

CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S APPEAL

FORGE UNITY OF GENUINE LEFT AND DEMOCRATIC FORCES

The Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Centre of India in its session on the 13th January, 1979, in a resolution notes with deep concern that the bourgeois parties like the Janata Party, both wings of the Congress and the social democratic parties who are engaged today in defending the crisis-ridden capitalism are showing growing signs of authoritarianism, anti-people and undemocratic acts in diverse forms posing a serious threat to the legitimate democratic mass movements of our country.

The Central Committee is of the firm opinion that to depict the Janata Government, which is nothing but a bourgeois alternative, as 'democratic and friendly' is fraught with not only the danger of confusing but also deceiving the people.

The Central Committee is fully convinced that it is the failure of the Leftist parties to provide a United Left leadership and give a Left direction to all mass movements which has paved the ground for different authoritarian and reactionary forces, including that of Indira, to survive and thrive.

The Central Committee is constrained to note that the parties like the CPI(M) and the CPI are paying just lip-service to 'Left and democratic unity' only to hoodwink the people, with a view to using it as a manoeuvre to gain in parliamentary politics, and are aligning themselves with known bourgeois parties as well as with different diehard parochial, regional and chauvinistic forces.

The Central Committee cannot ignore for a moment that the common people of our country are facing today an ever-growing and all-round crisis and onslaught of unprecedented dimension and it can be met effectively only by organising united mass movements and mobilising the masses under the banner of a broad platform of action in the form of a united front of all genuine Left and democratic parties and forces as an instrument of struggle against the main enemy, the capitalist class, on the basis of a common minimum programme and code of conduct. To forge such unity is essential not only to conduct and lead the legitimate democratic mass movements to their logical culmination but also to give defeat to all varieties of authoritarian and reactionary forces, which is the need of the hour.

The Central Committee appeals to all genuine Left and democratic parties and forces not to fall prey to petty parliamentary interest but to uphold the cause of the people by taking necessary steps to build up united Left and democratic front as an instrument of mass struggle.

24th Anniversary of AIDSO Observed with Great Enthusiasm

Calcutta, 30th December, '78 :

On the occasion of the 24th foundation anniversary of All India DSO, a large meeting attended by thousands of students from all the districts of West-Bengal, was held on 28th December at the Calcutta University Centenary Hall at 4.30 p.m. At that time all the schools and most of the colleges and universities were closed. Still a few thousand students from all the Universities of West Bengal and from most of the colleges came in rows to make the foundation anniversary celebration a grand success.

Long before the meeting started, processions of students with DSO's flags, festoons and banners of different districts began to enter into the University campus.

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STRONGLY CONDEMNS SOVIET-BACKED VIETNAM'S AGGRESSION ON CAMBODIA

The Central Committee of our Party adopted the following resolution on Cambodian crisis on the first day of its meeting which had started from January 12, 1979 :

"The Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Centre of India notes with serious concern that a Workers' State like Vietnam launched an armed attack to overthrow the Government of another Workers' State like Cambodia—being backed by and at the direct instigation of the revisionist leadership of the Soviet Union in their bid to fulfil hegemonistic design in South East Asia—the people of which countries set up, only recently, an exemplary record of valiant fight and countless sacrifice, particularly against US imperialist aggression, that led to the liberation and establishment of workers' State in both these countries.

"The Central Committee is firmly of the opinion that it is incumbent on all Workers' States to cement their unity against imperialism and hegemonism; and all differences amongst them must be resolved through mutual discussion and negotiation in the spirit of amity and fraternity and adhering to the principle of proletarian internationalism and not by taking arms by the one against the other.

"The Central Committee hopes that the people of

Vietnam and Cambodia, true to their glorious anti-imperialist tradition, will remain firm and vigilant against any possible meddling by the US imperialists.

"The Central Committee demands immediate withdrawal and vacation of the Soviet-backed Vietnamese aggression on Cambodia reflecting the voice of the anti-war, peace-loving people in general for maintaining national independence and sovereignty of different States and the will of the pro-communist section of people in particular for not weakening the sacred principle of proletarian internationalism.

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Sixteenth All India UTUC (Lenin Sarani) Conference

at Patna

Open Session—16th February '79.

GANDHI MAIDAN

Guest-in-Chief—Comrade Nihar Mukherjee

President—Comrade S. K. Pramanik

Speakers Comrades Pritish Chanda, Shankar Singh, Gian Singh Chowdhury, A. K. Pandey, Tapas Dutta, Fatick Ghosh, Prativa Mukherjee, Zainal Abedin, M. L. A. (Assam), J. James, S. A. Bakshi, N. R. Singh and others.

Delegate Session—17th and 18th February '79.

at SRIKRISHNA MEMORIAL HALL

Camp David Summit—in Retrospect

The 13-day Summit between President Sadat of Egypt and Menaheim Begin, the Prime Minister of Israel that was held at Camp David had concluded after reaching certain agreements.

A critical examination of the said Summit agreement would no doubt confirm once again what our party under the leadership of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**, a great leader of the proletariat, time and again observed on the role and attitude of the ruling bourgeoisie of the resurgent nationalist countries vis-a-vis the politics of the Soviet revisionist leadership that contributed much in weakening the militant anti-imperialist fervour once prevalent among these countries.

But before entering into an analysis of the said agreement reached at the Summit that was held at the initiative and direct auspices of the US President we would like to make our readers a bit conversant with the political perspective now existing in the Middle East in the background of which the said Summit was held.

The long standing problem of the Middle East is creation of imperialist war machinations

The long standing problem of the Middle East the solution of which was posed to be the object of the Summit was largely a creation of the imperialist war machination aimed at fulfilling the imperialistic aims and designs in the said global area.

The object of the imperialists, particularly the US imperialists, is to dominate over the Middle East so as to establish their control over the petroleum resources of the Arab countries.

But the anti-imperialist mental make up of the Arab people and more particularly the Palestinians stand as a stumbling block in the way of achieving their object.

So the Jewish State of Israel was planned and created—rendering the Palestinian Arab nation homeless—to work as a spring board, an advance post for launching imperialist aggression and attack on the resurgent Arab nationalists. Time and again the world people therefore witnessed the imperialist-zionist ruling clique of Israel armed by the US imperialists with

most sophisticated weapons engage in war of naked aggression against Arab nations for grabbing Arab lands thereby threatening their territorial integrity, independence and sovereignty.

