



BURN DOWN DARKNESS WITH FIRE,  
SOLDIERS, SET OUT FROM HERE,  
SET THE HEARTS OF MILLIONS AFIRE,  
ACROSS THE VAST EXPANSE!  
TELL THEM, TRAMPLED SOULS FOR AGES,  
THE TIDE SHALL SURGE AHEAD FOR EVER!

## Red Salute Comrade Madhai Halder

Who died a Martyr's Death in the fading light of August 31, 1990 in Calcutta.

### WEST BENGAL IN FERMENT

# A New Era Dawns In The Annals Of Mass Movement

History took a turn on 31st August 1990 in Calcutta to re-enact the same day 31 years back in 1959, with the social democrat masquerader playing its other role this time. That day three decades ago 80 people died in police atrocity and its aftermath in Calcutta when thousands had rallied at the call of the Left parties including the then undivided CPI, demanding food from the Congress Government. Ever since, 31st August came to be observed by the left parties as the Martyrs' Day in homage to those who died in that historic Food Movement.

On the Martyrs' Day this year, when thousands marched down in Calcutta to voice a protest against the ineptitude and anti-people and fascist measures of the CPI(M)-led Government of West Bengal, martyrs' blood spilled on the city's streets again. This time it is the masquerader of Leftism, the socialdemocrat collaborator of the ruling class, who waves the

#### A STEALTHY RETREAT

The 'Left Front' government has already reduced the bus fares to some extent in a number of routes in the name of removing anomaly in fare structure. It is, no doubt, a victory of the movement which created immense pressure on the state government. But the people are of firm resolve to continue the struggle till total victory is achieved.

red banner but defends the interest of the ruling class that has stained its hand in the blood of the martyr. This is the same hand which laid wreaths on the morning the same day, at the martyrs' column in tribute to the memory of the martyrs of the 1959 Food Movement. The same hand it was which Mr. Jyoti Basu, the CPI(M) Chief Minister of the State, waved as he defended the police firing and ridiculed the people's protest with his brand of unabashed lie that the protesters had attacked the police 'rather to turn a tame affair hot'. Such has been, of course, the practice always of the social democrat masquerader to resort to shameless deception, treachery and repression—all against people—to win favour of the owners, the ruling class.

Under the dispensation of this 'Left Front' Government which is ruling for more than 13 years now the people have been subject to ever increasing prices of food and other essential commodities, repeated enforcement of unjust and unfair increase in transport fare, an endemic power crisis now compounded by an unprecedented shortage of kerosene supply, almost total want of justice and lack of legal protection for the common multitude, and a criminal barbarity to women. Whereas, the blackmarketeers are holding the sway, the anti-socials are on the rampage, the police atrocity has assumed a savage dimension.

Oppressed, exploited and humiliated, the people now stand with back to the wall. Discontent has grown into resentment. Resentment has turned into protest. And protest now hardens into resistance. A fire in a prairie is flaring into a conflagration of resolute and protracted struggle of resistance.

All this has not come in a day. In the last one month or so a ferment has gripped Calcutta and

the districts of West Bengal against enforcement of an arbitrary hike in transport fares by the 'Left Front' Government in total disregard of the people's interest and protestations. In the face of an unprecedented popular resis-

tance, Jyoti Basu's Government has failed to enforce enhanced fares in most of the districts. Driven by despair this CPI(M)-led Government has let loose repression of a savage kind on the re-

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## Central Committee On Reservation Issue

The Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Centre of India, at its meeting held on the 28th August 1990, notes with deep concern the anger and resentment particularly amongst the students and youths that is fast spreading in different parts of the country in protest against the Union Government's decision in consonance with the recommendations of the Mandal Commission to reserve 27 per cent of the jobs in Central government offices and public undertakings for the other backward classes. Expressing

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# Nationwide Observance of 5th August

The 14th Memorial Day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the Great Leader of the Proletariat, one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of the era, and the Founder General Secretary of our beloved party, the SUCI, was observed throughout the country. We are publishing the reports so far received of the statewide main programmes.

## HARYANA

The 14th Memorial Day of the departed Great Leader of the Proletariat, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, was observed by the Haryana State Committee of the SUCI and on this occasion a mass meeting was held on 5th August at Sri Chhaturam Park Hall, Rohtak, under the Chairmanship of Comrade Gian Singh, Secretary, Haryana State Committee, SUCI. Comrade Pritish Chanda, member, Central Committee and Politburo of the party, addressed as the main speaker.

Before the meeting started different party and mass organisations paid floral homage at the portrait of Comrade Ghosh and the proceedings started with the singing of 'the Great Leader of the Proletariat' by the music squad.

Com. Chanda in his speech dealt with international and national issues and called upon the people to realise teachings of Comrade Ghosh in order to face the present situation in the international and national sphere.

Analysing the international situation in view of the rise of the renegade Gorbachev clique and the counter-revolution in East European countries and the Soviet Union, he said that observing the lowering of general standard of the communists all over the world in the field of ideology, ethics and morality and a mechanical process of thinking and mechanical relationship instead of a dialectical one in the then communist movement Comrade Ghosh long back concluded that all these factors led to the rise of Khrushchevite revisionism. Com. Chanda said that the ills in the

world communist movement could not be treated in the scientific way. Rather in course of time these cumulatively contributed to the rise of the Gorbachev renegade clique which in collusion with the imperialists brought about counter-revolution. To resist these the only weapon in the hands of the working people is the thought of Comrade Ghosh which we should study again and again.

Refuting the propaganda of the imperialists that the days of communism were over, he said that as Marxism was a science, it was invincible and the present retrogression in the communist movement is the result of betrayal of Marxism-Leninism by the revisionist leadership.

In spite of it, there was a ray of hope in that even after all these Gorbachev had to face severe opposition and criticism in the 28th CPSU Congress. Comrades should not lose heart, because, communism is the historical destiny of mankind, he observed.

Coming to the national questions Comrade Chanda said that the crisis of the National Front Government was a manifestation of the crisis of capitalism and the conflict between Devilal and V. P. Singh was the conflict of interest between the rural and the urban bourgeoisie. Devilal represented the strong rural bourgeois or kulak lobby which wanted to have more control in the economic and political affairs of the country. Referring to the menacing virus of communalism in the background of Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid issue, he said that the crisis-ridden bourgeoisie wanted to disrupt the unity of people by whipping up a commu-

nal frenzy among the people. In conclusion he called upon the people to build up people's movement on the basis of the teachings of Comrade Ghosh.

The meeting ended with the 'Internationale'.

## RAJASTHAN JAIPUR

At Jaipur, Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Meeting was held under the auspices of Jaipur Organising Committee of the SUCI on 9th August under the presidentship of Com. Manish Sharma. Com. Pritish Chanda, Member of the Politburo and Central Committee, was present as the main speaker.

At first dealing with the international situation Comrade Chanda explained that even after the counter-revolution in the USSR and East Europe four major contradictions as enunciated by Great Lenin were still operative and valid along with the fifth major contradiction as shown by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, an outstanding Marxist-Leninist thinker. In spite of this, there was a change and tilt in the alignment of social forces towards counter-revolution and imperialism. But it was still the age of Proletarian revolution, he reminded.

He further explained during the transitional period between the overthrow of capitalism and final victory of communism dictatorship of the proletariat to fulfill the tasks of total and complete elimination of capitalism and all its remnants both in the economic base and in the political, social, cultural and ethical superstructure presupposed the leading and dominating role of the revolutionary party of the proletariat. As such, to safeguard the communist parties from deviation towards modern revisionism and from mechanical process of thinking and organisation and relationship, a vigorous struggle to establish dialectical process of thinking and re-

lationship must be unleashed, he added. And to attain this, a ceaseless ideological and cultural struggle was the call of the hour to rid the communist movement of lowering of standard, the breeding ground of revisionism, he observed. 5th August teaches us that we must learn the teachings of Marxism-Leninism and Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's Thoughts more deeply and thoroughly and engage ourselves to go to the masses, organise their struggles conducive to anti-capitalist revolution.

Com. Girjeswar Singh, the State Coordinator of the party also addressed the meeting.

