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“...the bourgeoisie sees only one side practically of Bolshevism, viz, insurrection, violence, terror ; it therefore strives to prepare itself for resistance and opposition particularly in *this* field. It is possible that in certain instances, in certain countries, and for certain brief periods, it will succeed in this. We must reckon with such a possibility, and there will be absolutely nothing terrible for us if it does succeed. Communism “springs” from positively all sides of public life ; its shoots are to be seen literally everywhere ... Life will assert itself.

— V. I. Lenin

(“Left wing” communism, an infantile disorder)

## Great November Revolution Lives On

It was November 7, 1917 that marked a turning point in history vindicating the truth that Marxism was no illusion, not based on any individual perception but the path of scientific socialism, an integral world outlook, a comprehensive life-philosophy, an all-embracing theory of knowledge which stands experimentally verified on the foundation of modern science, a guide to action towards emancipation from all sorts of exploitation of man by man. Through the accomplishment of anti-capitalist socialist revolution in Russia and establishment of the first working class state, Comrade Lenin, the giant Marxist authority and architect of great November Revolution, proved that proletarian revolution was not a utopia of communist revolution-aries, but an inevitable outcome of the

law of class struggle working irrevocably within the society, a reality in the historically deter-mined course of social progress. He showed that if the essence of the Marxian science could be assimilated properly so as to be able to derive the correct Marxist outlook to apply the science in a concrete situation, mankind could be freed from the ruthless exploitation of imperialist-capitalist rule and the door of all-round progress and development of the human race could be forced open. His unrelenting attitude on the question of principle, his intense battle against all sorts of deviations and distortions of the Marxist philosophy at the hands of the revisionists and opportunists, his singleness of purpose and his exceptional analytical and

organizational skill on the basis of correct Marxist understanding ensured the success of epoch-making November Revolution and ushered in a new socialist society overthrowing the rule of capital in one sixth part of the globe.

### November Revolution marked new era

The toiling people of the world stood up and greeted this historic event that embodied the urges and aspirations, mirth and hope of the exploited myriads. Proletarian revolutionaries the world over fighting for emancipation from the grinding wheel of imperialist-capitalist exploitation drew their inspiration and lessons from the long and uncompromising battle of the Bolshevik Party, the

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## GREAT NOVEMBER REVOLUTION DAY

MASS MEETING AT MAHAJATI SADAN, CALCUTTA

17 NOVEMBER, 2003

MAIN SPEAKER : COMRADE NIHAR MUKHERJEE

GENERAL SECRETARY, SUCI

REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMUNIST AND  
WORKERS' PARTIES FROM ABROAD WILL ALSO SPEAK

### Supreme Court Verdict Robs Women of Minimum Safeguards

— SUCI

Expressing grave shock and concern over the latest judgement of the Supreme Court as a result of which two vital principles of arresting women only by women police and not to arrest them between dusk to dawn — will no longer be in operation, Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary, SUCI, in course of a statement on 30 October, 2003, said that this stunning judgement would invariably rob the womenfolk of their irreducible minimum safeguards in ensuring their safety and security and make them dangerously vulnerable to criminal attempt to outrage their modesty and honour. Comrade Mukherjee, urging upon the Supreme Court to rescind this ill-conceived judgement at once, also called upon the right thinking people of the country to come forward and demand its immediate rescindment.

# Socialist bloc deterrent to imperialist machinations

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revolutionary party of the proletariat, under the leadership of Lenin in a backward country like Russia. It was established beyond doubt that scientific socialism represented a higher stage of human civilization, a higher social order shattering the myth of so-called supremacy of capitalism as a world system. Bolshevik revolution became a nightmare for the imperialist-capitalist forces who were visibly shaken and could sense the death-knell of their oppressive class-rule. "The first Bolshevik Revolution", said Lenin, "has wrested the first hundred million people of this earth from the clutches of imperialist war and the imperialist world. Subsequently, revolutions will deliver the rest of mankind from such wars and from such a world." Alluding to the significance of Bolshevik revolution, Stalin observed that it was "a radical change in the history of mankind, a radical change in the historical destiny of world capitalism, a radical change in the liberation movement of the world proletariat." In the words of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of the era and founder General Secretary of SUCI, "November Revolution has thrown up before all countries a perspective of revolution and its fundamental principles in the era. It has demonstrated that with the end of the era of bourgeois democratic revolution, world capitalism has become decadent and moribund and opposed to progress, national freedom struggle, individual liberty and democracy and therefore it stands as the obstacle on the path of social progress."

The imperialist-capitalists suffering from the fear-complex of anti-capitalist proletarian revolution, were not sitting idle but weaving their own web to crush the nascent socialist state and rein the advancement of proletarian movement. Immediately after the Bolshevik revolution, a group of imperialist countries combinedly flexed military muscle and pounced upon the USSR. But when they were defeated by the heroic Soviet people under the leadership of Bolshevik revolutionaries, Socialist Soviet was subjected to antagonistic encirclement by the imperialist-capitalists. They gave all support and help to the revisionists inside the Soviet Union to break it from within. But both Lenin and Stalin, the great Marxist leaders as they were, fought

both the attacks with deftness. Apart from repulsing the armed attack of the imperialist forces, Lenin ceaselessly struggled against both right and left deviations to safeguard Marxism from distortion and effacement. It was Lenin who correctly interpreted Marxism in the post-Marx era of imperialism and proletarian revolution and thus by generalizing upon the historical experience of the era made fundamental contributions to enrich the treasure-house of the Marxist philosophy. In this process Marxism developed into Marxism-Leninism.