And in pursuit of their sinister design, the imperialist-zionist ruling clique of Israel gradually embarked upon a course of aggression, invaded Syria, Jordan, and Egypt, occupied the Golan Heights, Sinai, Sharm-El Sheikh, Gaza, and the entire West Bank (of Jordan river) and thus almost reached their 'promised goal' of extending their imperialist domination up to the Nile.

Again, amongst the Arab nations, it is the uncompromising liberation struggle of the Palestinian Arabs, commonly known as 'Al-Fatah' movement that is working as greatest hurdle in the way of the imperialists aimed at achieving their sinister neo-colonial design in the Middle East. Moreover the growing prestige and political power of the PLO which is recognised by 120 countries and given a special status at the UNO and the glorious struggles of the Palestinian commandoes for their cause, inspired the Palestinians within Israel and also in the areas occupied by the Israeli aggressors to rise in revolt against the Israeli exploiters. So it is obvious that the Israeli ruling clique and their patron the US imperialist would see in the struggle of the Palestinians an explosive threat to their neo-colonial design. It is not therefore unlikely that the rulers of Israel being inspired by their patrons will

consistently flout the world public opinion by stubbornly denying the legitimate right of the Palestinians to exist as a free independent Arab nation in a sovereign state with history of their own. In this connection one may mention the UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 238, which have called upon the Arab States to recognise the existence of Israel and in return Israel is to recognise the right of the Palestinians to self determination. But Israel, paying no heed to the World opinion, has flouted the UN resolutions.

Some major and important aspects of Camp David Agreement

Now, in the background of such an existing political situation in the Middle East, we would like to throw some light on the Summit agreement—but as the said agreement in its full detail has already come to the daily press, we would highlight only some of the major and important aspects of the said agreement.

It would appear from the document that the immediate Israeli vacation of all territories occupied through imperialist aggressive war—one of the two major legitimate demands of the Arab people—has remained unfulfilled. The other demand—the right of the Arab people of Palestine to self-determination—also remains a dream.

Again, not only the legitimate right of the Palestinian people to self-determination was denied even the so-called "autonomy" promised for the West Bank was bound to be a hoax. Because, just after the conclusion of the Summit, Begin had made it amply clear that there was no commitment on his part on the question of stopping further establishment of Jewish settlements in the said occupied area. Moreover, Begin had also made it clear to the US Congress that his country had no intention of giving

up her claim to sovereignty or its right to station troops in disputed areas of the West Bank and Gaza strip. So what kind of autonomy the Palestinians would be getting is within anybody's guess.

It was not therefore unlikely that the agreement would remain silent on the question of withdrawal of Israeli occupation troops from the West Bank and Gaza strip. Moreover, not a word was mentioned in the document regarding Golan Heights (belonging to Syria) and East Jerusalem. The official recognition to Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) the only authentic and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people was again denied by stating that the negotiations for the future status of the West Bank would be conducted without them. To add more, no commitment was also made in the document regarding the withdrawal of Israeli occupation troops from Sinai within the stipulated period of three months set for signing of a 'peace' treaty between Egypt and Israel, as stated in the agreement.

Agreement tantamounts not only to surrendering but to backstabbing the cause of Arab people

So, it was not unlikely that the summit would face with serious adverse criticisms from different quarters and more so from the different Arab states whose interests were inseparably linked up with any such agreement that any party might undertake with their common enemy, namely the imperialist-zionist ruling clique of Israel. So, not only the PLO, Libya, Iraq and Syria, even countries like Jordan and Saudi Arabia rejected the camp David Summit agreement while within Egypt too there was a strong note of dissension marked by the resignation of the Foreign

Minister and the Egyptian representative at the UNO.

It already came to the press that most of the Arab states while observing that Sadat had surrendered the cause of the Arab people to the Israeli imperialists and their patrons the US imperialists characterised it as a stab in the back of the Arab people.

One could feel the intensity of the adverse reaction that was created among them from an observation made by Mr. Assad, the Syrian President.

While replying to a News Week reporter, he observed, "This is a non starter and definitely rejected by us. Such a plan cannot be described by the remotest stretch of imagination as a peace plan. It simply aims at giving legality to what would remain under Israel occupation, burying the rights of the Palestinian people." He further emphasized, "We can never give up Palestinians' rights—not for any price. Golan is peripheral, Sinai too, for that matter the Palestinian problem is the gut issue."

It was no doubt a fact that the cause of the Arab people, particularly the Palestinians and their unity had received a serious jolt at Camp David where Egypt, who once played an important role to forge the unity of the Arab world against imperialism, in her bid to regain her lost territories had capitulated to the imperialist-zionist ruling clique of Israel and their patrons, the US imperialists.

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's immortal teachings only can enable us to grasp underlying reasons for shifting of anti-imperialist position of Egypt

One can however easily grasp the reasons underlying the shifting of position of Egypt if one can recall what **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** a great Marxist-Leninist (Contd. to Page 3)

The more the capitalist consolidation more the bourgeoisie of resurgent nationalist countries are coming close to imperialism

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thinker taught us on the role, character and attitude of the ruling bourgeoisie of the resurgent nationalist countries like Egypt.

Some of these countries which achieved their independence from colonial rule through struggles, for some years following their emergence as sovereign national states when they were striving to free themselves from the jackboot of imperialist domination, manifested an anti-imperialist attitude and even at times gave leadership to unite other similar countries against the imperialists, more particularly the US imperialists.

But since their first emergence as sovereign national states some of them have consolidated their national capitalist economy already acquired imperialist features some are even showing growing signs of expansionism. In the economic field as they appear as competitors to the traditionally powerful capitalist imperialist countries, they manifest a contradiction with them. But in the political arena, the national bourgeoisie of these countries as they have already acquired imperialist features, and are driven by the fear complex of revolution in their respective countries, draw themselves close to the capitalist-imperialist camp. For obvious reasons they are now playing more and more in the role of agents of World capitalism-imperialism, particularly in Asia and Africa, by forcibly suppressing the growth of not only revolutionary struggles but also left and democratic movements. This could explain why Nasser in spite of playing a prominent role in uniting the Arab World against the US imperialists did not hesitate even for a moment to suppress any possible growth of communist movement within the country. This also explains why the anti-imperialist fervour once manifested during Nasser's regime is

lacking in the present regime of Sadat who manifests a reactionary attitude towards progressive and democratic movements of the people. Even he does not hesitate to intervene in another country for forcible brutal suppression of progressive and democratic movements there. Thus once the popular uprising against the autocratic rule in Sudan was crushed by Egypt with the support of the then Libyan rulers.

