratic movement and this was why the Congress leaders conspired with sinister design to frustrate the possibility of mighty anti-Congress left democratic movement. With this aim in view even the Congress ministers instigated the Congress led mass organisations to stage a show of demonstration: the purpose is to befool the people by showing that the Congress wages struggle against the anti-people policies of the Government and thereby create the impression among the aggrieved people that since the Congress is fighting, the demand of the people

might be fulfilled. So by this show of so called movement, the Congress tried to befool the people and at the same time keep them aloof from the anti-Congress left democratic movement. And if the left movement is weakened by this tactics, the so called 'movements' of the Congress would be withdrawn at an appropriate time and the unorganised people without any militant leadership would be compelled to pay the increased fare in such a situation.

Side by side the Congress tried to confuse people by creating an unhealthy situation by certain provocative actions, laying the blame for such provocative activity squarely on the left movement. With such an ill-motive the Congress created road blocks in different areas of Calcutta from 1st November and created obstruction to traffic with consequent suffering to the travelling people. Our party states without any ambiguity that traffic blockade is one of the instrument of mass movement. But this instrument can be applied with the support of the people to fulfil the objectives of the mass-movements. But in the present phase of the movement of the nine parties, there was no programme of traffic blockade. It is the Congressites who, in the name of movement, misused this instrument with ulterior motive. According to this mischievous design they put the fighting people in harassment by their provocative acts in the name of blockade on the 3rd December last. The Congressites did this with the motive of making the people averse to movement and also for mounting onslaught on the workers of the leftist parties. The Congress adopted the same heinous tactics like that of Hitler in attacking the cadres of the left parties.

The statements of the Congress leaders published in the newspapers on 4th December corroborate this fact. These Congress leaders shifted the responsibility of their ill doing on the nine left parties and threatened of dire consequence if the nine parties continue the movement. And the consequence of this threat was palpable on the very morning of 4th December when the Congressite hoodlums in the presence of and with the active help of police attacked the squads of the nine parties in areas like Shyambazar, Maniktolla, Hazra etc. As a result SUC worker Nimai Ghose and FB worker Ashim Sarkar were seriously wounded and police arrested several leftist workers including SUC workers Gopal Kanjilal and Sushil Aich from the Esplanade area. On 5th November the police raided ten centres of the SUC at dead of night in Behala, central Calcutta and Ultadanga areas and arrested Bhaskar Gupta, the Calcutta District Secretary of the DSO, Bhudeb Roy local unit incharge, Benoy Roy, office Secretary of Calcutta District, the injured Nimai Ghose and ten others along with them. The police searched for Badal Paul the local unit incharge of Ultadanga and some other workers for arrest. Incidentally it might be pointed out that all the dailies suppressed the news of these repressive measures of the Congress Government.

In this way the Congressites have been attempting to introduce the increased bus fare by creating a suffocating condition through threats intimidation, physical attacks and arrests of the workers of the left parties.

The Congress and its Government are now solely depending on violence to crush the movement led by the nine left parties. They have withdrawn their

so-called movement. Their attempt to keep away the aggrieved people from the anti-Government movement has been defeated. The Congress was afraid of the possibility of this ill designed blockade 'movement' being converted into irresistible anti-Government movement, the sign of which was distinctly noticed by one and all on the 3rd Dec. On that day everybody observed two pictures side by side. On one hand the Congress in the presence of the police obstructed the traffic, and created extreme harassment to the people including women, children and the sick and even obstructed the ambulance—a shameful and criminal act without any parallel in the history of civilisation and on the other hand there was a spontaneous out-burst of tens of thousands of people in Dalhousie area against the Congress leaders, ministers and the Government. The Congress leaders could not dream of that within such a short span from '71 to '73 the people could be so vocal in courageously expressing the anti-Congress sentiments. On that day there was no leadership over the people in the anti-Congress Government out-burst; but there is no shadow of doubt about the anti-Congress Government mood of the people, expressed in the incident of that day. There was no doubt that the left movement would ultimately be strengthened by this. So the Congress leaders not only withdrew the blockade movement swiftly but also carried on propaganada against it and attempted to shift the responsibilities of their mischievous acts on the shoulder of the nine left parties.