## Spectacular success of Socialist Soviet

After the sad premature demise of Lenin, the task of defending Marxism-Leninism against revisionist distortions and building up Soviet Union as the citadel of world revolution devolved on Stalin. Stalin, based on the correct understanding of Marxism-Leninism, fought Trotskyites, Bukharinites and others to hold aloft the noble banner of scientific socialism. By generalizing upon the historical experience of the period of general crisis of capitalism and further disintegration of world capitalist market, Stalin provided the foundation to Leninism and engaged in strengthening the first working class state. It was under the dynamic leadership of Stalin, the worthy disciple of Lenin and a giant communist leader, that the "sickest nation in Europe" speedily got transformed into a most vibrant one with startling progress in every sphere—economic, social, political, cultural. People of that great landmass divided over language, nationality, regional bias, religious faith, degree of economic and cultural development and such other counts were united in the gigantic Union of Soviet Socialist Republic being imbued with the nobility of the revolutionary ideology of Marxism-Leninism and demonstrated to the world the immense power of scientific socialism in accelerating social advancement. Within a very short time of just a few years, the USSR surfaced as one of the six most industrially advanced nations. There was progressive decrease in food prices, compulsory health and medicare facilities surpassed even the most advanced imperialist countries, social security measures were of highest order, education made available to all, unemployment vanished from the national scene,

prostitution was unknown and no beggars could be seen on the streets.

The period of gigantic socialist reconstruction under Stalin's stewardship was reckoned as the most dynamic era of human history. It stunned even great humanists and persons of wisdom and sagacity like Romain Rolland, Bertrand Russel, Albert Einstein, Rabindranath Tagore and others. More and more thinking people got attracted towards the noble ideology of Marxism-Leninism and were drawn nearer to socialist Soviet. World of creative art found in socialism and proletarian revolution a new content. An illumining thought dawned upon the whole world, a new current swept across the globe. The glorious victory of the Bolshevik revolutionaries and the spectacular success of the socialist Soviet bolstered the spirit of protest against exploitation and injustice, provided tremendous impetus to the national liberation struggles in colonies and semi-colonies, inspired proletarian revolutionary movements to crystallize in imperialist-capitalist countries. Communist Parties were formed in many parts of the world to lead the revolutionary struggles of the working class. Red flag stood as a symbol of liberation, emblem of progress, signal of bold strides ahead and nightmare for the oppressive, autocratic bourgeois class.

## Emergence of socialist bloc

Failing to move the stone, the imperialist-capitalist camp fell back upon the chicanery of theoretical formulations to upstage political economy of socialism. Keynes propounded a general theory of employment, interest and money, arguing that disparity in income is causing fall in effective demand and hence advised to stuff money in the hands of the people, cleverly advocated in favour of labour as the sole factor of production, surreptitiously made efforts to discard Marxist postulates and clandestinely provided the base of fascist economy under the garb of radical propositions. While Keynes was trying to save moribund capitalism already in the grip of third general intense crisis, through economic manipulations and jugglery of words, the ugly face of fascism raised its head in the arena of politics and cultural thoughts. And in no time, the world was plunged into another global war. No doubt fascist Germany and its allies declared war against others to subjugate world

population under its domination and satisfy hegemonist aspirations. But the principal aim of both the fascist axis and the so-called allied combination of other imperialist powers was to crush socialist Soviet state and proletarian revolutionary movement. The allied power represented by the British, French, US and other imperialists wanted that the whole brunt of Nazi onslaught be borne by the USSR. But once again their ploy was foiled. Stalin showed remarkable revolutionary skill in handling inner-contradiction of the imperialist bloc and made them get embroiled in fighting each other to lose considerably their military prowess and combating capabilities in the process. The heroic Soviet people and the Red Army, under the leadership of Stalin inflicted a crushing defeat on the fascist forces in a war unparalleled in scale, ferocity and destruction and saved the human civilization from Nazi savagery and total ruin. The war had cost the USSR dearly. More than 20 million people including a large section of the most advanced communists died. Yet the Soviet people under the genuine revolutionary leadership were undeterred, unflinched in resolve to establish the invincibility of Marxism-Leninism. It was only in the USSR that Hitler could not find a single quivering. Once again, the world took note of the unassailability of scientific socialism. So powerful was the impact of this victory of the USSR over fascism that in most of the East European countries, working class snatched state power to establish socialist social system. Subsequently with the accomplishment of the Chinese revolution, one-third of the world became liberated from the clutches of imperialism-capitalism to give rise to a mighty socialist bloc. With the emergence of a bi-polar world, the balance of world forces underwent considerable change shattering the so-called supremacy of imperialism-capitalism, who could no longer find in themselves the sole dictator and decider of world events. It took barely seven years for Stalin to rebuild the war-ravaged economy and develop the USSR, both industrially and militarily, to such a height as equal to, if not greater than that of mightiest imperialist powers including the US. US took about 300 years to come to the position that was achieved by the

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# All Success to the Anti-Imperialist Convention !

The All India Anti-Imperialist Forum (AIAIF) is going to hold an Anti-Imperialist Convention at the University Institute Hall, Calcutta on 15-16 November, 2003 to express solidarity with the struggle of the Iraqi people against US imperialism, to demand that the imperialist aggressors vacate Iraq immediately and to strengthen the anti-imperialist movement. Delegates from all over India will attend the Convention. Besides, confirmations have already been received that fraternal delegates representing organizations in USA, France, Syria, Turkey, Cuba, Algeria, Mauritius, Palestine, Congo, Nepal and Bangladesh supporting the anti-imperialist movement will be present at the Convention. More such confirmations are expected from other countries.

The spate of US imperialist attacks on the peoples of the world in recent years climaxed by the invasion, devastation and occupation of Iraq and the present extreme intensification of US-backed Israeli brutality on the Palestinian freedom fighters have necessitated this Convention at the present juncture. For the past few years, US imperialism has increasingly been more aggressive, blatant and virulent. On the one hand, economic onslaughts on the peoples of the world by the imperialist countries led by the USA have become more widespread and intensified through the GATT and the WTO. On the other, plagued with intense recession and enormous budgetary and trade deficits for successive years, and because of such strong contenders like Japan and the European Union (EU) on the world economic scene, the USA no longer enjoys global economic superiority. To crisis-ridden US economy, war has become an endemic, urgent and recurring necessity in the bid to mitigate the crisis. Relying on the decisive superiority in military strength that it has over the rest of the world, the USA is now out to enforce its hegemony in all parts of