So, one can realise why the bourgeois leadership of Sadat prefers negotiation and compromise to uncompromising struggle and despite the country's long anti-imperialist tradition it does not hesitate even to move close to the US imperialists, if they can deliver 'goods'. Long before, our party under the leadership of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** took note of this change of attitude of the bourgeois leadership of Sadat and we can rightfully claim that the future development of events and particularly the Camp David Summit have fully confirmed what we then observed in this regard.

Once President Sadat ordered the removal of the Soviet military experts from Egypt, because the USSR was not delivering the offensive sophisticated weapons which were necessary for recovering the lost territories from the Israeli aggressors. We then observed, "But President Sadat's other part of the statement that Egypt cannot recover the occupied territory from Israel due to non-delivery of the Soviet sophisticated weapons is not correct. It is seen from the activities of Sadat that he is not in any mood to wage war against Israel for recovery of the lost territory. On the other hand, he believes that since the US imperialists have considerable influence over Israel, the lost territories can be recovered through negotiation and manoeuvre with USA." (Soviet UAR relation-Prol. Era Vol. 6

No. 3, 15th Sept. 1972). Moreover it was our experience that whenever President Sadat asked for the withdrawal of Soviet troops, his demand was always followed by negotiation with the US imperialists. So, "These manoeuvres of President Sadat clearly showed that he was attempting to recover the occupied territory through negotiations with the US imperialists rather than with direct war with Israel" (Ibid).

And it was with such attitude that in the year 1977 in the month of November, Sadat went to Jerusalem to plead before the imperialist-zionist ruling clique of Israel, the protege of the US imperialists for the return of the occupied territories. This visit then created a strong anti-Sadat reaction in the Arab world including his own country where the then foreign Minister resigned as a mark of protest against this move. Most of the Arab states then criticised him for his shifting to capitulation observing that he weakened the Arab stand and acted against the desires and aspirations of the Arab people.

Soviet revisionist leadership is greatly responsible for Sadat going towards US imperialists for recovery of lost territory

So, judging all these things one is bound to conclude that Camp David is not an isolated event. In fact it is the culmination of a path which Egypt, as we have earlier shown, under the bourgeois leadership of Sadat has been trekking since sometimes past. It was no doubt a fact that the ruling clique of Egypt headed by Sadat was primarily responsible for sacrificing the cause of the Arab people and particularly that of the Palestinians at the Camp David. Yet we must not forget that it was the wrong handling of

contradiction existing between a resurgent nationalist country like Egypt and imperialism, and more particularly the US imperialism, on the part of the Soviet revisionist leadership that was to a great extent responsible for pushing Sadat towards the US imperialists for the recovery of lost territories.

As they succumbed to nuclear blackmailing by US imperialists and suffered from nuclear war-phobia the Soviet revisionist leadership tried to carefully avoid any confrontation with the US imperialists. They therefore refused to provide Egypt with modern and sophisticated arms necessary to thwart the Israeli aggressors thereby making the former dependent on US mercy and helping to push her towards the US imperialists for the recovery of her lost territories through negotiation and compromise with the imperialist-zionist ruling clique of Israel. Later we found the Soviet revisionist leadership to enter into collusion with the US imperialists for increasing their respective spheres of influences. A glaring revelation of this unholy collusion occurred during the Arab-Israel conflict in 1973. During that conflict the United Arab army blew up the myth of Israel's invincibility and convinced the world that they could inflict a defeat on Israel armed with sophisticated weapons. But the tragedy was—when the Arab army was on the threshold of a victory, the Soviet revisionist leadership along with the US imperialists by dint of their super power diplomacy got passed a UN cease fire resolution that was most humiliating to the Arab people and detrimental to their interest too. Thus, they not only back-stabbed the cause of the Arab people but also weakened their struggle against the imperialists.

Such a move on the part of the Soviet revisionist leadership which naturally wounded the national feelings of the

bourgeois ruling clique of Egypt headed by Sadat, coupled with the former's refusal to aid Egypt with sophisticated weapons, was responsible to a large extent for giving birth to the idea within the ruling class of Egypt that for retrieving her land, Egypt had to depend on the US imperialists who had much influence on Israel. Apart from this they had other considerations too. Egypt had pressing problems in her economic field and so long she solely depended on the Soviet economic aid. But experiencing the fact that the Soviet revisionist leadership were solely guided by their hegemonistic interest, on the question of giving aid to under developed countries, they hoped to earn a better dividend by playing among both the super powers instead of exclusively depending on the former.

So we now find them to slowly incline to the Western Camp and more particularly the US imperialists for economic and other aids.

All these factors together played an important role to push a vacillating bourgeois leader like Sadat who was already manifesting a reactionary character, towards the US imperialists. It was quite natural that the US imperialists would take full advantage of the situation and ultimately it was Kissinger's "Step by Step" diplomacy which brought Sadat much close to the US imperialists. It might not be out of place to mention that the Sinai accord was a part of this diplomacy which successfully drew Egypt close to the US imperialists.

CPI(M) shields betrayal of Soviet revisionist leadership

But those who would fail to take note of these factors or to correctly grasp the nature of the contradiction existing between resurgent nationalism and imperialism or, to put it more precisely fail to distinguish the

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The language policy and 'inter disciplinary scheme' of education of the 'Left Front' is a subtle device to serve the ruling capitalist class better

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At 4-30 p.m. the program started. Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee, General Secretary, AIDSO hoisted the red flag of AIDSO on which "Struggle Unity Progress" were inscribed. Leaders of the organisation placed wreaths at the foot of the portrait of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**, the great leader of the proletariat. The meeting started with an inaugural speech by Comrade Sanjit Biswas, Secretary, West Bengal State Committee and Comrade Dipankar Roy, President, West Bengal State Committee presided over the meeting. Comrade Dhurjati Das, President, Orissa State Committee conveyed his revolutionary greetings to the fighting students of West Bengal. In his address the main Speaker of the meeting Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta, Secretary, West Bengal State Committee, SUCI said:

Friends, we are meeting at a time when the political situation of the country is very much complicated and utterly confusing like of which we never came across before. Yet, it is not true that this has come about all on a sudden. The fall in the moral and ethical standard of our student community, the youth and common people started long back. But what I want to bring to your most serious consideration is the most disturbing fact that not to speak of the branded bourgeois parties, even the so-called left parties, who constitute the ruling 'Left Front' in the state are doing everything within their means to strike at the very root of minimum ethical-moral principles. This adds to the crisis of the situation. Such thing never happened in the past. In the past, despite all the shortcomings and opportunism of these left parties they at least stood by the side of people's struggles against

the exploitation of the capitalists. We had differences and differences of fundamental nature with these parties but certainly we joined them in building up people's movement and tried our best to give these movements a correct objective and orientation and for this attempt on our part differences within the united struggle arose again and again. And we were tried to be dubbed as 'disruptor' or 'splitter' but today the people can well judge who stands for what today. These 'Left' parties who are in the government, stand opposed to the building up of people's movement. The so-called 'revolutionary' leaders no longer talk of revolution or bloodshed as they once told before coming to governmental seat. Today they urge the famished people to give blood to Blood Bank. Today they urge the people to remain peaceful when capitalist exploitation goes on mounting and ask not to resort to strike before it becomes the last recourse, common people see with agonising bewilderment that this 'Left Front' even out-bidding the Siddhartha Roy Ministry is not only trying to kill people's resistance to exploitation from without by free use of police against people's movement but what is more dangerous, it is attempting to kill from within the very fighting spirit and morality of the oppressed people. What makes the difference and a material difference at that between the present situation and the Congress rule is that while the Congress leaders who usually exhorted the people to refrain from struggle and movement and instead devoted themselves to increase production evoked no response other than scorn or contempt from the people—the same exhortation coming as they do from the 'leftists', the 'Marxists'

who talked of revolution and social changes create utter confusion and agony in the minds of the people, though we are sure not for long. The sugar coated lie that as the 'Leftist' parties are in the government, there is no need of any movement and struggle against capitalist exploitation cannot hold on against the inexorable law of class struggle. The signs are already there. But can this political behaviour of 'Left' parties be termed anything other than a deception on the people? These parties so long were telling the people about the 'progressive' character of the Janata Party and CPI(M) at its Jullunder congress went much further by not only seeing the progressive forces or elements within the Janata but also in two Congresses, Akalis, AIDMK, DMK. They have been telling the people from their last party Congress and more so after recent party Plenum that Janata or the Congress offers no viable alternative but it is the left and democratic front composed of all the progressive forces, that can alone be the viable alternative. Now, people in West Bengal or elsewhere whoever is acquainted with the concept of political united front of left and democratic parties must have understood it as a fighting front, co-ordinating and leading the struggles of the oppressed people against the capitalist exploitation and thus clearing the road for a mighty challenge to the very capitalist order. Do these self-styled Marxist or 'Left' parties mean this front when they are talking about a third alternative? No, certainly not. They mean it just as an electoral or parliamentary alternative within the ambit of two party system the bourgeoisie is up and doing in establishing in our country. Just probe deep into this deceptive move of these parties. They are holding

out the hope, a false hope at that, that if their fancied 'Left and democratic front' which is just an electoral arrangement or a parliamentary device within the bourgeois design of two party system comes in governmental seat at the centre, peoples' miseries would be gradually removed and there would be a 'peaceful' transformation of the society. So, you hear from these leaders no longer the call for movements, struggle or revolution but for putting them in the government at the centre! What kind of 'Marxism' is it that deceives the people with the hoax that capitalist exploitative productive system and the state can be removed by election, peacefully! Why don't these 'Marxist' leaders admit honestly that they have bid good bye to Marxism? Surely, this they cannot because they know that the oppressed people who flock around them, mistakenly thinking that the party is for Marxism-Leninism and revolution will throw them away as soon as they will spell out this fact. History of the movement of toiling people of India has proved that it is SUCI built up and reared by the great leader of the proletariat **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** which alone upholds the revolutionary banner of Marxism in our country and is the invincible revolutionary weapon at their hands.

Now let us come to the field of education with which you are directly concerned. The 'Left Front' government is claiming that it has brought about changes in the educational system. But what kind of changes they have brought about? Are they in any way different from the basic policies and objectives of the previous Congress government? You know that the Congress government also talked about the need of job oriented education. If you examine the various proposals and schemes of the 'Left Front' govern-

ment you will see that they too aim at serving the same purpose although they use different vocabularies to hide this basic aim. They are also for "production-oriented" or "job-oriented" education. What does it mean actually? Those of you who are acquainted with the analysis and teachings of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** know that in a class-divided society like ours production, not only material production even spiritual production is guided by class motive. Education being in the realm of spiritual production cannot be free from the same class motive and when we talk of class motive in a class divided society it must be the class motive of the ruling capitalist class. As ours is a class-divided society our educational system is also guided by the bourgeois class motive. So they are restricting education in general and higher education in particular and is conspiring to destroy the scientific and logical bent of mind of the growing generation by putting emphasis only on the technical aspects of science so as to turn out only technicians devoid of values and ethics.

Coming to the question of so-called changes in the educational field that the 'Left Front' Government claims to have achieved Comrade Dasgupta showed at length that by pushing through the steps viz., the inter-disciplinary course in the college level, abolition of English from primary education as well as undermining the importance of teaching language as a whole and curbing the autonomy of the educational institutions the 'Left Front' government has translated the desire of the bourgeoisie and not of the people. He said, the previous Congress Government could not go thus far because of the fear of people's resistance, whereas the 'Left Front' government has brought

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All India Conference of UTUC (Lenin Sarani)**Widespread Enthusiasm among the working people throughout the Country**

As the days of the 16th All India Conference of UTUC (Lenin Sarani) are approaching nearer working people under the banner of UTUC (Lenin Sarani) are getting more and more enthusiastic and active to carry the message of this conference and call of their beloved organisation deep down to the general workers and employees in every nook and corner of the country to make the conference a grand success. Even workers and employees those who have not yet assembled under the banner of UTUC (Lenin Sarani) are coming forward on their own on this occasion to thoroughly know the history of struggles and aims and objectives of this vanguard organisation of Indian proletariat which is enriched with immortal teachings of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** the great leader of the proletariat and one of the founders of UTUC (Lenin Sarani). They are organising and inviting UTUC (Lenin Sarani) leaders to address before them. They are asking how they can help to make this conference successful. With days passing news of such meetings and meetings of workers and activists of UTUC (Lenin Sarani) is pouring in from different states.

ASSAM

A meeting of the workers and activists of UTUC (Lenin Sarani) of Assam state was held in Gouhati on 10th December last. **Comrade Pritish Chanda**, General Secretary, UTUC (Lenin Sarani) was present in the meeting as the main speaker.