People must have to be vigilant about these conspiratorial moves and at the same time an organised shape to the popular grievances spontaneously expressed in such out-burst must be given. It must be borne in mind that the Congress Government which

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Whither CPI(M) ?

In a workers' meeting on 8th November last of the CPI(M) on the occasion of the anniversary of the November Revolution, Sri B. T. Ranadive, the CPI(M) leader observed that the Soviet Union and China, the two leaders of the socialist camp were not properly following the principle of proletarian internationalism, a vital teaching of the November Revolution. Sri Ranadive further stated that these two socialist countries were harming the revolutionary movements in different countries. He continued that the revolutionary movements could not gather the momentum which could have been attained in different countries with the great support of the socialist camp, because of the incorrect path of China and the Soviet Union.

It is to be noted that these comments were made by a prominent leader of the CPI(M) in such an important meeting like the anniversary of the November Revolution and since the party has not made any protest and since the speech of Sri Ranadive has been published in 'Ganasakti' the Bengali organ of the CPI(M), we can presume that these comments of Sri Ranadive are the official stand of the CPI(M).

The CPI(M) claims itself to be a Communist Party. It also claims to be a partner of the international communist movement. But the international communist movement is to-day divided into two diametrically opposite lines viz the revisionist line headed by the Soviet revisionist leadership and the real Marxist Leninist line followed by the Communist party of China, Socialist Unity Centre of India and some other communist parties who are fighting against the revisionist line. In this struggle, any party, claiming itself to be a communist party can not remain neutral. Either the party has to back the revisionist line or it will join anti-revisionist struggle and support the real Marxist-Leninist line. Any party claiming itself to be a communist party must have to take a definite and clear-cut position free from any ambiguity. This is the primary international responsibility of any party which claims itself to be a communist party. No party claiming itself to be a

communist party can shirk off this responsibility under any pretext. A real communist party must analyse the fundamental questions that create rift in international communist movement and must understand who is correctly following the Marxist Leninist principles and must give its concrete opinion and suggestion if any on these fundamental questions and join in the struggle. But curiously the CPI(M) leadership since inception after breaking away from the undivided CPI on the plea of ideological disputes, has not publicly expressed its view points on these serious ideological questions that created serious division in the international communist movement. On the contrary, this leadership of the CPI(M) always avoided any discussion on these fundamental ideological questions in their party congresses.

The fundamental ideological questions on which there is a sharp difference between the Chinese Communist Party and the Soviet revisionist leadership are much discussed and everyone is well acquainted with these ideological questions like war and peace, the real revolutionary significance of the policy of peaceful-co-existence, the methods to counteract imperialist aggression, on the question of the correct diplomacy with the imperialist countries, on the question of providing active help to the revolutionary movements in the capitalist countries and

the national liberation struggles in the colonies and semi-colonies, on the question of the method of using the contradiction within the imperialist capitalist camp in favour of the international communist movement, on the question of peaceful transition to socialism through parliamentary process, etc etc. These are the fundamental ideological questions in the present day international communist movement and it is mainly due to the revisionist deviation of the Soviet leadership on these questions that the present international communist movement is divided and the revolutionary movements of different countries suffered for the division in socialist camp. The revisionist policies pursued by the Soviet leadership are creating great hindrance to the growth of revolutionary movement in different countries and the imperialist camp, which after the second world war, was cornered and on the defensive, took advantage of the revisionist policies of the Soviet revisionist leadership and mounted attacks on the national liberation struggles of different countries and even attacked North Vietnam, a brotherly socialist state.

The CPI(M), till today has never expressed its definite view points on these fundamental ideological questions and never attempted to discuss on these vital questions of the international communist movement. Under such circumstance by terming both Chinese Communist party and the Soviet revisionist leadership as incorrect, is not the CPI(M) leadership trying to judge the communist leadership of China and the Soviet revisionist leadership on the same footing? Is it not a sinister attempt on the part of the CPI(M) leadership to bring the Chinese Communist leadership at par with the Soviet revisionist leadership or to put it in other words, an attempt to upgrade the Soviet revisionist leadership in the same rank of the

Chinese Communist leadership?