## PILANI

Under the auspices of Jhunjhunu District Organising Committee of the party 14th Memorial Day of the Great Leader of the Proletariat was observed in a befitting manner at Pilani on 7th August, in which Comrade Pritish Chanda, Member, Politburo and the Central Committee, was the main speaker. A good number of peasants, agricultural workers, youths and students from Chiraw, Khetari and Pilani took part in this programme.

Highlighting the importance and validity of Marxism-Leninism Comrade Chanda explained that it was a coordinated science and comprehensive world outlook and dealt with the most fundamental general laws of life, society and nature interconnecting particular laws of these domains. It changed relatively in accordance with the change and development of particulars laws of life, society and nature. Since particular sciences were never obsolete, hence Marxism-Leninism could never be obsolete and outdated, he said.

He continued that the change and the turn of events in socialist countries today were painful but the downfall of socialist system in the Soviet Union, along with

other East European countries was not the fall of Marxism-Leninism, but the consequence of deviation from Marxism-Leninism. Thus it would be suicidal for the proletariat and other exploited masses to turn their face from scientific socialism and communism. There was no other ideology as nobler and higher than the ideology of communism, he observed.

Exposing the hollowness of bourgeois democracy, he emphasised that capitalism by attaining the stage of imperialism had lost all its progressive role and become moribund and assumed fascist character. Each and every capitalist country to safeguard moribund capitalism from revolutionary upsurge of the exploited was taking recourse to fascism and curtailing democratic rights and individual liberty. In this phase of Third Intense General crisis, world capitalism was taking recourse to militarisation of economy in a bid to artificially boost the moribund capitalism. Being part and parcel of world capitalism, our country was no exception to this, he said.

Com. Chanda continued, at the time of Great October Socialist revolution, Russia, the multi-racial, multi-lingual and multi-religious country was economically most backward in Europe. But a few years after the revolution, within two five-year plans, it was elevated next to the USA, in gross national production. It also caught up USA within a short time even in nuclear and space science. Imperialist world tried to make the world believe that freedom had no place in the USSR and for that in the Socialist system itself. But, he said, unless the working people could enjoy the real freedom and full opportunity for development on the right course, it could not have been possible for the USSR to make rapid strides in

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every field with full employment.

Comrade Girjeswar Singh, also addressed the gathering and Comrade Mahasingh presided over the meeting.

### KOTA

Under the auspices of Kota District Organising Committee of the party, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day was observed on 10th August in a befitting manner. Com. Devishankar Malav presided over the meeting and Com. Gian Singh, Secretary, Haryana State Committee of the party, was the main speaker.

Peasants, workers of stone quarries, sugar mills, textile and cement factories along with agricultural labours, youths and students from Kota, Bundi, Kesorai, Patan, Indergarn, Lakhari and Bara participated in this meeting in large numbers.

Explaining national situation Comrade Singh said, in the absence of democratic movement in the country communalism, parochialism, separatism, regionalism and casteism, etc., are rearing their ugly heads. The Congress(I) and the BJP, the trusted political agents of the ruling bourgeoisie, are vying with each other in fomenting communalism and fundamentalism in the country in order to extend their sphere of influence thereby laying strong foundation of fascism in the realm of idea and culture. The so-called Left and democratic parties, being politically bankrupt and hankering after parliamentary gains had also allowed themselves to be instrumental in this bourgeois design. Under the circumstances, there was no alternative but to strengthen the SUCI, the only revolutionary party of the proletariat reared by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat, in order to safeguard the unity, integrity and fraternity of the exploited people of India, he ob-

served.

Com. Girjeswar Singh also addressed the gathering.

### BIHAR

Under the auspices of the Bihar State Committee of the party a mass meeting was held on 5th August on this occasion at Rajendra Nagar Community Hall, Patna with Com. Shiv Shankar, member, State Committee, in the Chair. Com. Shankar Singh, member Politburo and Central Committee of the party delivered his speech as the main speaker.

After the wreaths were placed at the portrait of Comrade Ghosh the meeting started with the music squad singing 'the Great Leader'. Com. Amriteswar Chakraborty, Secretary, Bihar State Committee of the party, in his brief speech paid homage to the great leader and called upon the comrades to educate themselves with the teachings of Com. Ghosh in order to fight the reactionary influence of revisionism and capitalism-imperialism both in the national and in the international sphere.

Comrade Shankar Singh in course of his speech in the light of thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh brilliantly analysed the causes and the events that took place in the international communist movement. He said that the Soviet Union which once showed the path of revolutionary movement to the world had degenerated into a capitalist state under the leadership of the renegade Gorbachev clique which came to power following the course of Khrushchevite revisionists as a result of the low level of ideological consciousness and the mechanical relationship and mechanical process of thinking among the communists. He said that Comrade Ghosh way back in 1948 had visualised this danger and warned the then communist leaders. In this connection he referred to the

Tito incident and showed how Com. Ghosh pointed out the root cause of all these events. He appealed to the people to resist this trend being armed with the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Turning to the national questions he pointed to the bourgeois attempt to install a two-party parliamentary system and pointed to the anti-people moves of the National Front Government at the Centre in the guise of popular gestures. 'It is the task of the people now', he emphasized, 'to build up democratic mass movements conducive to anti-capitalist socialist revolution in India and to explain to peoples of different countries the root cause of modern revisionism and show the way to root out this evil.'

The meeting ended with the 'Internationale'.

### UTTAR PRADESH

The U.P. State Committee of SUCI observed Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day throughout the state and on 9th August held a huge rally at Badlapur Inter College ground (Jaunpur district) under the presidency of Com. B. N. Singh, Secretary, U.P. State Committee of the party. Com. Shankar Singh, member, Politburo and Central Committee, SUCI was the main speaker. Com. Jagadish Ashana conducted the proceedings of the meeting.

In spite of heavy monsoon thousands of people from the districts of Ballia, Ghazipur, Pratapgarh, Sultanpur and Allahabad assembled at the meeting. Com. Singh in his speech analysed the present international and national situation and called upon the people to decide their course of action on the basis of teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the Great Leader of the Proletariat.

On the international situation he said that the exploited people the world over were shocked at the economic, political and social change that took place in the socialist countries, especially the

USSR, which was the source of inspiration to the exploited who cherished their dream of emancipation from capitalist bondage. They also became apprehensive to observe the collusion of the Gorbachev clique with the imperialists. This clique, mouthing Marxist-Leninist slogans and waving red flags, organised counter-revolution in the USSR, the first socialist state in the world, built up and reared by Lenin and Stalin. The Gorbachev renegade clique was engaged in a bid to destroy the world socialist system itself. And to resist these the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had become indispensable at this hour of crisis in order to have a correct realisation of Marxism-Leninism, the most powerful weapon in the hands of the proletariat, he said.

On the national situation he said, the Janata Dal taking advantage of its popularity was serving the interest of the bourgeoisie better than the Congress(I) which could not do it due to its lost credibility. Referring to the 'Participation of Labour in Management Bill' he added the Bill aimed at stripping the working class of its remaining democratic rights in the name of participation of labour in management. He regretted that all the parties including the so-called Left like the CPI(M), CPI and IPF welcomed the Bill. Com. Singh continued, the Janata Dal in its election manifesto promised to reduce the military budget but it hiked the amount on the false plea of external aggression.

Referring to Kashmir he said, this issue could in no way be linked with the defence of our country. He continued wherever the people became vociferous they were being singled out and ruthlessly repressed being branded as anti-national and anti-people. He condemned the barbarous onslaught of the CRPF and the Army on the innocent Kashmiris in the name of curbing extremism. In this connection he criticised

the role of the official media. He demanded to put a stop immediately to the repressive measures and instead suggested to fully implement Article 370 of the Constitution and bring the Kashmiris to the mainstream of Indian polity by winning their heart through love and compassion.

In conclusion Com. Singh called upon the people to build up mass movement, complementary to Socialist Revolution, to pave the way for overthrow of capitalism, the root of all evils.

### DELHI

The Delhi State Organising Committee of the party observed Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day on 8th August through a meeting at Constitution Hall, Rafi Marg, New Delhi. Comrade Ashutosh Banerjee, member of the Central Committee of the party, was the main speaker and Comrade Ram Singh, member of the Delhi State Organising Committee, SUCI, presided over the meeting.