While explaining the the significance of this conference of UTUC (Lenin Sarani) at this critical juncture of working class movement in India he elaborately discussed the present political situation obtaining today vis-a-vis the role of the Janata Government and the so-called left governments in states and the role of the trade unions led by the ruling parties in the field of trade union movement. He showed how the Janata Government is on the one hand ruthlessly crushing workers movement and on the other trying to emasculate it from within. They are creating smoke screen of discussion and dialogue with their pet union leaders and trying to impose it on the general worker-employees as consensus and thereby trying to frustrate militant workers' movement. Even the so-called left trade unions also are becoming party to this heinous game. He showed side by

side with concrete instances how the so-called left parties who had once voiced militant slogans on workers' interests and struggles are now, after coming to power, suppressing working class movement and openly appeasing the capitalist class. And this time a newer phenomenon has been added to it. The unions loyal to these governments and led by these so-called leftist parties in power are now trying doggedly to frustrate every kind of workers-employees' movement from within resorting to naked type of economism-opportunism and policy of compromise, even openly breaking strikes.

He observed, in such a situation it is UTUC (Lenin Sarani) alone which is heroically defending the workers' interests braving all odds and holding aloft the red banner of working class movement and revolution. In this context the 16th All India Conference of UTUC (Lenin Sarani) is going to be held and its importance should be understood accordingly, he observed.

In this meeting besides **Comrade Chanda** different trade union leaders of the state like **Comrades Asit Bhattacharyya**, President and **Pravat Khatuniar**, Secretary of UTUC (Lenin Sarani), Assam State Committee,

Siddheswar Sarma, **Indu Bhowmic** and others also spoke. More than twenty unions of the state participated in the meeting.

DELHI & U. P.

Delhi: On 24th December last a workers' and employees' meeting of Delhi was held in Delhi in presence of **Comrade Pritish Chanda**, General Secretary, UTUC (Lenin Sarani). Representatives from different government offices, industries and undertakings like Bank, Department of Health, Audit Office, Delhi Electric Supply, Delhi Transport Corporation and different Textile Mills enthusiastically took part in the meeting. The meeting formed a Conference Preparatory Committee in Delhi with **Comrade Atma Sing Bakshi** as the Convenor for conducting all round activities of selecting delegates, collecting fund for the conference from the masses and carrying out ideological campaign on the eve of this conference.

Gajabad: On the occasion of this 16th All India Conference of UTUC (Lenin Sarani) the working people of Gajabad have set a permanent branch committee of UTUC (Lenin Sarani) in Gajabad with **Comrade Srinivas** as the Convenor of the committee and with several leaders from different Engineering companies in and around the town as its members. The committee has started fund collection and literature campaign on the occasion of the ensuing conference.

HARYANA

In Haryana a Conference Preparatory Committee has been formed on 2.12.78 with **Comrade Anup** as Convenor.

BIHAR

Patna: In an extended State Committee meeting of the UTUC (Lenin Sarani), Bihar, held at Patna the detailed programme of the ensuing All (Contd. to Page 8)

Central Govt. Employees form new platform of Movement and Leadership

Delhi, 5th December 1978 :

After many sad experiences about the role of the existing leadership in the past, a vast section of Central Government employees have now come forward for organising movement and developing a new leadership to lend the employees movement a new direction. As a step forward, the government employees and workers of Delhi have, through a convention held on 1st December 1978, formed a new platform—**Delhi Co-ordination Committee of Government Employees and Workers**—for providing leadership to their movement and reviving all defunct organisations of Central Government employees in Delhi.

The convention of this new Co-ordination Committee was held on the 1st December '78 at the **Vitalbhai Patel House** hall with nearly 400 delegates representing about 60 organisations of Central Government employees and workers in Delhi. It created widespread enthusiasm among the government employees in the capital. The Delegate Session under the chairmanship of **Sri Y. S. Siddique** unanimously adopted a constitution for the committee and elected office bearers with **Sri Y. S. Siddique** as the Chairman, **N.S. Khaira**, **N.S. Rajput** and **D. D. Bhatt**, Vice-Chairmen, **B. K. Prasad**, General Secretary, **H. S. Bhatt**, Organising Secretary, **A.K. Mazumdar**, **K.N. Goswami**, **A. Chakraborty** and **J. N. Mondal**, Asst. General Secretaries and **R.K. Misra**, Finance Secretary, along with 50 other Working Committee members unanimously elected.

The Delegate Session voiced the demands, through various resolutions, for full trade union and political rights for the government employees, forthwith scrapping of the black Central Civil Services Rules scrapping of Article 311(2) (c) of the constitution and total withdrawal of Industrial Relations Bill and **Bhoothlingam** Committee Report.

The Open Session of the convention was held in the afternoon in the same hall which was addressed among others by **Comrade Pritish Chanda**, General Secretary UTUC (Lenin Sarani).

In his long penetrating speech welcoming the formation of this new Co-ordination Committee of Government Employees and Workers' in Delhi, **Comrade Chanda**, at the very onset, pointed out that holding of convention is not new to the employees and workers; they held conventions in the past and will do so in future. But the fact is that due to the lack of correct leadership, principles and aim before their struggles, struggles in the past failed to touch even the fringe of their problems, not to speak of any advancement in the right direction. That is why privation and misery in their life not only still remain but rather crises and problems accentuate everywhere with the mounting attack of the ruling class and the government. So, this convention where you are giving shape to a fighting organisation in the form of a new platform of struggle may also prove futile unless it takes note of and translates into action at least three things.

Firstly, the organisation, its leadership and cadres must have a definite class angularity. The government employees must not forget that they too are governed by the same capital-labour relationship under a capitalist state like ours and due to this they are also a part and parcel of the working class and their's is also a class struggle. And in this struggle they are to take up a clear cut working class approach

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Keeping silent about the role of the Soviet Revisionist Leadership CPI(M) tries to shield them

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character of resurgent nationalism of some thirty years back, when the resurgent nationalist states first emerged on the global surface, from that of the present day when they more and more manifest capitalist-imperialist features are perhaps no better than political simpletons like our CPI(M) friends who in their bid to analyse the reasons behind the surrender of the cause of the Arab people to the imperialists at Camp David have made all accusations against Sadat's "Sell out" (People's Democracy, Vol. II, No. 39, 24th September, 1978). Perhaps one would be prompted to ask them, is it not folly to explain the whole situation by blaming Sadat's personal leadership alone? Do they expect anything better from the national bourgeois leadership of Sadat particularly in the present decade when they are manifesting growing symptoms of capitalist-imperialist features? Or, is it a subtle and surreptitious attempt to shield the Soviet revisionist leadership with whom they are gradually developing a close relation and understanding? Such a question is naturally bound to appear in one's mind because the said article of People's Democracy has kept itself totally silent on the role of the Soviet revisionist leadership whose collusion with the US imperialists for fulfilling their mutual hegemonistic interest is much responsible for providing an opportunity to the imperialists to dominate over the scene of Middle East politics.