the globe by military means. It must dominate everywhere, must exercise control over the natural resources of the world and will brook no dissent from any quarters. Making use of the 11 September, 2001 terrorist attack in the USA as the pretext, the USA, in the name of fighting global terrorism, has officially declared its 'right' to launch peremptory strikes against any country that it considers dangerous to US security, that is, a hindrance to the unfettered exercise of US hegemony, harmful to the interest of US monopoly capital. In pursuit of this declared evil design, the USA led an invasion of Afghanistan laying waste that country and installed a puppet government there, establishing strategic control over the surrounding countries of central Asia, over their oil and natural gas resources. The USA is adept in cooking up excuses to suit and 'justify' the attacks launched by it in furtherance of its evil design. The excuse to provide 'justification' of invasion of Afghanistan was that it was for destroying Osama bin Laden and the network of his terrorist organization Al Quaida. The next on the US hit list was Iraq, with the object of gaining total

control of the oil riches of the middle-east and crushing the voice of dissent against US domination in the region that was personified through Saddam Hussein. The excuse to 'justify' invasion of Iraq, cooked up by doctoring US and British intelligence reports, was that the Saddam regime had embarked upon a nuclear weapon development programme and had already stockpiled a mass of biological and chemical weapons of mass destruction (WMD) which posed a threat not only to USA and Britain, but to the whole world. The invasion on Iraq was launched by the USA with Britain as the accomplice in March this year. The country was devastated and occupied. But the charge of Saddam having undertaken nuclear weapon programme and having procured raw materials for such weapon from Nigeria has been proved to be a false one. And no trace of the WMD stockpile could be found! This time, the USA dispensed with even making use of the UNO to rubber stamp its evil design as it had done on numerous occasions in the past, as the support of the UN Security Council was not forthcoming, but went ahead without UN sanction. Now the USA is engaged in a conspiracy to foist a subservient government in Iraq, a puppet government that will serve US interest, through a fake and rigged election, organized in the name of the UN if possible. With the occupation of Iraq a fait accompli, USA is now trying to get the UN involved in managing Iraqi affairs in the hopes that this would lend some acceptability to the occupation of Iraq internationally and that other UN members would provide 'peace-keeping force', thus reducing the US worry and huge cost in maintaining its troops in a hostile country in the face of guerilla attacks by patriotic Iraqis, and also share the huge costs that would be incurred in the name of rebuilding Iraq. There is no doubt that under the UN umbrella, it is the USA that would exercise real control. And of course, the lion's share of the 'rebuilding' contracts would be bagged by US firms with some crumbs thrown to Britain. Meanwhile, all-out US economic and political exploitation of occupied Iraq goes on, ruthless atrocities are being perpetrated on the people there. The Iraqis have not been cowed down by imperialist

might. Organized, armed freedom movement is developing fast in the country, involving not just the supporters of Saddam Hussein but all sections of patriotic Iraqis.

The USA has taken upon itself to decide who will rule which country and which country should possess what arms, what military strength. It is no secret that countries like Syria, Iran, Cuba and North Korea could be the targets of US attacks in the coming days. For decades, Israel has been brutally suppressing the Palestinian freedom movement with full US backing, violating international law, canons of justice, treaties and accords.

So, it is the need of the hour that an immediate US withdrawal from Iraq is effected, not only to ensure the freedom of the people of Iraq but also to rebuff US imperialism, which poses the gravest menace to the mankind, in its nefarious activities. For this, every help should be extended to the freedom-loving Iraqi people internationally, an international umbrella, so to say, that can be provided to them only through united, concerted movement of anti-imperialist organizations from country to country.

To us, the communists, the present spurt of US imperialist onslaughts has not been unexpected. It is not something that has come about all of a sudden, out of nothing. Rather, it has followed from the developing international situation during the past decade and a half.

With the fall of the working class states in the Soviet Union and East Europe, imperialism-capitalism, particularly US imperialism, went on the offensive in the unipolar world with the USA as the sole super power, taking advantage of the absence of the powerful socialist camp headed by the Soviet Union that had so long stood as the guarantor of independence, sovereignty and security of the developing countries against imperialist attacks and machinations, as the bulwark of peace against the forces of war. Naturally, after the fall of the Soviet Union, armed interventions in or attacks on different countries by the imperialist powers, particularly the USA, increased in number. The imperialist powers led by the USA reduced the UNO to virtually a

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*Hundreds of thousands marched on streets of US cities on 25 October, 2003 on the demand for withdrawal of US troops from Iraq.*

## Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's brilliant exposition of modern revisionism

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USSR under Stalin in such a short span. However, none of these developments came about by impairing the process of all-out progress in the life and livelihood of the Soviet people and continuous upliftment in the standard of living. At one time during the eighteenth party congress of the Soviet Communist Party, there was a serious thinking to make food and transport free. The indisputable facts of history discussed above do testify the correct, brilliant, wise and vigilant leadership provided by Stalin. The post-war period was indeed an excellent revolutionary situation. The whole world was in ferment of revolutionary movements — tides of national liberation struggles were sweeping the colonies and semi-colonies. For the imperialists the world market was already shrunk after emergence of the socialist bloc. Over and above, the bourgeoisie in the former colonies appeared as new competitors in that already squeezed a market. The various forms of contradiction within the imperialist-capitalist camp was tremendously intensified to hasten the process of its further disintegration. The socialist bloc led by the USSR was held in high esteem by the people of the world as guarantor of peace and progress. It appeared that world proletarian revolution was no more a distant future. The great November Revolution thus was a decisive factor in bringing about many changes in various spheres and in shaping out world events.

### The great betrayal

But then happened the biggest setback. After the demise of Stalin, the leadership of the Soviet Communist Party and the State was usurped by the Khrushchovite revisionists to augur the chapter of great betrayal to the cause of proletarian revolution. With consternation, one saw that the leadership of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, which carried the legacy of stalwarts like Lenin and Stalin, led the first socialist revolution, consolidated and developed socialist economy on a firm basis, saved human civilization from fascist slavery and kindled the fire of revolution in the hearts of the myriads, was discarding the revolutionary line of Marxism-Leninism and moving in the opposite direction. The path along which the

modern revisionists like Khrushchov and his associates began to tread ultimately led to the destruction of the USSR and dismantling of the mighty socialist bloc with counter-revolution taking place in former socialist states of East Europe much to the delight of the forces of reaction. A pale of gloom descended over the world.