While delivering his speech on various international and national issues Com. Banerjee emphasised the national problems centring round National Front Government policies. Comrade Banerjee said, Comrade Ghosh's brilliant analysis that under crisis-ridden capitalism mechanisation and modernisation of agriculture was not possible in our country had been proved correct. This had also been amply proved that crisis-ridden capitalist economy could absorb the surplus man power resulting from mechanisation in agriculture. This was the reason why no government installed at the Centre after independence had taken to this path. He said that the conflict inside the Janata Dal and the National Front was the conflict of interest between the monopolists and between the rural and the urban bourgeoisie and these were nothing but the manifestation of crisis of capitalism itself. It must be noted here, he said, that in this con-

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## West Bengal Rises From Long Slumber

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sisting public with the help of its police force and the CPI(M) cadres. History has now unmasked, through its twists and turns, this CPI(M)-led Government masquerading as pro-people and democratic. The masquerador's real face of deception and tyranny has been laid bare.

Throughout the month of August a resistance has been waged in Calcutta and in the districts, from Darjeeling in north to south 24 Parganas in south; from Purulia in west to Nadia in east. Barricades have been put up, prohibitory orders have been violated in a peaceful manner, arrests have been courted and bandhs observed in protest against police repression. People came out, refusing to pay enhanced fares. At the behest of picketers they boycotted increased fares and demanded withdrawal of the new fare structure. Where CPI(M) cadres assaulted picketers, members of the public stepped in to resist the musclemen. Under pressure of boycott and resistance bus service has remained suspended in several districts.

Police made severe lathicharges to disperse the protesters; burst tear gas shells and opened fire at many places. Hundreds have been injured, many of them sustaining serious wounds and transferred to the hospital, and thousands arrested. The protesters fought pitched battles with the police in many places. In Calcutta, on 17th August, police resorted to a brutal lathicharge on women protesters at which members of the public came forward to fight the police. Citizens met at a meeting on 23rd August to condemn police atrocity and repeated assaults of pressmen and photographers. Rallies were held, processions taken out and demonstrations staged.

In the districts mass violation of law took place at many places.



Brutal lathicharge on women volunteers on 17th August last at Esplanade East, Calcutta.

Barricades were laid at numerous points. Bandhs were observed in Siliguri, Coochbehar, Jangipur, Barasat, Moyna and several other places. The police let loose repression everywhere, resorting to lathicharge, beating up protesters, arresting and taking them into custody. In the face of this protracted and growing movement the Front Government has been forced to announce reduction in fares of long distance services in the districts. Private bus owners failed to introduce increased fares in several districts.

In this background, on 31st August last, at the call of 12 Left parties including the SUCI, more than 30 thousand people rallied in Calcutta for a programme of mass violation of law in protest against increase in trans-

port fare, price rise, kerosene and power crisis, barbarity to women, and repression by police-CPI(M) cadres combine. Students, youths, industrial workers, agricultural labours, peasants, office employees and thousands from other sections of working people including women, children and the aged took part in the rally.

The rally marched in a procession from its assembly site at Subodh Mullick Square to Esplanade area in the heart of the city. People thronged on the pavements in eagerness to witness the standard bearers of the true tradition of the historic Food Movement of 31st August, 1959. In step with the announced programme for a mass violation of law as a mark of protest, thousands of mar-

chers had begun courting arrest in a peaceful and disciplined manner, when suddenly the police started a violent lathicharge. Tear gas shells burst around. Before the protesters could realise what was to follow, from behind the screen of smoke of bursting shells, the police opened fire unprovoked, shooting deliberately and indiscriminately in a calculated bid to kill the protesters, aiming at chests, heads and abdomens. They were ordered to smother resistance, so the executioners fired on to mow down the protesting men. The killers held guns, the unarmed men held red banners. And clasping the banner they fell down on to the ground hit by showers of bullets—here, there, all around. Comrades around who were not hit by bullets rushed in to

pick them up for transfer to the hospital. Comrade Madhai Halder, a youth of 16 and an agricultural worker of the SUCI, embraced death. RED SALUTE, COMRADE MADHAI HALDER!

This Calcutta, citadel of Left Movement in post-independence India, has witnessed barricade fights, pitched battles, police atrocity and military operation. But never before has it witnessed such a murderous spree, such an indiscriminate showering of bullets, without any warning, on a massive procession of people as on 31st August 1990. This rampage of the Jyoti Basu Government will indeed go down in history as a barbarous black deed without precedent.

The police ravage has left in its trail more than 200 wounded, including 32 hit by bullets in the chest, neck, head, stomach, arms and leg, some with multiple bullet injury. These figures alone give lie to the Jyoti Basu Government's claim that 37 rounds only had been fired. Another blatant lie is its claim that the protesters had turned violent 'to turn a rather lame affair hot'. But, as everyone knows, in the whole period of this movement, as in all the movements ever conducted by the SUCI, not a single incident of setting fire to trams or buses has occurred. Never did the government get any such handle to make a pretext for its repressive acts. Today Jyoti Basu flaunts a police report as the sacred scripture. But the people know, and Jyoti Basu knows better than anyone else, what fabrications these police reports are made up of. Isolated completely from the people the masquerador has nowhere to take refuge but to unabashed lying, to total fabrications, called police reports, to a power base that is the police-CPI(M) cadre combine.

The social democrat masquerader is appre-

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## Statement on Reservation

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grave concern over these protest movements fraught with dangerous consequences even to the extent of leading to fratricidal conflicts, the Central Committee appeals to the agitating students and youths to take note of these dangerous portents failure of which may plunge the whole of the Indian society into a situation where communal and caste-creed divide will deepen further robbing it of the last fabric of people's unity whatever is still remaining.

The alarming aspect that is causing deep concern to the Central Committee is that these movements whether for or against reservation are taking place at a time when the Union government, public undertakings and the industrialists in a planned manner are resorting to computerisation squeezing further the scope of employment, and when the Union government itself has imposed moratorium on recruitment in government offices and other public undertakings and when the entire economy of the country is in the grip of a deep crisis where tempo of industrialisation has come to a naught and instead, recessionary trends are becoming quite visible in the economy where on the one hand cutting down production, closures, lay-offs and lock-outs are throwing thousands and thousands of people out of employment and on the other mounting unemployment is razing the whole country affecting all sections of the people irrespective of caste. It is clear that faced with this growing resentment amongst all sections of the people against this mounting unemployment problem the Central government led by Mr. V. P. Singh, too, is today in search of diversionary tactics. However regrettable and deplorable it may be, it is a fact that when the employment potentiality of the Indian economy is at its lowest ebb, when the Union government itself is strictly enforcing moratorium on recruitment in all government offices and public undertakings, its latest offer of 27 per cent jobs reserved for socially and educationally backward people al-

though may appear to being offered on a plaiter is really the greatest of all jokes it has made yet being at the same time a calculated deceptive move intended to divide people vertically and wean away millions of backward people towards its side to gain maximum electoral benefit. The Central Committee while condemning this hypocrisy of the worst form calls upon the scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and other backward people to duly recognize this dangerous ploy the ruling party, in association with other bourgeois and petty bourgeois parties, has set up to arrest and exhaust people's growing anger against the mounting unemployment problem so that it does not take the form of a mighty united people's movement.

Taking into consideration not only the economic and social humiliation that is being meted out to the down-trodden people belonging to scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and other backward communities and along with it the brutal physical torture that is being perpetrated against them the Central Committee being fully aware of the gravity of the situation would like to emphasise also that although it has been made to these down-trodden people that reservation is a safeguard against all these barbarous attacks and exploitation, the fact of the matter which cannot be forgotten for a moment is that, existing reservation system notwithstanding all these exploitations and oppressions instead of diminishing, are on the increase everywhere being the direct off-shoot of the existing capitalist system.