Moreover, it was the Soviet revisionist leadership which took a lopsided view of the anti-imperialist role of the resurgent nationalist countries like Egypt and did never expose the class character and imperialistic aspirations and desires of the ruling bourgeoisie of these countries. In a country where the left and democratic forces were not sufficiently strong and organised—this only helped

to keep the people unconscious regarding the class character and imperialistic aspirations of their ruling class and thereby arrested the growth of a conscious mighty anti-ruling class and anti-imperialist struggle of the people within the country.

Arab rulers are criticising Sadat being guided more by their class interest

And the absence of such a conscious, strong and organised anti-ruling class, anti-imperialist struggle of the people within the country was also a factor that worked in favour of the bourgeois leadership of Sadat to move close to the imperialist camp and who dared to sacrifice the cause of the Arab people to the imperialists without facing any effective resistance from inside his country. And on this question one must note that the role of the ruling cliques of the other Arab states are also not basically different from that of Egypt. One must remember that the rulers of these Arab states who are now criticising and blaming Sadat for giving a severe blow to Arab unity and sacrificing the cause of the Arab people, are doing so being guided by their respective class interest rather than by the cause of the Arab people and their unity. For they too like the bourgeois leadership of Sadat are gradually manifesting growing symptoms of capitalistic features and therefore can no more uphold the genuine cause of the Arab people or unite them in struggle against the imperialists for their cause. They criticise Sadat as because they apprehend that a separate agreement signed between Egypt and Israel may jeopardise their own class interest. And to get the support of the Arab people behind them, they try to pose themselves as champions of their cause and unity. In reality they too like the bourgeois leadership of Sadat are becoming more and more

anxious of the growing left movements in their neighbouring states and also of the uncompromising struggle of the Palestinians as because these give impetus to the left movements directed against them in their own countries. So, in the question of fulfilling their class interest, they do not hesitate even to take part in the conspiracy hatched by the US imperialists and Israel against the Arab people and particularly Palestinians. Had it not been a fact, then the US Israeli subversive agencies could not squeeze the PLO first out of Egypt and then out of Syria—a fit that they achieved some years back.

Moreover, the ill-famous 'Black-September' massacre of thousands of Palestinian Commandoes by king Hussein of Jordan would bear additional testimony to this fact. All these actions weakened the unity of the Arab world which perhaps got one of the severest blows of recent past when Syria invaded Lebanon in 1976, and cracked down on the leftists and Palestinians to forestal their imminent military victory over their adversaries, the US backed phalangists and other reactionary forces.

Analysing in detail the change of attitude of Syria which the other day was very much against the imperialist-zionist ruling clique of Israel we then observed (The Srian invasion in Lebanon—Proletarian Era vol-9, No-22, 15th July, 1976) that as the Soviet revisionist leadership was not in a mind to support militant anti-zionist struggle and had been making underhand deal with the US imperialists to maintain *status quo* in the Middle East the Syrian ruling class thought it futile to continue confrontation with Israel at the cost of severe damage to their economy. So, they were eager to implement the political solution as proposed by the US im-

perialists. The said proposal known as the Palestinian accord aimed at the creation of a Federation of Syria, Jordan and Lebanon with a demilitarised rump of Palestinian state covering the West Bank and Gaja strip. This federal project aiming at containing and ultimately liquidating the Palestinians was successfully sold to Syria through King Hussein of Jordan and hence a close relation developed between Syria and Jordan over this issue as President Assad of Syria and king Hussein of Jordan knew it well that in the eventuality, of such a Federation taking shape, Syria and Jordan would dominate over Lebanon. But the Palestinians were not agreeable to this suicidal proposal and thus they were forestalling a solution advantageous to the imperialists.

Syria therefore invaded Lebanon on the one hand to push the PLO back to the wall so that it might be forced to accept the proposal of the US imperialists which was designed to satisfy the Syrian ruling class as well and on the other hand to prevent a leftist takeover of Lebanon, which was likely to endanger their bourgeois class-interest. It might not be out of place to mention that the Camp David agreement had only further confirmed what we earlier told our readers on the US conspiracy of containing and ultimately liquidating the Palestinians.

That the Syrian rulers like their compatriots in Egypt with increasing growth of their capitalistic features are moving close to the US imperialists as we have claimed earlier, has also been confirmed by the fact that the Syrian President who even the other day was fully relying on the Soviet aid is now trying to steer a middle course between the two super powers. The Syrian ruling clique has already

improved relations with the US government which has allocated the Syrian government an aid of ninety million dollars and in response the latter, has opened up the north-east oil region of Syria to two US companies.

Policy of Hegemonism of Soviet Revisionist Clique

Now, any discussion on the Syrian invasion of Lebanon would remain incomplete if we fail to analyse the then role of the Soviet revisionist leadership, which then not only did not impose any condition that Soviet arms must not be used against the Palestinians but on the contrary assured the Syrian rulers of continuing arms aid. It was clear that the Soviet revisionist leadership desired to maintain the existing balance of super powers in the Middle East. But as the militant stand of the PLO was a definite hindrance to this object, they did not hesitate to put pressure on them through Syria. In fact the Soviet revisionist leadership were also a party in making the Palestinians swallow the bitter pill of the fractured state of Palestine consisting of the West Bank and Gaja strip only as prescribed by the US imperialists in the name of peace and security in the region. What else other than the policy of hegemonism on the part of the Soviet revisionist leadership can explain this unique convergence in approach between them and the US imperialists in international politics?

Now, from all these things one fact is evident that the ruling cliques of the different Arab states, however much they may criticise Sadat for Camp David Summit and pose to be championing the cause of the Palestinians, on the question of realising their own class interest, they too like the ruling clique of Egypt headed by Sadat would like to play between both the super powers. To add

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more, if any design of the super powers is associated with a promise to serve their own class interest as well, then they were ready to sacrifice the cause of the unity of the Arab world and launch attack on the Arab people, particularly the Palestinians, with the backing and at the instigation of the super powers.