It is not that revisionism was born out of nothing. There were ingredients for modern revisionism to grow and all great Marxist authorities and leaders were aware of that. Time and again, they sounded note of caution to forestall any such catastrophe. Both Lenin and Stalin repeatedly asserted that a change in the character of the state from capitalist to socialist does not entail abolition of class struggle in the mental sphere, vanquishing of capitalist thoughts in the domain of ethics, culture and all forms of desire and contemplations. So they emphasized upon conducting necessary ideological struggle and upgrade cultural standard to free the mental world from all such hangovers of bourgeois thinking. Lenin warned that class struggle would intensify much more after the socialist revolution as then the battle would be in the realm of mind, in forces of habit, conduct and behaviour. So he remarked that it is more difficult to sustain socialism than achieving it. Stalin too noticed the falling ideological standard of the party and the masses. In his report to the seventeenth congress of the Soviet Communist Party, he did mention this in no uncertain a term and gave a call for launching a serious ideological struggle to eliminate survivals of capitalism in the realm of thought. At the nineteenth congress of the party, the last one in Stalin's lifetime, the report placed under his guidance expressed serious concern at the lowering of the level of political consciousness in the party ranks, a certain neglect of ideological work and called for waging a determined struggle against the vestiges of bourgeois ideology and private property mentality which were still in vogue. During the Second World War period, the whole party and the state concentrated all their attention and energy on saving the socialist system from fascist aggression. Almost ten million ideologically imbibed party leaders and cadres laid down their lives. These did hamper the process of continuous elevation

of ideological standard and grasping more and more communist moral values to raise cultural standard allowing serious shortcomings and mistakes to creep into the Soviet Communist Party and international communist movement. True, that the falling ideological standard did not escape Stalin's notice and during his time, revisionist tendencies could not surface so vividly due to his essentially correct politics, his towering revolutionary personality and stature and enormous prestige among the Soviet people. But once he passed away, there was a big void which made it possible for modern revisionists under Khrushchov to usurp power.

### Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's exposition of revisionism

In this connection, we would like to point out the revolutionary political wisdom of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in alerting the international communist movement about the mechanical thought process as against dialectical thought process influencing the leadership. Way back in 1948, when Yugoslavian leader Marshal Tito was expelled from the Cominform, Comrade Ghosh, while supporting the decision of expulsion, could not appreciate the method in which the episode was handled. He apprehended that if the approach and attitude of the international communist leadership continue to be fraught with such shortcomings, it might, in place of overcoming the problem, push the situation into a deeper crisis. So he forewarned that "if sufficient vigil is not constantly exercised... if this problem of non-Marxist mechanical outlook prevailing at present in the matter of ideological questions is not resolved in time ...that might ... injure the interest of the world socialist camp." He was first to draw the attention of the world that the political line proposed by Khrushchov in the twentieth congress of the CPSU would "open the floodgate of revisionism". Later, criticizing the policy of Khrushchovite revisionists of denigrating Stalin in the name of fighting out the cult of personality, Comrade Ghosh said, "it may have the effect of de-Stalinization which in its wake will challenge the very understanding of Marxism-Leninism, obtaining at present which is, so to say, Stalin's contribution ... Stalin's understanding of Leninism is the correct understanding of

Marxism-Leninism. This understanding has brought the communist movement to its present stature. ... To black out Stalin ..would objectively uncrown Lenin himself." Comrade Ghosh elaborately explained the sense of authority in Marxism-Leninism as distinct from authoritarianism, the concept of proletarian democracy as against bourgeois ultra-democracy and conclusively proved that measures adopted by Khrushchov with regard to Stalin was tantamount to de-Stalinization which "is fraught with the danger of sinking into revisionism." He could correctly detect that since it was difficult for Khrushchov and his associates to come open with the revisionist formulations at that time, they directed their attack against Stalin to create confusion, slowly disorient the people from the correct revolutionary line and then vigorously pursue reformist-revisionist policies to turn the table.

Focussing on the origin of revisionism in a socialist country, Comrade Ghosh observed that "the old form of class struggle is no more there today. The class struggle has assumed a new form, and has become subtle more and more. But so far as the concept of struggle is concerned, the old idea ... and thinking of the old society have not been thoroughly wiped out from the minds of the leaders, cadres and the people, on the one hand; rather the bourgeois ideas, in the new condition, are infiltrating in newer forms and in subtler ways while, on the other, with the growing economic and political stability of the socialist system, the sense of individual liberty is gradually tending to assume the character of a sense of privilege. As a result, conducting class struggle has become all the more difficult today. The revolution, accomplishment of which once seemed very difficult, has assumed a still more difficult character in the present context."

Dwelling on the evil effects of individualism even in a socialist society, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh said, "the very trend aimed at reducing sense of individual freedom and liberty, emancipation of the individual and individuality to individual privileges and vulgar individualism, with the attainment of more and more stability in economic and political spheres in the socialist society ... I have already termed as

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## Tamilnadu Government Employees' Movement

# STATE TU CONVENTION ON RIGHT TO STRIKE

A state level TU convention was held at the Kamarajar Hall, Anna Salai, in Chennai on October 13, 2003 against the Supreme Court verdict banning strike of government employees. It was attended by thousands of government employees, teachers, and workers including a large number of women. The Convention was organized to demand withdrawal of the draconian TESMA of the Tamilnadu government banning strikes, to protest the attack, imprisonment and dismissal of thousands of government employees and teachers, and to express protest and opposition to the Supreme Court judgement, in connection with the Tamilnadu government employees and teachers movement, that held that government employees had no right — fundamental, legal, moral or equitable — to go on strike.

All India leaders of various Central Trade Unions — Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, Vice-President, UTUC-LS; Comrade M. K. Pandhe, General Secretary, CITU; Comrade Gurudas Dasgupta, General Secretary, AITUC; Comrade Balasubramaniam, Vice President, AICCTU; Sri C. Kuppasamy, President, LPF; Sri Soundarajan, INTUC; Sri Rajasridhar, HMS and Sri Muthu, MMDK Labour Union — addressed the gathering. Leaders of various Employees' Federations — K. Balasubramaniam, TNGEU; N. L. Sridharan, TNGEA; C.H. Venkatachalam, AIBEA; Duraipandian, CCGF; Mathiavanan, NFTE and J. Gurumurthy, AIIEA also spoke.