Explaining further the Central Committee opines that whereas existing reservation system has brought no tangible relief and benefit to the common down-trodden people belonging to these backward strata, who still remain where they were before independence, except giving birth to a small elite from amongst them, the pertinent fact which the supporters of reservation should not fail to notice and realise, the opponent of reservation should also at the same time be aware about the stark reality that under the given capitalist system which is breeding unemployment hourly, there will be no end to this burning unemployment problems even if there were no reservation. The Central Committee at the same time urges upon all students and youths to desist from any path which may further deepen the communal and casteist divide and strengthen the sectarian approach because the need of the hour is to develop a united mighty people's movement against the mounting unemployment problem on the demand of immediate revocation of moratorium on recruitment, filling up the vacant posts immediately and to force the government to embark on a policy of setting up of major labour-intensive industries in different parts of the country absorbing in it millions of down-trodden people belonging to scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and other backward communities. The Central Committee, therefore, urges upon these agitating students and youths to sincerely endeavour to identify the genuine grievances and aspirations of all these down-trodden people and to stand firmly behind them against the onslaughts that are being perpetrated by the oppressing strata in the name of caste and community.

In order to bring parity and also to defuse the tension that has developed centring round this issue the Central Committee has been consistently urging upon all concern-

## DYO Conference in TN

The first DYO district conference of South Arcot district, Tamil Nadu, held on 29th July, 1990 at Villuppuram, created a stir among the young people in particular in the area.

On 29th July a youth demonstration against unemployment marched through the streets of the town and converged at the Vasu Kalyana Mandapam, the venue of the conference.

Com. Anavaradhan, District In-charge of the SUCI, inaugurated the conference. Different resolutions, were passed. A strong committee was formed with Com. Rajendran as Secretary, Com. Pandian as treasurer and Com. Narayanasamy as Assistant Secretary.

Com. Surendran, State Secretary of the DYO, in his address explained the scientific way to solve unemployment problem.

Com. Narayanasamy, state secretariat member of SUCI, the main speaker urged the youths to understand their problems on the anvil of the great teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great Marxist leader and he gave call to build up mighty democratic movements.

In the beginning a resolution paying homage to Com. Ho Chi Minh, the outstanding communist leader, was passed.

The conference ended with the song on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

## Mass Deputation at Ghatshila

A demonstration, under the auspices of SUCI, was held in front of the SDO office, Ghatshila, on 30th July last demanding to check price rise, solve unemployment, introduce all-out state trading in essential commodities etc. At about 12 noon a well decorated procession of more than thousand with banners and red flags, started marching from the Gopalpur rail gate and

traversed about two kilometers of Ghatshila main road, reached the SDO office and the 5 man delegation discussed with the SDO about the 18-point charter of demands. The SDO assured to fulfil those demands that were within his purview and the rest would be sent to the Government.

After the demonstration a meeting was held near the railway station.

ed to realise that not caste or community but economic need-based criterion on the one hand and merit on the other constitute the real basis for offering any governmental benefit and assistance as that alone can minimise the scope of discrimination in this regard.

The Central Committee also appeals to the millions of down-trodden people belonging to scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and other backward communities to realise the utter hollowness and deceptive character of the scheme of reservation and free themselves from whatever illusions still they suffer from and that forging greater unity with all sections of students and youths and people alone can eventually create the condi-

tions for gradual realisation of their demand of "education to all" and "job for all" making at the same time development of a powerful mass movement demanding creation of greater job opportunities through setting up of major labour-intensive industries in near future possible.

The Central Committee also appeals to the well meaning people of the country to duly realise the gravity of the situation, to come forward to frustrate and foil these sinister designs the ruling party and the other bourgeoisie and petty bourgeois forces have hatched to break people's unity and bring permanent divide in Indian society on the basis of caste and community.

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hensive and afraid today of people's resistance. As has come out in a major news daily, the police are aware that the SUCI workers are 'unrelenting even in the face of extreme police action'. Perhaps nervous at the protracted and growing movement organised by 12 Left parties, the po-

## People's Movement Tears Social

has also been hit in the arm. Com. Prabir Haldar has been hit in the chest, but the bullet could not be removed. Com. Nir-mal Santra has a bullet wound in the abdomen which is bleeding still. A police jeep has run

hit by a tear gas shell in the face, haemorrhage occurring in his eye. Com. Chandan Maity has been hit in the knee. Com. Anindya Ray Choudhury has sustained a compound fracture in his leg. Com. Shanti Ghosh

Ray has been hit in her abdomen by police baton. Com. Rita Pradhan has been hit in her head during the lathicharge.

A question is agitating not only the public but the pressmen too as to why the protesters have been hit mostly in the chest, head or abdomen unless the intention was to kill them then and there. Many will remember that it was a general demand during the anti-imperialist independence movement and also from the Left movement in the post-independence period that the police must not hit people above the knee even when the police opened fire to disperse the people. But it is a stark reality that the masquerader of Leftism in Governmental power today is itself shooting people in the chest, head or abdomen so as to kill them. The police code

assertions.

That this Government has degenerated into medieval barbarity is revealed in its attitude to the wounded protesters now lying in hospitals. Not only are they lying without proper medical care and treatment, some of the wounded SUCI workers have been kept shackled to their bedsteads in the hospital. Only after photographs of two of our Comrades in the Berhampur hospital and Com. Shibshankar Pal in Bangur hospital got published in the news dailies did Mr. Jyoti Basu realize it an immediate necessity to condemn these occurrences as "grossly wrong" and "not befitting a civilized society". lest people's reaction in this country and abroad to this unheard-of barbarity convinced them that West Bengal under the



Police resorting to brutal lathicharge on 31st August at Esplanade, Calcutta.

lice wanted to teach the protesting people a savage lesson.

Ten among the bullet-hit are now lying in hospitals in a precarious condition, Com. Abhiram Bhuniya, hit in the neck; has a punctured vocal cord. The bullet could not be removed. Com. Biswajit Mal, also hit in the neck, is yet to be operated upon for removal of the bullet. Com. Badal Mandal has been hit in the chest and arm. Com. Hiralal Manna has bullet wounds in one lung and stomach and

over Com. Bhola Naskar, crushing his right leg which may have to be amputated. Com. Tapan Maity, hit in the head by police baton, has 11 stitches and is in a precarious state. Comrade Hafizur Rahman has been hit in the leg, a bullet piercing his left knee. Com. Gopal Sen has been hit in the right knee. The bullet has not been removed; a finger has had to be amputated. Two bullets have hit Com. Tushar Ghosh, piercing through his back. Com. Asanulja Hosain has been



Police-CPI(M) hoodlum joint action of repression.



Police torture on protesters on 8th August at College Street, Calcutta.

has bullet wounds in the head and arm. Com. Ashok Khamaru, hit in the knee, is yet to be examined for the injury. Com. Bablu Naskar, hit in the leg, is in a critical condition. The condition of Com. Abdul Rahman, hit in the belly, is deteriorating. A bullet hit Com. Tapan Mir in one of his fingers, which has had to be amputated. The condition of Com. Basanta Singha Ray, hit in the head, is taking a serious turn. Com. Gauri

too lays down to hit below the knee in these circumstances. But the police under the CPI(M) led 'Left Front' care little for the code or for all those questions raised during the independence movement and post-independence Left movements. Police officers today have the audacity to assert that the police shoot to kill. No doubt the police have taken their cue from their CPI(M) masters to indulge in such arrogant

CPI(M) led Government had indeed degenerated into a jungle rule befitting an uncivilized society. To cover up the barbaric crime the Chief Minister has now hastened to make a few policemen scapegoat by ordering their suspension.

The CPI(M) leaders seem to have assured themselves that the rule of the 'Left Front' for 13 long years had muzzled people's voice. They seem to have taken it for

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# Democrat CPI(M)'s Masquerade To Shreds



High police official shooting to kill peaceful marchers on 31st August.

(Contd. from page 6) granted that this Government could get away with anything it did and the people could be made to swallow anything and everything under threat of police repression or flexing of cadre muscle. They care little to heed public opinion or listen to public protest. Let alone pause to assess what amount of burden the increased transport fares means for the suffering multitude already bled white by exploitation of 4 decades, they basked in the belief that the claims of the CPI(M) leadership were the voice of the people' Pride of power with the blessing of the ruling class has made them

blind. Otherwise the masquerader could read the writing on the wall.