Without making any discussion on these fundamental ideological questions of the international communist movements and moreover without mentioning why the Communist party of China is incorrect and where it has deviated from the Marxist-Leninist principle, the CPI(M) leadership charged that both China and the Soviet Union were following incorrect path and doing harm to the revolutionary movements in different countries. These are assertions of the CPI(M) leadership and these assertions are far from Marxism-Leninism. Is not the CPI(M) leadership trying to confuse the cadres of the CPI(M) by making such assertion without showing where and how the leadership of the Communist party of China is deviating from Marxism Leninism and thus following a wrong path? If this is not the motive then what can be reason behind this attempt of the CPI(M) leadership to equate the Chinese Communist party with the Soviet leadership which has been declared as revisionist by the CPI(M) itself?

We have observed that the CPI(M) leadership after the split of the undivided CPI, took anti-Soviet revisionist posture because of the continued recognition of the CPI by the Soviet Union. But never the CPI(M) leadership placed any analysis of the revisionist policies of the Soviet Union. What is this behaviour of the CPI(M) due to? Is it not because of their apprehension that in the absence of international recognition they would not get the prestige from the people as well as from the cadres and so by criticising the Soviet revisionist leadership did they not expect recognition from the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party? Is it not true that the CPI(M) leadership after having failed to get recognition from the Communist

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Silchar Food Convention

Party of China, hobnobbed with North Korea and even with the Communist party of Rumania which is more revisionist than the Soviet leadership? Is it because of this reason that the CPI (M) leadership avoided the primary responsibility of ventilating their definite view points on these basic and fundamental ideological questions of the international communist movement? Is it due to this fact that the CPI (M) leadership, with a view to getting international recognition, is leaning towards the Soviet revisionist leadership by bracketing the communist leadership of China with the Soviet revisionist leadership?

We have been observing this tendency of the CPI (M) leadership to become more close to the Soviet revisionist leadership for a pretty long time and we have shown this phenomenon in our writing on the Central Committee resolution of the CPI (M) held in July last. It has been observed that the CPI (M) leadership is trying for an adjustment with Soviet revisionist leadership and it is palpable in the attempt of the CPI (M) leadership to be close to the CPI. But the CPI (M) leadership is taking a round about way in expressing this truth to the cadres of the party as this leadership has in the past, instigated the cadres of the party with anti-revisionist tirade and any *volte face* at the present time will be a great jolt. So the CPI (M) leadership is trying to create the necessary ground work for their ultimate objective.

We quote below the relevant portion of the article on the Central Committee resolution of the CPI (M) published in Proletarian Era to show how the CPI (M) is leaning towards the Soviet Union for a pretty long times —

“It is no figment of our imagination that the CPI (M) is now advancing to have

some sort of recognition from or closer understanding with the CPSU and, for that reason, to become close to the CPI. It is, of course, true so long as the CPSU continues to recognize the CPI as the Communist Party in our country, it cannot formally recognize the CPI (M). For, recognition of the CPI (M) as also the CPI would mean recognizing two different parties as Communist Party at the same time in our country. From both theoretical and practical position that would be absurd. Though the CPSU cannot formally recognise the CPI (M), but when it has found the CPI (M) eager, it does not want the CPI (M) to go out of its hands either. So the Soviet leadership are trying to handle both the CPI and CPI (M) and bring them closer to each other. The reflection of this move to bring the CPI and the CPI (M) closer is to be found in the attempt of the CPI (M) leadership to discover that CPI is going away from its policy of alignment with the Congress. There are facts to indicate that some sort of an understanding has already been arrived at between the Soviet leaders and the CPI (M) leadership. *First*, of late, one after another the CPI (M) leaders are visiting the Soviet Union. Mr. E.M.S. Namboodiripad and, of all persons, Mr. B. T. Ranadive had recently visited the USSR and it is reported that they had discussions with the Soviet leaders. Mr. Harekrishna Konar also made a visit to that country. These visits are not for nothing. *Second*, it would be more clear from the fact that since their visits, one no longer finds outbursts against Soviet revisionism in the pages of the organs and other publications of the CPI (M) which one used to come across before. Rather, in place of outbursts against Soviet revisionism, one is increasingly noticing praise of the Soviet Union. even on issues

which are looked upon with suspicion by the resurgent nationalist countries of Asia and Africa on the one hand and uncalled for, out of place and most unjustified criticism of China on the other. The Report on Economic and Political Situation adopted by the Central Committee of the CPI (M) in its meeting held from 15th to 20th July last bears testimony to it. *Third*, the journal published on behalf of the GDR at Calcutta is now being printed in the Ganasakti Press. This would not have been possible, had not some sort of understanding with the Soviet block been arrived at”

(On the latest stand of CPI (M) Central Committee—P. E. Dated 1.10.73)

Haryana KKM F Conference

Mahem (Haryana): The State Conference of the Haryana State Kishan & Khet Majdoor Federation was held here on November 24.