### Speech of

#### Comrade Krishna Chakraborty

Congratulating the fighting government employees and teachers of Tamilnadu, Comrade Krishna Chakraborty said, interalia : The Tamilnadu government's attack on employees and teachers and the judgement of the Supreme Court banning strikes only marked end of a phase of struggle and the start of a new phase, the phase of a higher and bigger struggle. The first phase was the struggle only of the Tamilnadu government employees and teachers against the curtailment of the benefits while the new phase of struggle will be the struggle of the government employees and teachers of the whole country not

only to restore all those benefits but also to assert their rights, particularly the right to strike. So, this phase of struggle will be higher not only because of its magnitude but also because of its higher aim and object. Nobody has gifted the right to strike to the working people. This right was acquired by the working people from the days of freedom movement through life and death struggle, by shedding blood and sacrificing life. I firmly believe that the working people will not hesitate to give blood and life again if needed to restore this right.

There is an impression that such an unprecedented suppression could take place in Tamilnadu because of Ms Jayalalitha's whims and autocratic attitude. It is true that she is whimsical and autocratic. But surely it is not because of her personal attitude. Fact is that such attempts are going on everywhere in every state even at the central level. There is an attempt — a planned and systemic attempt — of downsizing the workforce. And this is being done on the plea of financial crunch. Side by side there is an attempt to introduce the system of employment on contract basis. So, if we study closely it will be clear that all this is being done in conformity with the policy of globalization. In course of globalisation, the imperialists-capitalists, in order to rescue the crisis-ridden imperialist-capitalist economy from its ultimate doom, are trying to shape up a so-called New World Order. In this new world the very existing concept of job will be changed. In the changed system there will be no scale of pay, promotion, retirement benefits etc. The 'new world order' will push back the working people behind 1886 when the American working class led life and death struggle for 8-hour working day.

There is a widespread confusion that the powerful imperialist countries have imposed globalisation on our country. But this is not true. An unwilling horse can be at best dragged to the river but cannot be forced to drink. It was the Indian monopoly houses, which in their frantic bid to get a share in the 'globalized market', entered into the WTO. This is why both the central and all the state governments are implementing the policies of globalisation and

privatization and all of them are taking measures to shape up this so-called 'new world order'. Labour laws are also going to be changed accordingly giving power to the owners to hire & fire the workers. Even the educational system is going to be patterned in conformity with the same. The Supreme Court has played its part. The ruling class tries to make people believe that judiciary is neutral and many believe it. But judiciary, like army, police, bureaucracy, is also a permanent organ of the state machine and the state is a coercive instrument in the hands of the ruling class to suppress its adversaries. Ours being a capitalist country, our state is a capitalist state. No wonder, that judiciary being a part of the state machine, will defend the ruling class at the hour of its crisis. Capitalism today is in deep crisis. The measures that the state and central governments are taking are bringing more and more untold sufferings in the life of the people and anger is growing in them. Any time it may burst out like an upheaval. Anticipating such a dangerous possibility, the Supreme Court has taken the precautionary measure so that such a movement does not take place.

The Supreme Court in its judgement has told that the employees and teachers have no moral right to go on strike. But the sense of morality in a class-divided society cannot be the same for both the exploiting and exploited classes. In a capitalist society like ours what is legitimate for the working people may not be legal. And it is mostly not. In every exploitative society, there is a contradiction between legitimacy and legality. And it will be a big mistake to expect that the rights of the working class will find place in the bourgeois constitution. If you find any anywhere, it is surely because of the pressure of the working class movement.

Several anti-employee measures of the Tamilnadu government curtailed one after another different benefits of the employees and teachers within one month, in April, issuing four Government Orders forcing them to take to the path of strike. But instead of strongly censoring the Tamilnadu government, the highest court of the land has punished the victimized employees and teachers by taking

away their right to strike and that too not only of the government employees of Tamilnadu but also of the whole country including the central government employees. In a bourgeois society, this is known as justice!

So, being disillusioned about the 'neutrality' of the judiciary or the 'sagacity' of the governments, the employees and teachers all over the country, will have to launch a powerful movement to restore their right. On 26th September the Central Trade Unions held an All India Convention in Delhi where they decided to go for a general strike, the date of which will be announced in due course. No doubt a general strike is the only way to reassert the right to strike. And in this struggle I can assure you, you will not be alone. I have already mentioned that the implementation of privatization and liberalization has brought down unprecedented and all-out attacks on all sections of the working people and has caused untold sufferings to them. Hundreds of thousands of working men have already lost their jobs and many more are going to lose. Hundreds and hundreds of poor and middle farmers have been pushed to a situation where they have to commit suicide. Millions of youths are remaining unemployed having no future hope. The situation of the whole country is very grave. So, if you build up movement against these policies of the government and to assert your rights, all sections of toiling people will join you in this struggle.

And fearing this very possibility of surge of movements of all sections of toiling people against such oppression just like Antony government of Kerala, the Jayalalitha government of Tamilnadu also tried to create confusion among the people. The Tamilnadu government told that 90% of the revenue is spent only for the payment of salaries of the employees and teachers. This is not at all true. An impartial study shows that the government does not spend more than 36% for payment of salaries to the employees and teachers. And out of that also the lion's share goes to the payment of salaries to the officers of top-heavy administration. Districts have been bifurcated in order to further

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# Raise ideological standard, fight revisionism

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socialist individualism.”