The writing that the people, oppressed and humiliated, were waking up again. That the days of resolute struggle of the fifties and sixties could return. That the mothers of West Bengal could again be the mothers of martyrs. Like Gayeshawri Haldar of a remote village, mother of Madhai Haldar said: "I know what news you came here to deliver. Madhai is no more, isn't it?" Slowly she knelt down on ground with tears welling up in her eyes. "I am mother of a martyr", she cried, striking earth with her palm. "So many sons became

martyrs in the Food Movement of 1959; Police bullets claimed lives of Ananda and Nurul in 1965. Now my Madhai has fallen a victim in this movement against fare rise."

(Aajkaal, 2.9.90.)

## Appeal to People on the eve of Bangla Bandh

Comrade Provash Ghosh in view of the Bangla Bandh called by 12-party combine gave the following statement to the Press on 2nd September to make the Bandh successful.

"The threat posed by the 'Left Front' government to its employees of disciplinary action if

To protest the fascist repression of the CPI(M) led Government, the atrocity, savagery and barbarity of the police on the marchers on 31st August, the 12 Left parties called upon the people to observe 'Condemnation Day' on 1st September and Bandh throughout the whole of West Bengal on 3rd September. In response, students of a large number of schools and colleges went on a spontaneous strike on 1st September. People wore black badges. On the martyrs' column at Subodh Mallik Square which was erected in memory of the martyrs of the 1959 Food Movement a new inscription was made by members of different student organisations including AIDSO as a tribute to the martyr of this 1990 movement against the 'Left Front' Government.

People came forward with spontaneous and all support for the West Bengal Bandh on 3rd September. It was a total, complete, peaceful and all successful Bandh which gave a fitting reply to the boastful leaders of the CPI(M). They arrested, from the early hours of the day, campaigning and picketing members of the 12 parties. When policemen were told that the Chief Minister had announced that no action would be taken against peaceful picketing, they informed that they were under a different instruction. Several thousand workers of the SUCI alone were arrested from Calcutta and districts. The police made lathicharge at several places on peaceful processions taken out by the 12 Left parties. The government operated state buses and trams with the

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The always busy New Market, Calcutta on Bangla Bandh day.

they do not turn up on Monday, 3rd September, the Bandh Day, itself proves the government's admission that the employees are in favour of the Bandh. And the CITU leader like a medieval chieftain has ordered the workers to attend their duties on the day even cancelling their leave as if they are the subjects of his domain. The paradox of the thing is that whenever they call a bandh, they declare the day as paid holiday. And the unusual preparedness on the part of the police and administration to crush the Bandh at any cost amounts to a declaration of war against the people.

The police to shield their sordid misdeed took to falsehood by saying that all the shots were fired below the knee. But the fact speaks just the reverse. Apart from the murder of a 16-year old youth by hitting him in the chest, among the 32 others

who sustained bullet injury, 22 were hit above waist, 4 were hit in the thigh whereas only 6 were hit below knee. Among them 4 received multiple bullet injury. Besides, two are still untraced and even the ladies were stripped naked on the street and beaten up mercilessly. The CPI(M) will go on killing people but nobody will be allowed to raise any voice of protest — this is their command to be obeyed.

We do not believe in the politics of muscle-power, terror and intimidation. Our real strength lies in our ideology, higher ethics and culture and unending zeal to fight injustice.

We are confident, the conscience of Bengal, the torchbearer of the great traditions of Vidyasagar, Vivekananda, Rabindranath, Saratchandra and Netaji will give a fitting rebuff to this boundless barbarity and audacity and make the Bandh a resounding success."

## Comrade Nihar Mukherjee On Middle East Situation

Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary, SUCI, has issued on 30th August the following statement on the developments in the Middle East :

The situation in the Middle East has taken an alarmingly grave turn. The US imperialists, the most dangerous source of war in the present world, have on the plea of containing Iraq and freeing Kuwait from its occupation, mobilised huge military power in the Gulf region, particularly in Saudi Arabia, with a threatening posture of war.

The total embargo imposed on Iraq in the Gulf by US warships armed with most sophisticated weaponry including nuclear arms and backed by British and some other imperialists flouting unilaterally international norms of conduct and UN decision, has surcharged the situation still further. This coupled with the most lamentable role of the Soviet Union under Gorbachev degenerates' clique going to the extent of even agreeing in the Security Council to allow US imperialists to use force to make the embargo against Iraq work, has undoubtedly created the danger of war in West Asia engulfing eventually the whole world — a real and imminent threat. Exposing the hollowness of the claim of Gorbachev that imperialism is peaceable with which concern for world peace can be made a common cause, the developments in the Gulf region proved on the contrary that US imperialists as the chieftain of world imperialist-capitalists continue to be the most rabid warmonger and enemy of the people who taking advantage of the capitulationistic character of the Gorbachev clique could establish well their supremacy unopposed in world affairs.

The Central Committee of our party noted with pain that the US imperialists being boosted as they are, by the assured role, like an accomplice, being played by the Soviet Union under Gorbachev clique could dare take this audacious and reckless war move in the Middle East fraught with the consequence of pushing the

whole world to the threshold of a new war.

Annexation of Kuwait by Iraq served as an ingredient precipitative of the US imperialists to push thus the situation of West Asia to the brink of a war for which the imperialist-capitalists in general and US imperialists in particular were frantically in search of since long. Occupation of Kuwait by Iraq has also had its adverse effect on the Arab unity, in their fight against Western imperialism in general and the US in particular.

The very interest of anti-imperialist and particularly anti-US imperialist struggle of the Arab people demands that Iraq must withdraw its occupation of Kuwait forthwith with readiness to seek solution of all its outstanding issues of strain with Kuwait through mutual negotiation based on mutual respect for each other's sovereignty, territorial integrity and dignity.

In the supreme interest of humanity the prime task today is to stand in defence of world peace by resisting and foiling the design of the USA and other imperialist warmongers to plunge the world into a new war. The US imperialists and their accomplices cannot be allowed to play with the fate and future of mankind. All those who cherish human progress, democracy, national independence and socialism must have to rise to the occasion, combine all their strength to oppose the threat of war posed by the US military build-up in the Gulf region and to unleash a mighty militant peace

## Victorious Workers' Movement at Anantapur, AP

Not surtitude but movement and movement alone can compel the authority to fulfil the workers' legitimate demands is again proved by the victorious battle of the Government Silk Reeling Unit at Anantapur. Led by the SUCI the workers started movement against unlawful lockout on 9th July last facing humiliation, torture, arrests, intimidation and false cases. Even women workers were threatened with dire consequences by pro-authority TU leaders and the police. Yet the movement gained great momentum and was joined

in by other unit workers. Workers gave deputations at various levels including the concerned ministry and in the meeting, attended by hundreds of spirited workers, held on 20th July last leaders of SUCI, JD, TDP, CPI, BJP and of CITU, NFPE, RTC, NMV, Workers' Solidarity, APNGOS, Assn., AP Teachers' Federation spoke in favour of the movement. The President of the District Sericulture Workers' Union Com. A. Narsimha Chari also spoke.

As a final measure the workers' started Fast Un-

to Death on 1.8.90 and on 5th August the authority after discussion with the union represented by Com. A. Narsimha Chari and Com. E. P. A. Rasheed, District Conventor of the Union was compelled to sign the agreement meeting the major demands of the workers. All the workers got Rs. 500/- each and they were all absorbed, cases were withdrawn and the authority guaranteed no victimization.

Press covered the news of this historic movement for one month long.

movement on an international scale to compel the US imperialists to dismantle their military bases in and around the Gulf and withdraw from West Asia.

The socialist countries, particularly China, have a special role to play, firstly in the UNO to foil US moves to make use of the world body in favour of its war designs, secondly to take initiative to unite all anti-imperialist nations by using all means including diplomatic channels, and thirdly to unite all peace-loving people of the world to give shape to a militant world peace movement.

The Central Committee notes with grave concern how the USA through various pressure tactics had made use of the UNO unduly as a body to subvert its designs of war rather than maintaining peace. If this process is not checked forthwith the UNO is bound to lose its character as a body to guard world peace and security. We urge upon the Government of India to play a positive role in this regard in the UNO as well as making effective use of its position in the Non-Aligned Movement and other international forums so as also to put effective pressure on the USA to immediately withdraw from the Gulf.