At the open session of the conference, Comrade Nalini Ranjan Singh, a prominent leader of Bihar SUC, addressing a largely attended peasants' gathering, urged upon the peasants of the State to rally round the KKM F to build up a broad-based movement to realise their legitimate democratic demands.

The conference adopted a resolution incorporating a 13 point demand charter including the demands for work throughout the year; unemployment allowance; regular supply of all essentials at prices within the reach of the poor peasants, need-based minimum wage for rural workers and agricultural labourers, etc.

A strong State Committee of the KKM F, with Com. Balbant Singh as President and Com Ram Prasad as General Secretary, was elected at the conference.

Silchar: The Narsingpur local food Convention was held recently at 483 Putilal School. In spite of widespread terror and intimidation by local Congress gangsters, more than 150 delegates representing workers, peasants, youths and students attended the convention.

Sri Kshitish Bhattacharya, a veteran freedom fighter, presided over the convention.

Prof Radhakanta Tanti, a labour leader, in his address as the Chief Guest urged upon the people to rally under the revolutionary leadership of the SUCI.

Com. Ahin Ghosh, Secretary, Cachar Dist. SUCI in his speech as the main speaker called upon workers, peasants' youth and students to build up united mass movements against the anti-people policies of the Congress Government.

Comrades Shyamdeo Kurmi, Jagnamani Nath, Ramakanta Koiri and others addressed the convention.

A resolution, incorporating demands for introduction of all-out state trading in food and essential goods, distribution of land among landless peasants and retrenched tea garden workers, opening of Darbi-Sildubi-Silchar bus-rout, deficit grant for Narsingpur Janata College etc., was adopted at the convention.

AIDSO To Hold

All India Conference

Cuttack Nov. 20—The all-India conference of the Democratic Students Organisation will be held at the Barabati Stadium here from January 12 to 14, according to a Press release issued by the DSO here.

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great Marxist philosopher Sri Nabakrushna Choudhury, a former Chief Minister of Orissa and Com. Subodh Banerjee, former Minister in UF Governments in West Bengal will address the conference.

Present resistance movement has immense possibilities

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accepted the demands of profiteers' for price increases and fare increase without delay, will not concede to the legitimate demands of the people and so the people will have to build up a sustained mighty movement to force the Congress Government to concede to the legitimate demands of the people. The more the resistance movement against the bus fare rise gathers momentum, the brighter becomes the possibility of resisting the fare increase and the people being imbued with a fighting morale as a result of the movement will get inspiration to directly participate in the movement against price spiral of essential commodities and lead the food movement also to a successful end.

Besides attacks and arrest of workers of left parties and particularly of the SUC, Sri Sidhartha Sankar Roy, the Congress Chief Minister, devised some other nefarious plans to weaken the movement. He suggested concessional fares to the students with a view to create rift between the students and the general people. Nobody will find any difficulty in understanding the sinister design of the Chief Minister. It is very legitimate to allow the students to travel both in the state transport as well as in private buses in concessional fares. No one will object to the official proposal of allowing the students to travel at old rates in the state transport and there is no question of opposition to the official proposal of concessional fare to the students in private buses. But the main point is to immediately withdraw the increased fare structure and the question of concessional fare to the students is inter-linked with this withdrawal of the increased fare in buses. So any consideration of concession to the students, separately from the main question of complete withdrawal of the increased fare has been made with certain

ulterior motive. This ulterior motive becomes glaringly evident when it was announced along with the announcement of student concession that the fare increase would not be withdrawn. The students interest and the aggregate interest of the people are supplementary and complimentary and are not antagonistic to each other but the Government most mischievously is trying to drive a wedge between them.