“Russian experience”, further observed Comrade Ghosh, “has clearly shown that if alongwith the tremendous growth and development of the economy, military science and technology of a socialist country, the ideological-cultural-ethical standard of the society as a whole — starting from the philosophical understanding and cultural-ethical standard of the collective to the minutest detail of the individual behaviour, habit and practices — cannot be elevated to keep pace with the need for all-round development of socialist economy, then the gap that will be created is bound to lead to a lowering of standard in the ideological sphere. And if the level of consciousness and the cultural standard remain low, then it may give birth to revisionism-reformism at any moment, in a critical hour, under favourable conditions and may lead to counter-revolutionary upsurge, peaceful or violent, and thus endanger socialism by bringing about counter-revolutionary changes in the socio-political set up. If backwardness continues to persist in the fields of epistemology and culture, then the entire party and the working class may, being misled, tread the revisionist-reformist path and bring about restoration of capitalism while waving the banner of Marxism-Leninism and chanting socialist slogans.”

This brilliant analysis and forewarning of Comrade Ghosh in the process of concretizing Marxism-Leninism on Indian soil and shaping out the course of Indian revolution as a part of world proletarian revolution and based on the symptoms, tendencies and available facts, proved to be so correct in the events and incidents that followed subsequently. It once again reiterated the truth that the unfortunate collapse of the socialist camp was not renunciation but reconfirmation of the correctness of Marxian science.

Comrade Ghosh gave from a correct Marxist outlook a genesis of each and every phenomenon of deviation from Marxism-Leninism and thus provided the correct Marxist guideline on all questions of life that cropped up in the international communist movement in the post-Lenin period — on fascism, revisionism, problems of socialism, latest bourgeois ideological trends and conspiracies, growing problem of individualism,

concept of proletarian culture and struggle for identification with social purpose and so forth.

## The new standard of a communist character

Particularly dealing with the question of attaining communist character in this era of vulgar individualism, he pointed out that “Uptill now, ... only they were considered to be the real communists who were able to surrender unconditionally and happily the individual interest to social interest, place the cause of revolution and party above all and subordinate individual interest to the cause of revolution and party... this has been regarded as the highest communist standard. But this cannot be considered as the adequate standard ... in the context of newer complexities of present-day life... the concept of freedom and individualism is being reduced to individual privileges on a wide scale... In the socialist society of today ... old bourgeois concept of individual freedom and mental makeup ... stands in the way of conducting a new struggle for the individual's freedom and emancipation...obstructing the individual necessity and individual interest from merging and becoming identified with the social necessity and social interest... So it is obvious that the individual's struggle for emancipation has reached a new and complex height and has assumed a new character in the socialist society where to resolve this problem, a more intense and arduous struggle is to be conducted for complete identification of the self interest with the interest of society through unflinching dedication and constant vigil.”

## Dismantling of Socialist Block

Thus Comrade Ghosh visualized and analyzed the problems of the socialist state, pinpointed at the origin, growth and perilous consequence of modern revisionism and showed the way to fight them out to advance proletarian revolutionary movement in the desired course. But all his brilliant analyses and suggested remedies could not be reached out to the leaders and cadres of international communist movement. On the other hand, the leadership of the Soviet Communist Party was in the captivity of revisionists which further prohibited correct Marxist-Leninist thoughts from percolation. As a result, the

Khrushchovite revisionists went ahead with their process of degeneration. Ultimately through the so-called slogans of perestroika and glasnost, mighty soviet socialist state was dismantled, disintegrated into pieces and subjugated back to capitalism. By that time, counter-revolution had already occurred in the former socialist countries of East Europe. Thus the socialist bloc, once fortress of world peace and revolution, of hope and aspiration of the downtrodden people, collapsed.

This obviously encouraged the imperialist capitalist camp to take anti-communist propaganda to a pitch and raised questions about the practicability and sustainability of the socialist system. The bourgeoisie seized this opportunity to declare defeat of Marxism-Leninism calling it outdated and outmoded. As an alternative they surreptitiously brought back their old doctrine of market based economy in the name of globalization and counterpoised it against socialist economy. The bourgeois economists, sociologists, ideologues, columnists all joined the chorus of maligning socialism and projecting motivatedly, assiduously and concertedly globalization as a heaven coming upon earth, a new stage in history opening the door of ultimate well-being of the people. The complete disarray after the fall of the USSR and prevailing of all-around confusion and frustration provided handle to the imperialist-capitalist power in creating a halo about market economy of globalization which people found within no time to be an euphemism for neo-imperialism, on a more organized basis, in a more sophisticated and intensive manner and on a much wider scale, operating through multinationals and transnational companies with the help of high technology and sophisticated finance capital. After collapse of socialist bloc, the imperialists with US imperialism as the helm declared that this was a new order of unipolar world and as the socialist camp no longer existed, there would be no more war, all-out peace will prevail.

## The disastrous consequence

What would those who rejoiced at the collapse of socialism in the Soviet Union and other countries say today? Has peace dawned on earth? Have the ever mounting military expenditure, arms race, installation of overseas military base, surveillance and espionage through

modern satellite network stopped? Are they not witnessing indiscriminate killing of innocent civilians including women, children and patients in the name of so-called liberation? If cold war is no longer there, socialism, as the imperialists want all to believe, is dead and Marxism proved to be invalid, then why all these barbarous attacks on the sovereignty of other states, such flagrant violations of democratic norms by US imperialism and its associates who are perpetrating overlordism and brigandage with impunity? Is it not a fact that so long as the Soviet Union heading the socialist world followed the correct policies of Lenin and Stalin, it worked as a bulwark guaranteeing peace, safety and security of even the weaker nations? Now with restoration of capitalism in Russia is not that country, once contemplating to make food free, find acute unemployment destitution, poverty, hunger, prostitution and all other vices reappearing with much gusto? Is not this spectacle the same in other erstwhile East European socialist countries?