## MADRAS

### Movement against Railway authority concerning rape of P G Students

The Madras Unit of "Mahalir Kalachara Sangam" held a demonstration before Madras Central on 28th August to protest the attempt by the Southern Railway to evade all moral responsibility for the dastardly rape in broad daylight of three young girls by an eight-member gang in a compartment on the Dadar Express which left Madras Central in the early afternoon of 17 August, its deplorable lack of even a minimum effort to initiate steps to trace the culprits and its campaign to malign the credibility of the one reliable witness willing to testify by conjuring up so-called witnesses who have allegedly testified that the incident did not take place.

The organisers of the demonstration said that the denial statements of the Railway and Police authorities in the state are not at all convincing because their own versions at different times

are contradictory. Whereas they contended that the particular bogey in the Train was so overcrowded (150 passengers) that even TTE could not enter (the report came in 'Indian Express' dated 21.8.90) and as such the incident could not have taken place, now they are telling that 'S 8' coach had eleven passengers with reservation and some 'local passengers' who did not exceed seventy in number. The attitude of the railway and the police authorities in the state came into question by the speakers and they demanded a Judicial Enquiry into the whole episode and the manner in which the authorities continue to handle it.

Com. Purushothaman, Secretary, Madras City Unit of All India DSO and Com. Murugian, Secretary, Madras-Chigelpet District Committee of All India DYU led the movement.



# Build up People's Committees, instruments of protracted struggle

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 help of police without any passenger except cadres.

Train services too were sought to be maintained in the same manner. On the other, hardly could the activists of the 12 Left parties conduct campaigns in many areas before the Bandh. Yet the response was totally spontaneous and wholehearted. In Calcutta as the news dailies have reported with photographs, shops, markets, educational institutions in all the areas remained closed. People had not gone out to board trams and buses or attend offices, schools or courts.

of 12 Left parties; to take free rides in trams and buses; to make people believe that commoners had ignored the Bandh call. Antisocials harboured by the CPI(M) assaulted processions and chased women workers of the SUCI and other Left parties who sponsored the Bandh.

In fact, the government made all the arrangements it could, trying all the means it could lay hand on, to frustrate the Bandh. It warned employees of all government and quasi-government offices of stern measures including suspension, break in service if they did not turn up on the

of 31st August triggered off this pent-up resentment, shaping out the total response to the bandh call. It is also significant that a large section of the intelligentsia, many of whom had been active participants in the Left movement of the fifties and sixties, have come out openly to condemn the undemocratic conduct and barbarity of the CPI(M)-led Government and extend support to the movement.

The 12 Left parties have congratulated the people of West Bengal for making the Bandh an unprecedented success, defying threats and intimidations from the go-

vernment and the CPI(M) cadres. To lift the movement step by step to higher phases of a protracted struggle they announced a further programme. In Calcutta on 8th September writers, artistes, educationists, professors, teachers, journalists, physicians, lawyers and other sections of the intelligentsia took out two processions — one in the north started from College Square and converged at Esplanade East, and another from Golpark to Hazra Crossing in protest against police atrocity and barbarity on the movement. On 10th a women's procession, under the auspices of the state MSS, was taken out with the mother of the martyr Comrade Madhai Halder from Subodh Mallick Square to Rani Rashmoni Road where a vast gathering of women built a martyr's column and paid their tribute and resolved to continue the movement till victory was achieved. On 13th September a students' and youth rally will be held and a deputation will be led to the governor. On 15th September, a massive procession of all sections of common people will start from Deshabandhu Park in the north of the city and after traversing the main thoroughfares it will culminate at Deshapriya Park in the southern part of Calcutta.

In the districts, boycott of enhanced fares, forcing state and private bus authorities under pressure of movement to give back the increased amount of fare charge, demonstrations, street barricades, mass violation of law, rallies and local Bandhs will be held to strengthen the movement.

The people of West Bengal have waked up again with that indomitable spirit that does not yield before repression, that pulls down the barriers of caste, religion, language and region, that unleashes tides of united struggle against the exploiting class and its defenders. The social democratic masquerader, the CPI(M) .. and its allies, sought to plunge people in the mire of opportunist politics during these 13 years and break their militance by letting loose a reign of terror of police-cadre combine in the interest of the ruling class. Usurping the glory of Left movement it sought to defeat the people. The people had now begun to assert themselves against the repression and deception by the masquerader.

To achieve victory from the hands of this tyrannical government the people must wage a protracted and organised

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Barbarous and inhuman? No, the Jyoti Basu government does not think so definitely. Shackled are the SUCI workers, victims of police torture, in Berhampore hospital, Murshidabad.

The streets wore a deserted look. Mr. Jyoti Basu had asserted that the government would face the Bandh call through its administrative machinery. The reality was that even though Section 144 Cr.PC was not declared anywhere the police assaulted Bandh supporters and arrested them, on the ground of bringing out procession. Some of the injured workers had to be admitted to the hospital. Stealthily this time the CPI(M) deployed its cadres whose job was to give out threats to shopkeepers, force them open shops; to act as informers of the police and help them identify and apprehend leaders and workers

Bandh day. The CPI(M) dominated organisations of the employees too held out threats and intimidations to coerce employees to attend office on 3rd September.

Despite all this it was a Bandh with a distinction and never witnessed before in West Bengal in that the people came out in spontaneous and wholehearted response. It is a reflection of the simmering discontent of the people against the CPI(M) and its allies accumulated over the years for their anti-people pro-owner policies and measures, for the deception and betrayal they committed against the people's cause. The barbari-



What this custodian of law and order is doing? Greeting the agitators with stones!

## Memorial Day Observed

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the task of anti-capitalist Socialist revolution to bring an end to all sorts of exploitation.

Earlier, Com. Kalyan Choudhury, Secretary of the State Committee of the party explained the significance of the day.

Elaborating the analysis of the great, departed leader, Com. Bhattacharyya appealed to all to join in the struggle of fulfilling the task of anti-capitalist socialist revolution to which the SUCI, reared and built by Comrade Ghosh, was engaged.

At the outset the meeting passed two resolutions unanimously. The first resolution reiterating the party's four-point formula for the solution of the Assam Problem demanded that the Assam Government should immediately move the matter with the Centre, amend the Constitution or to adopt a resolution in the Parliament so that the present status of the Assamese language as official language of the State may remain permanent without linking it with the change of the population structure of the State, maintaining, of course, the constitutional rights of the linguistic minorities intact. The resolution expressed apprehension that failing to fulfil this demand may in future bring fratricidal conflict causing great harm to the cause of maintaining unity of the people.

The second resolution expressed deep anxiety at the growth of separatist forces, terrorist activities and politics of individual killing in the State. The resolution pointed out that these forces could develop due to the failure of the State government in fulfilling the aspirations of the people and the wrong policies pursued by it. The resolution appealed to all Left and democratic parties of the State to come forward to develop united people's movement and with a view to this to forge an

alliance on the basis of common minimum agreed programme and code of conduct.

### TRIPURA

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day was observed at Agartala under the auspices of the Agartala District Organising Committee on 11th August at Ravindra Shatavarshiki Bhavan. At the outset wreaths were placed at the portraits of Comrade Ghosh and Shaheed Kshudiram by Com. Asit Bhattacharjee, Member of the Central Committee of the party and the main speaker. The music squad sang 'The Great Leader'. After that Com. Milan Majumdar, Secretary, Agartala District Organising Committee, in his brief speech analysed the present political and economic situation of the state.

Com. Bhattacharya in his speech said that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh at a very tender age of 12 joined the anti-imperialist revolutionary movement of India and later, on the 24th of April, 1948, with a few comrades built up the SUCI, the genuine revolutionary party of the proletariat on the Indian soil to liberate the people from the yoke of capitalist exploitation. Through a process of painstaking struggle covering all aspects of life based on Marxism-Leninism he built up a unique communist character and became the source of inspiration to the millions of exploited people in their struggle to overthrow the capitalist order as taught by him.