The ulterior motive of the Government behind this move is to isolate the students from the popular resistance movement against the bus fare increase. It is all the more important as the students are more or less organised in college unions and under various students organisations. If this organised student-force is isolated the mass movement can be weakened to a great extent. Students will have to think whether they will be victims to this nasty game of the Congress Government; they will have to ponder whether they can free themselves from the consequent economic crisis of their families when their relatives will have to pay increased fares in buses. So the students will have no other alternative but to resist this sinister attempt of the Congress to isolate them from movements and use them against the struggling people.

The Chief Minister of West Bengal has said that the Government increased the bus fare as per the verdict of the Banerjee Commission and reconvened the Commission to give opportunity to different parties and individuals to place their view points; but the increased-fare will continue in the mean time. When Banerjee Commission was constituted no left parties gave their opinion in this commission as it was shown with sufficient reasons that there is no necessity of increasing the fare if corruption is rooted out and hence the constitution of Banerjee Commission was useless. The

Congress Government has not yet openly published the report of the Banerjee Commission. But in a report published in the Jugantar, the Bengali daily controlled by certain Congress leaders, it is seen that Sri Lakshmi Kanta Bose, a Congress leader and a leader of the State Transport Workers' Union said:—"Let the entire report of Benayak Banerjee Commission be published... For in its report the Commission opined that for the survival of the State Transport, corruption must be stopped; and if the Government fails to root out corruption bus fare will have to be increased." (Translated from original report). So it is seen from the statement of Sri Lakshmi Bose that the Banerjee Commission opined that the necessity of increasing bus fare will not be there if the Government can root out corruption and if the Government fails to do the same, it is only then the question of raising bus fare arises. The Government by increasing bus fare admitted that the Congress Government failed to stop corrupt practices and the people will have to pay for this inefficiency of the Congress Government. As regards the private buses, the Government allowed the bus owners to fleece the people at the increased rate.

Tens of thousands of people of Calcutta, Howrah and 24 Parganas have frustrated the move of the Government to raise the bus fare and created a congenial situation for further development of the left democratic movement in West Bengal. The first phase of the movement against price rise and scarcity of food articles has ended with the mass civil disobedience movement on 15th November and the Bangla bandh on 17th. Preparation for second phase of the movement was going on. Particularly in the rural areas jotedars are trying to loot the paddy of the poor peasants and the

share-croppers and raise the prices further. Naturally the resistance movement against price rise is intimately linked up with the resistance movement against the combined onslaught of the jotedars, ruling party and the police.

Under such a situation resistance movement against rise in bus fare has to be organised; but this does not mean that the movement against price rise has ended. On the contrary, the resistance movement against rise in bus fare will strengthen the movement against price rise. For direct participation of the people in movements against price rise, a higher political consciousness and higher organisational strength are to be built up. This can be done by conducting movements on various day to day problems of the people. But the resistance movement against bus fare rise is such a movement that the people can participate in the movement directly from the very beginning.

If the people do not want to pay the increased price in case of food articles, they cannot implement this decision as they have to starve in that case. But in case of bus fare, the people can refuse payment of increased fare and so they can directly build up movement and by direct participation in movements the consciousness of the people is raised and the people can build up higher organisational strength and they acquire confidence in direct and united struggle. These ultimately help them to develop further complex and mightier movement. If judged in this way, the success of resistance movement against increased bus fare will strengthen the movement against price rise and so this movement against rise in bus fare is pregnant with greater possibilities.

It is because of this reason, the unity of the left and democratic parties and forces

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Establishment of Revolutionary Leadership Essential for Successful Culmination

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must be consolidated in the interest of movements of the people and for the success of the present resistance movement against bus fare rise. Owing to internal squabbles within the Congress, the ruling party is becoming weak; but this does not mean that the Congress has lost all capabilities to fight the left forces. Still the Congress is more or less powerful and they have been able to create rift within the left camp, by forming an alliance with the CPI and they are still manoeuvring to create further division within the left camp by secret understanding with certain party.

So under the present phase of the democratic movement the building up of a united front of the left democratic parties, is essential to fight such an enemy even for resisting the bus fare rise. Necessity of a united front on the basis of agreed common minimum programme and on a definite code of conduct is most urgent. The united front in the present phase of democratic movement can be the only instrument of struggle to build up and conduct the united movements; but to-day this instrument is not existing and this is the greatest weakness for the present.