## Revisionism — the stumble block before proletarian revolution

It is understandable that those in the pay-roll of imperialism-capitalism would try their best to obfuscate this reality and divert people's attention from the root cause of all problems. They would surely make every effort to shield the fact that capitalism can no longer mitigate the hardship of the people and is rather the main stumbling block before progress of civilization and hence needs to be crushed to pave the way for unhindered development of mankind, to free the world from all sorts of exploitations. But the most treacherous is the role of the modern revisionists who under the garb of Marxism-Leninism are acting perfidiously as agents of the bourgeoisie in setting dangerous obstacles to proletarian revolutionary struggles. These covert apologists of imperialists-capitalists are preaching to eschew the path of class struggle and instead embrace class-collaborationist theory and are holding up the prospect of the millennium through reforming the capitalist system under the pretext of ‘appreciating reality’ and becoming ‘practical in approach’. They are all of the same mould as of Khrushchov, Gorbachev

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# Anti-Imperialist Convention

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rubber stamp for endorsing their nefarious designs and perpetrated, in the name of the UNO, the attacks on Somalia and Haiti, the genocide in Rwanda, the intervention, attacks and genocide in the territories of former Yugoslavia, notably Kosovo and the devastation of Iraq through the Gulf War. The USA tried to strangulate socialist Cuba through decades of economic sanctions and blockade and deprived Iraq of food, all essential commodities and even medical supplies ever since the Gulf War, killing hundreds of thousands of Iraqis through starvation, malnutrition and diseases. Thus, omnipresent threat of imperialist attack made outbreak of war a distinct possibility in any part of the globe, any time.

Besides, danger of war is inherent in imperialism-capitalism. In the face of worldwide intense general crisis and recession, militarization of economy became a general feature in all capitalist countries, advanced or developing, in a bid to mitigate the crisis by artificially stimulating the economy through military orders by boosting up military expenditure. But the armaments thus stockpiled must be released, used up from time to time through war as otherwise the economy would again be overtaken by all-out crisis in no time. So, war or war-like situation is an endemic economic necessity under present day capitalism and danger of war is ever present while imperialism-capitalism rules.

Rivalry of the major imperialist powers over domination of world market further heightened the danger of war. It is to be remembered that two world wars had been fought between rival groups of imperialist countries out to dominate the world market. While one group fought to retain its domination, the other sought a redivision of world market in its favour through the world war. In the changed scenario at the beginning of the last decade of the 20th century, with the whole world reeling under intense recession when every technological advance further aggravated the market crisis and sharpened the contradiction and conflicts between the imperialists over markets and spheres of influence, the imperialist powers hit upon the course of globalization and liberalization of the world economy

as the way out. After having failed to resolve their trade conflicts in a series of rounds of talks, the imperialist powers led by the USA formulated a new General Agreement on Tariff and Trade (GATT) primarily with the object of reducing their conflicts over markets by intensifying their exploitation of the underdeveloped countries in an organized and systematic manner through the GATT. They foisted the GATT upon the world and formed the World Trade Organization (WTO) to implement the provisions of the GATT. The function of the WTO was to supervise and regulate trade and commercial activities in accordance with the GATT and to arbitrate in disputes between the signatory countries.

How could there be free trade between the imperialist and the underdeveloped countries on equal footing? The GATT and the WTO, controlled by the imperialists, appeared as powerful tools in their hands, further intensifying imperialist exploitation of underdeveloped countries in the name of free trade. Again, through the clauses of TRIPS (Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights) etc., a wider sphere of imperialist exploitation of developing countries covering the fields of agriculture, scientific research and education was created, impeding the development of those countries in these spheres.

Globalization, instead of mitigating the conflicts between the imperialists, actually globalized and sharpened their conflicts for dominating the global market. The imperialist powers got engaged in trade wars with one another, with each trying to obstruct penetration by the others into its own market, its sphere of influence, while demanding unrestricted right of entry into others' markets. While talking about global market and free trade, they were actually grouping into contending regional market blocs like the European Union and the NAFTA. Intense trade wars were thus on, which had potential to generate shooting war if the conditions for it ripened. The US desire to establish its supremacy, hegemony and overlordism by any means grew strong.

With imperialism thus threatening world peace, freedom and sovereignty of nations and the living and well-being of the peoples

of all countries and with the danger of war ever present, the cardinal need was to build up anti-imperialist movement and through it, to work towards giving birth to a worldwide, mighty, militant peace movement which alone could provide the deterrent to imperialist attacks, interference, intervention and machinations, force the hands of the imperialists and thrust peace upon them.

It is from the realization of this urgent necessity that the All India Anti-Imperialist Forum was formed through a Convention in Calcutta from November 14-17, 1995, attended by delegates from all over India and a number of fraternal delegates from some countries in different parts of the globe.

Since then, the AIAIF has been trying to build up organizational structure from grass-roots level in different parts of India, and along with it, has been organizing protest demonstrations, agitation and movement against imperialist attacks and conspiracies for imperialist domination as well as pro-imperialist policies and steps of the Indian government. Some progress has been made in establishing and maintaining contacts with the anti-imperialist forces of different countries. AIAIF representatives participated in anti-imperialist programmes in several countries including Iraq, Germany and Greece.

At the present critical juncture, only a wave of global protest

movement can thwart US machinations and put an end to continued US occupation of Iraq flouting all cannons of international law and justice, in utter disregard of world public opinion.

The AIAIF strongly feels that it is the duty of the people of the world to stand united by the side of the heroic Iraqi people at this hour of their trial. A worldwide united effort is needed on the demand 'Hands off Iraq' in order to force the US imperialists to leave Iraq.

With this aim in view, the AIAIF is going to hold a Convention in Calcutta on 15-16 November to step up its activities, to deliberate upon ways and means to build up a strong wave of global anti-imperialist movement. It is to be noted that the people of the world burst out into unprecedented protests against the unjust invasion of Iraq, but the imperialist invaders went ahead undeterred by such spontaneous and unorganized protests. The need of the hour is to build up strong nuclei of anti-imperialist movement from country to country and by strengthening, broad-basing, coordinating and integrating these under the banners of anti-imperialist platforms, to give birth to a strong global wave of militant peace movement capable of foiling imperialist designs, conducive to anti-capitalist socialist revolution for putting an end to exploitation of all sorts.

We appeal to all to make the Convention a resounding success, towards developing such a mighty upsurge of anti-imperialist movement.