He observed that Comrade Ghosh at the age of 22 could visualise the possibility of comeback of capitalism in countries even after establishment of socialist order there observing the mechanical process and mechanical relationship instead of dialectical ones prevailing then in 1948 in the world communist movement. And so he sounded a note of caution to the

world communist leaders to free the communist movement of these malaise. And today, his warning has come true what we were experiencing in the Soviet Union and East Europe, he said. He appealed to all to realise Comrade Ghosh's teachings and strengthen the SUCI.

At the end, he gave a call to build up a genuine Left movement against the misrule of the Congress(I) government in Tripura. The meeting ended with the 'Internationale'.

### GUJARAT

The Ahmedabad District Organising Committee of SUCI observed Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day and on this occasion on 8th August at Gujarat Sahitya Parishad Hall, Ahmedabad a mass meeting was held with Com. V. K. Shah, Secretary District Organising Committee, on the chair. Com. Ranjit Dhar, the Central Staff, was present as the main speaker. The meeting started after a procession which originated from Town Hall reached the venue via Ashram Road.

At the outset wreaths were placed at the portrait of Comrade Ghosh one by one by Comrades Ranjit Dhar, D. N. Rath on behalf of the Gujarat State Unit, V. K. Shah on behalf of the District Organising Committee, Rambharat Maurya on behalf of the Surat Unit of SUCI, K. Kharadia for DSO, Bharat Mehta for DYU and Damini Shah for MSS.

The meeting started with the music squad singing 'the Great Leader'. At the beginning Com. D. N. Rath delivered a speech. Thereafter the main speaker Comrade Ranjit Dhar, analysed the present international situation in the light of the teachings of Comrade Ghosh. He said Comrade Ghosh brilliantly analysed how the long pursuit of mechanical thought process and relationship in the international communist movement gave birth to modern revisionism which has almost engulfed the

entire communist movement today. He said that as science could not prove wrong so also Marxism, the science of all sciences would ultimately triumph despite temporary setbacks. And it is the only ideology capable of guiding the exploited people throughout the world towards unhindered progress of civilisation.

On the national situation he dealt with the anti-people policies of the N. F. Government and called upon the people to build up mass movements complementary to anti-capitalist socialist revolution. He appealed to the people to decide this course of action in the national and international sphere in the light of teachings of Comrade Ghosh.

Com. V. K. Shah rendered Com. Dhar's speech in Gujarati.

The meeting ended with the 'Internationale'.

### ANDHRA PRADESH

Hyderabad City Organising Committee of the party organised a public meeting on 5th August at the Press Club to observe the Memorial Day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat. Com. Murahari, Secretary, City Organising Committee presided over the meeting. The meeting started with the garlanding of the portrait of Comrade Ghosh and then the music squad sang the 'Great Leader' while all the audience stood up to pay their respect.

Comrade Murahari in his speech said that the tirade being released against Stalin was to keep the people in the dark regarding the contribution he made to the Marxist philosophy and his interpretation which was the correct interpretation of Leninism.

Comrade Sridhar, Secretary, Andhra Pradesh State Organising Committee of SUCI, explained how Comrade Ghosh showed the path of struggle against individualism. One had to identify one's personal interest with that of the society in particular, with the working class to be more

concrete and with the interest of the revolutionary party, he observed.

Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee, Central staff of the party, the main speaker said that the SUCI was built up in 1948 as a genuine communist party of India by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, who analysed that the then undivided CPI did not emerge as a genuine Communist Party. She said that communism was a lofty ideal and demanded of the genuine revolutionaries to attain higher moral, ethical values free from private property mental complex. It also demanded of them to build up mighty democratic mass movement involving all Left and democratic parties and forces on the base political line of anti-capitalist Socialist revolution. Mere change of government would not solve the problem, she observed. She appealed to the audience not to reject or accept anything blindly and go through the teachings of Comrade Ghosh to arrive at a scientific conclusion and to strengthen the SUCI, the only working class party in India.

The meeting ended with the 'Internationale'.

### NAGPUR

People of all walks gathered at Gadkari Hall, Dhanwate Rang Mandir, Nagpur on 9th August to pay homage to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat.

The meeting started with a resolution moved by Com. R. Gangotri, paying homage to two Comrades, Sadashiv Jena and Harmohan Senapati, who died in a police firing on August 3rd while in a struggle against the Management for their just demands in MIPC Area. The house demanded stern action against the culprits for the barbaric acts of the authority of Nagpur Alloys and police.

Analysing at length the root cause that worked behind the recent setback in Communist movement, Com. Chhaya Mukherjee, the main-

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 flict Devial represented the interest of the rural bourgeoisie or the Kulaks. It had no connection with the interest of the poor strata of peasants and the agricultural workers.

He continued, those who were thinking that this was the conflict between value-based politics on the one hand and immoral and unprincipled politics on the other were drawing this conclusion by observing the phenomena superficially. It had to be kept in mind that these conflicts and contradictions and nothing to do with value-based politics. Only that politics which looked after the genuine interest of the people against exploitation of man by man could be value-based and V. P. Singh was certainly not doing this. He was serving the interest of the capitalists like his predecessors did to the detriment of the people's interests.

### ORISSA

The Memorial Meeting of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great Marxist Thinker and Founder General Secretary of the SUCI, was held at Barabati Stadium, Cuttack, on 5th August under the auspices of Orissa State Committee of the party. Comrade Tapas Datta, Member of the Central Committee and Secretary, Orissa State Committee addressed as the main speaker under the presidency of Comrade Binapani Dash, Secretariat Member of the State Committee. Comrade Tapas Datta and Comrade Suresh Dasgupta, Members of the Central Committee and the Office Secretary of the Orissa State Committee, among others, garlanded the portrait.

Comrade Tapas Datta in course of his speech severely criticised the NF government at the Centre and the State Janata Dal government, which, he observed, came to power most undemocratically through a rigged election using the power of money of the capitalist

class. Till date, the NF government and the Janata government in the state had not fulfilled its election promises and the much-vaunted second steel plant in Orissa was a great hoax to the people of the state by the Chief Minister. Prices were skyrocketing, unemployment was increasing and the poor Adivasis were now deprived of the rice at subsidized rate under tribal development schemes as was usual during the Cong.(I) rule.

In the situation, he said, the task of the working people and the masses was to develop organised and conscious movements to end the capitalist system as taught by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. We must take oath to fulfil the unfulfilled task of Comrade Ghosh to overthrow capitalism, he added.

On international situation, Comrade Datta said the capitalist-imperialists the world over were very happy to witness the restoration of capitalism in the Soviet Union and the East European countries. And as a concomitant result, these countries had already started facing the problems of unemployment and price rise like their counterparts in the capitalist world.

The meeting adopted a resolution against the proposed bus fare hike in Orissa and called upon the people to prepare for widespread movement against it. The meeting came to an end with the 'Internationale'.

### KERALA

On the occasion of 5th August a state level meeting was held at Govt. Girl's High School in Alleppey. Com. C. K. Lukose, Secretary, State Committee of the party, presided and Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta, member, Central Committee, addressed the meeting as the main speaker.

Dwelling on the international situation in the light of the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Com. Dasgupta referred

to the developments in Eastern Europe and the USSR and pointed out that the setback was the consequence of lowering of ideological standard of the communists and the mechanical thought process and mechanical relationship in the international communist movement since long and the practice of revisionism since usurpation of power by the Khrushchevite revisionists in the CPSU and the rise of the Gorbachev renegade clique to power following this course. After the death of Comrade Mao Zedong the Deng leadership usurped power, in China.

'Despite this setback', Com. Dasgupta observed 'socialism is the inevitable historical destiny of mankind as law of social development clearly reveals. Comrade Ghosh's thoughts stand out today as the guiding light, dispelling all confusion and illuminating the correct course for the working people across the world.' He called upon the party workers to arm themselves with the teachings of Comrade Ghosh and rise to the occasion.'

The meeting ended with the 'Internationale'.

### KARNATAKA

The Karnataka State Committee of the party organised a hall meeting in Bangalore on 5th August to observe the Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day to pay homage to our departed beloved leader, teacher and guide.

People from various walks of life in a large number assembled to pay their revolutionary homage to the departed leader. They sat with rapt attention throughout the meeting to hear the life and struggle of Com. Ghosh.