So what Egypt did at Camp David by sitting at the negotiation table with the enemy of the Arab people meant a further deep incision into the unity of the Arab world that had already received severe cuts at the hand of the present ruling cliques of some of the different Arab states.

Through Camp David agreement US diplomacy succeeded in regaining its lost position in international politics

At Camp David, it was the imperialist-zionist ruling clique of Israel that had scored a victory. To put it more concretely it was not only they who alone had achieved success. The US imperialism which was striving hard to regain its lost position in the international politics had succeeded in its bid to earn a footing in the scene of international politics.

For sometime past and more so following their ignominious defeat in Indo China, the US imperialists had to lie low in the international politics.

With brilliant analysis **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**, a great Marxist-Leninist thinker of the era, had shown that various compelling circumstances both internal and external had forced them to temporarily abandon their aggressive policy and switch over to peace manoeuvres. It is however needless to say that their peace manoeuvring tactics were never actuated by any, genuine desire of peace. On the contrary, it was a new tactic in the changed international situation to keep their imperialist domination over the

Policy of hegemonism of Soviet Revisionist Leadership and their hobnobbing with US imperialism are frustrating the anti-imperialist struggles of the resurgent nationalist countries

people and design conspiracy against them in a new technique.

Their present move to pose as a mediator of peace in the Middle East is therefore a part of their peace manoeuvres and they aspired to realise many things out of it. They hope that this would help them not only to preserve but also extend their domination over Middle East thereby perpetuate their neo-colonial aims and designs in the said global area. Further, this would give an opportunity to protect the interest of their protege, the imperialist-zionist ruling clique of Israel, so that their advance post in the Middle East might remain as firm as before. And over and above, they hoped that a success at Camp David which was held at their initiative and under their direct auspices would help the US diplomacy to regain some of its lost position in the international politics.

We are quite confident that whatever tact and trick they may try to adopt, they will fail to befool the conscious people of the world. But how can one ignore the fact that the US imperialists have moved a step ahead in their bid to dominate over the politics of the Middle East?

It was a fact that the ruling cliques of the different Arab states and more particularly that of Egypt headed by Sadat provided the US imperialists with the opportunity of taking such a step. But could one forget the role of the Soviet revisionist leadership whose hegemonistic aspirations and super power diplomacy was no less responsible for the defeat of the cause of the Arab people at Camp David?

It is clear from the statements of the revisionist leadership of the USSR that they do not approve of the Summit agreements. But it would be a great

mistake if anybody takes this Soviet disapproval of the Summit agreements as a manifestation of their desire to highlight the genuine cause of the Arab people, more particularly the cause of the Palestinians. The real reason of this Soviet disapproval lies elsewhere. The US diplomacy got an upper hand over the politics of Middle East and they had to suffer a defeat in the hands of the US imperialists in the race of hegemonism in the Middle East. Perhaps they were not aware that the seed of their defeat was planted on that very day they colluded with the US imperialists for mutual hegemonistic interests.

Finally, before concluding we would like to add something in regard to the question of bringing about a tangible solution of the problem of Middle East.

First, any politically conscious being, who does realise the significance of peace, honestly desires peace. But peace can never be an end in itself. It must have some object to realise.

The crux of the Middle East problem is the establishment of the independent sovereign state of Palestine. So any peace treaty must have, as its primary condition, not only a formal acceptance of the right of the Palestinians to self-determination but the immediate creation of such a state for a nation in deep anguish and trial for long thirty years because of the imperialist machinations. Side by side with this there must be another condition to fulfil, i.e. the immediate withdrawal of the Israeli army from all the territories that it occupied through naked imperialistic aggressions. By this way and by this way alone one can have a tangible solution to the problem.

Our Appeal to the working people of Israel and Arab

The existence of the state of Israel at present is a reality, however in what manner she might have come into being in the past. But to the World people in general and the Arab people in particular her global existence will appear as to be illegitimate so long she does not give up her anti-Arab naked aggressive policy, stop further allowing the imperialists to use her as a springboard for launching attacks on the resurgent Arab nationalists and last but not least—so long she does not recognise the Palestinians' right to self-determination.

So, the working people of Israel should note that if they sincerely desire to exist as a sovereign state they must recognise the right of the Palestinian to their own sovereign state. They should not act as pawns in the hands of their imperialist-zionist rulers and the US imperialists engaged in fulfilling their imperialistic designs. Moreover, they should further realise that their zionist attitude would only act as barriers to their own emancipation from their imperialist domination. Because it is always the decadent and revivalist ideas like racial jingoism, spiritualism, parochialism and all other reactionary ideas that provide the fertile ground in favour of capitalist-imperialist domination.

Finally, we would like to urge upon the Arab nations that they must build up their unity on a firm solidarity on the basis of their long standing tradition of uncompromising anti-imperialist struggle. The term Pan-Arabism can only be meaningful if it can successfully unite them against all sorts of imperialist and super power domination and hegemonism.

They should note that the ruling cliques of their countries are gradually developing capitalistic features—some are even manifesting imperialistic tendencies. And more they manifest these symptoms, closer they move politically to the capitalist-imperialist camp for realising their class interest and design at the cost of the cause of the people of their own countries. For realising their narrow end, these ruling cliques may drag them within the fold of super-power hegemony. Moreover, one must not forget that the reactionary ruling bourgeoisie of these countries has no option but to accept the terms dictated by the super powers. Thus during Arab-Israel conflict in 1973, when the super powers thrust a cease fire resolution upon them they had to swallow it in spite of its being nationally humiliating to them and detrimental to their interest as well. So in the present decade of the era of imperialism and proletarian revolution they can never unite the people and lead them in their struggle against the imperialists. And it is only the struggling unity of all the patriotic forces led by a genuine left and democratic core that can frustrate the heinous attempts of these ruling cliques and forestall the policy of interference and intrigue of the super powers aimed at extending their spheres of influence.

Just as they shall have to struggle to recover their lost territories from Israeli occupation so also they must stand firm and fight unitedly for the just cause of the Palestinian people. Because if they hesitate even to the slightest degree to uphold the just cause of the people of a brotherly nation then this would endanger their unity and ultimately weaken their struggle against the imperialist-zionist forces.

They must carry on a relentless struggle to achieve their just cause. The fighting working people of the world stand by their side. Ultimate victory is theirs.