## Convention on Right to Strike

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centralize control of administration necessitating huge expenditure on setting up police administration, district courts, civil administration etc. in those new districts. And the huge amount of money the chief minister and other ministers spend for their tours and security arrangements cannot but eat up a big portion of the revenue but for no benefit for the people. But an air has been created as if almost the entire revenue is being spent for the employees and teachers. This mischievous propaganda has been made to create cleavage between the employees and the common people. They try to make the common people believe that the problems of their life are not because of the

capitalist exploitative system and particularly not for the policy of the globalization but for the employees and teachers. And this is also an attempt of the government to create enmity between the employed and the vast number of unemployed who have no security whatsoever in their life and hence are liable to fall victim to such misleading propaganda.

You will have to not only consolidate your organization but also mobilize all sections of the toiling masses of the country by removing all such confusions. And I believe if you all take up this task with all seriousness and build up a mighty movement throughout the country to assert your rights, victory will surely be yours.

# November Revolution

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and Deng Xiaoping, debilitating the proletarian movement from within. Like other countries, such social democratic forces are operating in our country as well in full swing. Just have a look at the politics and the conduct of the so-called left parties like the CPI(M) and CPI and living embodiments of social democracy, of vulgarization of Marxism-Leninism will be visible with all glitter. Saddled to governmental power in two states, the CPI(M) and its allies have not only given up whatever little participation they used to have in democratic movement earlier, but are in the role of curbing mass movement by either crushing through police-military or canvassing in favour of restricting protest movements or emasculating the working class struggle from within by way of espousing class collaborationist thinking. The CPI(M) is hoodwinking the people by saying that capitalists from the country and abroad would select the state of West Bengal under rule of the CPI(M)-led government as destination of employment generating capital investment if there is no militant trade union movement and industrial peace, as the capitalists intend to have, is ensured. Shamelessly, the CPI(M) is hawking decadent and vile bourgeois thoughts, surfeit of counterfeit arguments to curry favour with the ruling class for pelf and power and serve its class interest of keeping proletarian revolutionary thoughts at bay. How prudent was Comrade Stalin when he, disgusted at the treachery of the social democrats, observed that "it is impossible to put an end to capitalism without putting an end to social democratism."

## Build up mass movement conducive to proletarian revolutionary struggle

But there is sparkle in pervading darkness. With the passage of time, savage oppression and repression by the capitalist imperialist class is aggravating the hardship of the common people who once again find no other alternative but to organize themselves on the platform of democratic mass movements to resist the attacks on life and livelihood. The people of erstwhile Soviet Union and the socialist East European states are realizing what they have lost, what advantage they

have allowed to fritter away by yielding to the revisionist-reformists and by not being able to protect the socialist system. Notwithstanding the drum beats of capitalist class it is now clear to the world people that dismantling of the socialist camp did not mean end of communism or make scientific socialism defunct. In fact, it was the inevitable result of deserting correct Marxist-Leninist base political line. All Marxist stalwarts apprehended such a setback if the proletariat would fail to conduct the class struggle in such a way as to take it to its logical culmination.

So we see today that there are massive protest demonstrations around the world against capitalist exploitation and oppression. Historic protest movements against the naked aggression of Bush-Blair duo on Iraq swept the globe including the US and UK. Even the people of Russia and other East European countries are rising against their present rulers. But what is required is to give an organized shape to all such protests and revolts in the form of a conscious, sustained mass movement under genuine revolutionary leadership so that these movements surge forth as conducive to the anti-capitalist proletarian revolution.

To restore, resurrect and resuscitate the kernel of Great November Revolution, the direction of the main blow has to be against modern revisionism. The revisionists who masquerade themselves as Marxists to misguide the toiling masses and the struggling spirit of the people must be isolated and completely defeated to remove the roadblock. Genuine communist parties must be developed to arm the class-conscious proletariat with their own instrument for struggle. The working class who is the determinant of the course of civilization today must also relentlessly conduct ideological political struggles on the basis of correct understanding of Marxism-Leninism with the aim of overthrowing the rule of capital, the root cause of all evils and establish scientific socialism to ultimately march to classless communist society. It must be the harbinger of the revolutionary thoughts and teachings of Marx-Engels-Lenin-Stalin-Mao-Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. History reposes that task on the revolutionary working class.

## Syrian Communist Party Condemns Israeli Attack on Syria

Israel has perpetrated another criminal piracy when the Zionist military aeroplanes bombarded an inhabited area near the outskirts of Damascus.

This represents a critical escalation of the already tense situation in the region due to the repeated Israeli aggression supported by the American imperialism against our peoples with the aim of demolishing the independence of the patriotic regimes and imposing a full imperialist and Zionist dominance.

By expanding the arena of its aggression Israel aims to overcome the critical difficulties it is facing due to the brave resistance of the Palestinian people who are writing heroic verses in defending their own existence and struggling for their national rights including above all the end of the unjust occupation and the establishment of the fully sovereign Palestinian state away from the imperialist/Zionist influence and hegemony.

Committing such aggressive actions against Syria, Zionist Israel is playing a dangerous game. The proud Syrians know very well how to protect their pride independence and freedom. They have never bowed to aggressors and will never bow. They are always ready to sacrifice the most valuable things including their souls to defend the freedom of their homeland.

The current situation increases the importance of a flinty national unity which will be the very fortress against which the aggressors' wave will crush down.

It is very obvious that Zionist Israel would not be able to perpetrate its aggressive actions against the Arab peoples, without the continuous integrated support by the American imperialism.

We call free people all around the world to denounce the Israeli aggression, and all the democratic, liberal and peace forces are invited to condemn this aggression which not only threatens the neighbouring peoples in the region but can also lead, if not controlled, to detrimental results that will have destructive effects on the whole international stage.

We also call for expanding the campaign in the Arabic countries to boycott the American goods and interests. The Arabic regimes that have normal relations with Israel are invited at least to immediately break off these relations.

The Syrian Communist Party is fully confident that the courageous Syrian people armed with their heroism and steadfastness which are deep-rooted in their traditions will crush all the enemy's conspiracies and mistaken will be everyone thinking that Syria may be subjugated.

Glory for the heroic Palestinian resistance

Glory to the brave Iraqi resistance

Long live Syria, proud and well-fortified against the aggression



Representatives from America, France, Syria, Turkey, Cuba, Algeria, Mauritius, Palestine, Congo, Nepal and Bangladesh etc. and from different states of India will participate

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