The meeting began with Com. Krishna Chakraborti, a member of the Central Committee and the main speaker on the occasion, garlanding the portrait of Com. Shibdas Ghosh. It was then followed by Com. K. Radhakrishna, State Secretary and president at the meeting. Later, leaders from different district party committees

and mass wings paid their homage to the great leader by garlanding the portrait. The party music squad sang the song composed in memory of Com. Shibdas Ghosh.

In his brief address Com. Radhakrishna explained how the long practice of revisionism in the USSR starting from Khrushchev, created condition for the degeneration of Socialist system there. And now the renegade Gorbachev clique had engineered and completed counter-revolution in East European countries, in particular in the USSR.

Com. Krishna Chakraborti, the main speaker, of the day said that 5th August is a very important day not only in the life of our party, nor for the working class of our country only but it is equally important and significant for all the Communist parties of the whole world.

In the struggle to build up revolution in India Com. Ghosh emerged as the great leader of the proletariat and his thoughts historically guided the proletarian movements of all the countries, he explained.

He said: we observe the day not only because he is our leader, but also without his thoughts there would be no revolution not only in India but elsewhere in the world. Com. Ghosh not only elaborated, enriched and concretised Marxism-Leninism in our soil but also contributed to the treasurehouse of Marxism-Leninism in the International Communist movement, he added.

He further explained that though the long practice of revisionism had caused the present developments in the communist movement the final liquidation of socialism was being planned, schemed and executed by the renegade Gorbachev.

Pointing to these developments in the socialist countries the imperialist-capitalists were raising the bogey that Marxism-Leninism itself had failed. Com. Chakraborti explained that rather it was the deviation from the basic principles of

Marxism-Leninism which had led to this counter-revolution and this once again proved the invincibility of Marxism.

He pointed out that the main slogans in all these countries were democracy and individual freedom and said that only the dictatorship of the proletariat can ensure real democracy and freedom. For, in this dying stage of capitalism, imperialist-capitalists cannot survive without crushing the democratic rights of the people.

He concluded saying that today only by putting Com. Ghosh's thoughts into practice in our own life can we develop struggles to uphold the nobility of Marxism. This is the task that has devolved on us and this is what 5th August demands of us. Only by accepting this struggle real revolutionary homage can be paid to the great leader of the proletariat.

At the end the gathering resolved to fulfil the behest of Com. Ghosh. The meeting concluded with the 'Internationale'.

### ASSAM

Under the auspices of the Assam State Committee of the SUCI a largely attended public meeting was held on 5th August at the District Library Auditorium, Guwahati, to observe the 14th death anniversary of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. The meeting was presided over by Com. Siddheswar Sarma, a veteran Trade Union leader and member of the State Committee of the party.

Com. Asit Bhattacharyya, a renowned public leader and member of the Central Committee of the party who addressed the gathering as the main speaker, while elaborating the various teachings of the departed leader said that the present-day all-out crisis of the society had once more proved the correctness of the analysis of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and he appealed to all to come forward to develop mighty people's movement with a view to fulfilling

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(Contd. from page 11) speaker appealed to build the class struggle in a right direction as pointed out by the Com. Lenin. In this context, she reminded the teachings of Comrade Ghosh and warned that the ideological and theoretical standards of rank and file of the cadres in the communist movement were very low and unless the communist leadership initiated struggle to develop the ideological and theoretical standards of the cadres its dream to free the communist movement from revisionism would remain unfulfilled.

Com. P. R. Harme, in charge of the Maharashtra Unit pinpointed that our party SUCI had been appealing to build Marxist-Leninist platform internationally and nationally to conduct the struggle in true sense and spirit, as pointed out by Com. Ghosh.

Com. Gangotri conducted the meeting and Com. Namdeo Laghave presided over the meeting.

**BOMBAY**

The Bombay Unit of SUCI observed the day on 5th August at Chhabildas High School, Dadar West, Bombay, under the presidentship of Com. Anil Tyagi.

Apart from the main speaker, Com. P. R. Harme, in-charge, Maharashtra State Organising Committee, SUCI, others who spoke were Com. Madan Kumar Jha, in-charge, Bombay Unit and Prof. Ramakant Singh.

Com. Harme in his speech referred to the counter-revolutions in East Europe and the USSR and said that deviation from Marxism-Leninism has resulted this sorry state of affairs there and that is why they are taking refuge to market economy to cure the ills of socialism which is the latest discovery of the renegade Gorbachev — the capitalist roader. He

called upon the people to judge these, in the light of teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and decide their future course of action.

**TAMIL NADU**

The Tamil Nadu State Committee of the SUCI observed Com. Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day and on 5th August organised a mass meeting at LLA Hall, Madras over which Comrade Jayapal, member, State Secretariat, presided. Comrade James Joseph, Central Staff, was present as the main speaker. Before the meeting started wreaths were placed on the portrait of the Great Leader by the comrades on behalf of different party committees and mass organisations. The meeting started with the music squad singing 'The Great Leader'.

Com. James in course of analysing the international situation said that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh long back warned the dangerous growth of revisionism in the world communist movement and showed the path to get rid of this menace.

He appealed to the people to take lessons from the incidents of USSR and East Europe in the light of teachings of Comrade Ghosh and decide their course of action.

Regarding the national situation he said, the Janata Dal and the National Front Government violated all their election promises and was serving the interest of the bourgeoisie. He gave a call to build up countrywide movements on the basis of Comrade Ghosh's thought against the anti-people policies of the Centre and the state government.

Com. Narayanasamy, member, State Secretariat, rendered Comrade James' speech in Tamil.

The meeting ended with the 'Internationale'.

**People's Spontaneous Response To Bandh Call**

(Contd. from page 9) struggle. That is the only course, the only way out. To conduct this struggle 'Passenger Committees' have to be built up at the grassroots level and people are to enrol themselves as volunteers. Already such committees have come into being in some districts and people have started coming out to join as volunteers.

The painstaking endeavours of the SUCI over the years to build up legitimate democratic mass movements, if even singlehanded, and now along with eleven other Left parties have taken a leap to light, hopes amidst despair. The people's response is the testimony to the wisdom of the leadership who have given the right call at the right moment. His leadership is the source of hope and confidence. Because, for victory to be achieved in the protracted battle ahead, the essential prerequisites are the correct base political line, the correct leadership, the

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proper instrument of struggle. As the movement advances and the government retreats the responsibility becomes two-fold. The workers of

Comrade Provash Ghosh, Secretary, West Bengal State Committee, SUCI, in a statement, inter alia, congratulated the struggling people of West Bengal for their overwhelming participation in movement, making the 12-hour Bangla Bandh, a total success, despite unprecedented threat and intimidation.

the movement and the people alike ought to be conscious of this increased responsibility. While they must take greater participation, they must elevate the standard of character as well.

The masquerader does not sleep. He will do everything he can to disrupt people's unity to stall, undermine and crush the movement. But he does not have the last say. He has the blessings of the owning class, but history has reposed a task on people. The tide has begun to turn. It is

for the people now, for the workers of the Left movement, for all well-meaning people to join hands at this hour and release an irresistible tide of movement to sweep aside the fortress of tyranny, oppression and deception. Victory will be people's!

**Tripura DSO Conference**

The first South Tripura District Conference of AIDSO was held at Udaypur on 2nd and 3rd September with enthusiasm. The Open Session on 2nd Sept. at Children's Park started with garlanding Martyr's Column of Comrade Madhai Haladar, murdered by Jyoti Basu's police. Com. Amalendu Bhowmick presided while Com. Dipankar Roy, Vice-President, AIDSO was the main speaker.

The Delegate Session, with Com. Sanjoy Chowdhury in the chair, at Town Hall the next day began with a 2-minute silence in Comrade Madhai's memory. After lively deliberations Com. Roy summed up the session. An 11-member powerful committee was elected.



A section of the vast gathering at Anti-Dowry Convention held on 28th July under the auspices of Karnataka State Committee of Mahila Samskruthika Sanghatana as a part of all-India movement of AIMSS against dowry, obscenity and atrocity on women. The report of the convention held at Ravindra Kala Kshetra, Bangalore, appeared in the previous issue.

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