That the resistance movement against rise in bus fare has great potentiality has been discussed, the people have spontaneously responded in the street campaigns and so it is certain that this movement can be built up in an irresistible way if courageously conducted with a definite programme. But the second weakness of this movement is the unpreparedness, hesitation and cowardly behaviour of the CPI(M) the biggest left party in West Bengal. Their hesitation to campaign by boarding the buses even when demanded by the people, has surprised

them. But from this one should not conclude that the CPI(M), as a party has become powerless in this state. Then what is the reason for this cowardly behaviour? Is it due to the threats from the Congressite anti-socials or is it an expression of their unwillingness to develop sustained and broad movement? Whatever might be the reason if such a movement with such immense possibility ends in failure due to inability to give an organised shape in the proper time, then not only the resistance movement against bus-fare rise will be damaged but also people's resistance to pay increased fare and also in other cases will gradually break down.

In this connection another weakness in the movement must be mentioned, and that is the petty sectarian party politics. This movement is being conducted unitedly; but the attack by police and Congressites on any partner of the united movement is not considered as an attack on the united movement. The Congressite anti-socials attacked the SUC and the FB workers and seriously injured them and the police arrested responsible SUC organisers and workers in the midnight but no resolution condemning these barbarous acts could be adopted in the unitedly sponsored meeting on the following day and there was much dillydallying in issuing a joint statement, condemning the oppression of the Congress Government.

These weaknesses must be removed and for the sake of present and future left democratic movement, every party and particularly the CPI(M), the biggest party in the state must overcome all hesitations, fears and shun petty party politics and come forward to develop the movement.

People must be aware of the various ill-designs of the

Congress and must always remember that the capitalist class of this country as well as foreign imperialist capitalist forces are behind the Congress. So only spontaneous out-burst will not lead any movement to success. In order to successfully lead the movement an instrument of struggle as well as the ideological and organisational leadership of a real revolutionary party over the united struggle is essential. The lessons of the past mass movements in which movements many people participated and made many sacrifices, is that if any demand of the people is to be fulfilled then sustained movement is to be built up and the people must be organised through these movements. It is not possible to build up sustained movement by a leadership which is averse to mass-movement, vacillating and reformist in character. It is only the revolutionary leadership which has a clear perspective about the movement with necessary and correct ideology that alone can provide correct leadership and skip it to a higher and still higher stage. In the interest of resisting the bus-fare rise, it is the duty of the people to strengthen the real revolutionary party.

Com. Ghosh Addresses

Gaziabad Workers

Gaziabad (U. P.), November 30: A meeting of the trade union workers under the auspices of the SUCI was held at Gaziabad to-day. Com. Shibdas Ghosh, one of the foremost Marxist-thinker and the General Secretary of the SUCI addressed the gathering. Com. Ghosh urged that while conducting trade union movements on the basis of various economic demands, the workers must be made politically conscious.

The Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Centre of India has issued the following statement to the Press:

Com. Banbehari Jena, well-known advocate of Rourkela, Secretary of the Sundargarh District Committee of the SUCI, Secretary of the Orissa Branch of the UTUC (Lenin Sarani) and the Rourkela Workers' Union and a reputed leader of Orissa has been arrested and detained without trial under the MISA with the ulterior motive of preventing him from carrying on his normal political and trade union activities in general and preparatory work for contesting in the coming mid-term elections to the Orissa Legislative Assembly in particular. This shows glaringly how the MISA is being misused by the ruling party against the political opponents. We strongly condemn this fascist attack of the Governor of Orissa and the Central Government and demand immediate release of Com. Jena.

Sukinda Seed Farm Workers' Victory

Sukinda (Orissa)—Nearly one thousand agricultural labourers of Sukinda Seed Farm were in strike demanding minimum daily wages of Rs 3-50 Paise as recommended by Central Govt, bonus and other benefits under the leadership of SUC led Sukinda Bihan Farm Sramik Sangha.

After 13 days strike the management has agreed to raise female labourers wage from Rs 1-70 paise to Rs 2-25 paise, male labourer Rs 2-20 paise to Rs 2-75 paise, 10% bonus and other facilities. A victory procession was brought out on 6th Dec, '73 and a public meeting held under the presidentship of Com Mayadhar Nayak, President of Sukinda Seed Farm Shramik Sangha.