DSO Anniversary

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incalculable harm to the cause of education through these so-called changes. Take for example their much boasted inter disciplinary scheme. What does it mean actually? In the name of giving wider freedom and minimum compulsion as regards choice of subjects from the three streams, the new scheme will obstruct the process of integrated education and make the students jack of all trades and master of none. The students will not only miss the depth and integration of education but what is more, they will be deprived of the moral and ethical essence of education.

Concluding his speech Comrade Dasgupta recalled the great revolutionary lessons of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** that a nation even if it starves can stand against mountain high odds provided it has its moral strength intact. The revolutionary ideology in every age has brought to the oppressed people this taste of higher moral values and ethics and have inspired them to fight along the historic course of development. Only the real revolutionaries, the real Marxists will bring again and again to the people this all important question of "transforming ourselves before we can transform the society." The reactionaries, the social-democrats are least concerned about enlivening the society with new morality and ethics. They serve the cause of the ruling class and not the cause of the people and social development. That is why you will find that no organisation other than your organisation DSO inspired by the Great teachings of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** has been fighting unflinchingly against all sorts of demoralization and degeneration.

Today the 'Left Front' Government on the plea of earning revenues is encouraging Cabaret dances even in hotels own by it, giving licences freely for opening of bars and is practically doing

nothing to resist this conspiracy of the ruling class. So, however onerous the task may be, it is you Comrades who will have to fight against this conspiracy resolutely to save the society from a disaster. But you cannot do it unless you yourselves are imbued with the great revolutionary teachings of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**. Hold aloft the revolutionary banner that **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** has handed down to you and prove yourselves not by your words but by your concrete deeds the worthy inheritors of the great teachings of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**.

Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee, the guest-in-chief, said in her speech that the ruling bourgeois class is launching its major

offensive against education and culture because they know it well that if the cultural and ethical standard and morale of the youths and students can be degenerated, there will be no protest against all sorts of exploitation and injustice perpetrated by the capitalists and their puppet parties. We must be aware of it. DSO will have to hold aloft the banner of uncompromising struggle for revolution. We will attract the students not by any lucrative offer, but by our ideology, struggle and the thoughts of our beloved leader, teacher and guide **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**.

The meeting ended with the song composed on the life and works of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**.

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"The Central Committee urges the Vietnamese Communists to undo the wrong committed and appeals to the communists of the world to take serious lesson from these developments how imperative it is to present a united face against imperialism and hegemonism, step up revolutionary struggles in different countries and resolve ideological differences between them by conducting relentless ideological battle on the basis of communist code of conduct and following the principle of Unity-Struggle-Unity."

UTUC (Lenin Sarani) Conference

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India Conference to be held here was chalked out in presence of the General Secretary Comrade Pritish Chanda on the last 20th December '78.

Ranchi: In a workers meeting in Ranchi on 27.12. '78 a Conference Preparatory Committee was formed with Comrade Siddheswar Prasad Sing as the Convenor and with representative members from different industries and offices in and around Ranchi including Railway, Heavy Engineering and Ordnance Factories etc.

Bokaro: On 28th December last a preparatory meeting for the All India Conference in Patna was organised by the Bokaro Ispat Central Workers Union in Bokaro. More than one hundred delegates from different factories and offices attended the meeting held in an open space in cold winter night and formed

a preparatory committee to conduct propaganda campaign, fund collection and other activities for the conference.

Dhanbad: In the same morning a similar meeting was held at Dhanbad which was attended by 150 representatives from different unions of Dhanbad and Jharia.

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Jabalpur: On and from 14th to 16th December '78 workers and employees of different ordnance factories situated in Jabalpur organised group meetings on this occasion and invited Comrade Sitesh Dasgupta, one of the Secretaries of the All India Committee of UTUC (Lenin Sarani) to these meetings.

As reported up till now, delegates from West Bengal, Bihar, Assam, Orissa, U.P. Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, M.P. Punjab, Andhra, Tamilnadu,

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and attitude against the government and the ruling class.

Secondly, change of government does not mean change of class rule or end in oppression or exploitation. This is evident from the role and character of the Janata Government also now at the centre and other governments in states including those of the so-called leftists. Under these new governments also the same administrative bureaucratic set up carrying the legacy of the colonial rule along with the Service Conduct Rules prescribed for the employees denying rights enjoyed by the ordinary citizens still continue. Government employees remain to be the same second class citizens and continue to be equally treated as during the last 30 years of Congress regime. These governments are equally suppressing employees' and workers' movements with equal ferocity and coercive measures even killing the workers as in Bailadilla, Panthnagar, Kanpur and other places. Continuing he said, this new Janata Government has taken up a heinous design of making the trade union movement an appendage of bourgeois parliamentary politics by creating an air of discussion and dialogue and thereby reaching a so-called consensus with the loyal trade union leaderships in order to contain militant trade union movements in the country. The tragedy is that even the so-called left trade unions also are taking part in this game and knowingly or unknowingly helping the ruling class design to emasculate working class movement in our country. Government employees will have to remain alert to this danger.

Central Government employees, he reminded, led heroic strike-struggle in 1960 and 1968 but could achieve little due Kerala and Karnatak will attend the All India Conference in large numbers.

to the opportunist reformist leadership which did never conduct these struggles with a correct class angularity and objective. That is why inspite of so many sacrifices and sufferings of the employees their struggles failed to move forward. So, they have to wage relentless and uncompromising battles against all sorts of economism-reformism and opportunism in employees movement in particular and trade union movement in general. They themselves must above all, be free from all such trends and vices.

Thirdly, Comrade Chanda maintained, for maintaining solidarity and unity in the organisation, the style of functioning of the organisation from top to bottom should be truly democratic and never formal—it is to be based on proletarian ethics, culture and morality. Otherwise, formal democracy would invariably creep in and breed careerism, groupism and bureaucratic style of functioning within the organisation. For the desired democratic functioning to work in your organisation majority should give due honour and weight to the minority for it is truth that matters and so the duty of the majority is to ascertain whether there is truth in the minority and give recognition to it. The minority, in turn, should also give its due recognition to the majority if that carries the truth with it. All this should be ensured to develop a truly democratic life in this organisation, to develop it into a real weapon of struggle for the real cause of the government employees and workers and achieve success.

Besides Comrade Chanda, Sri G. Lakshmanan M. P., Sri Gobinda Mukhoty, Chairman of PUCL (Delhi) and Sri L. A. Prasad, P & T leader addressed the open session in support of the formation of this new forum of Central Government Employees and Workers.

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