

possible, to link them up with States' peoples' movements and lead all these into a revolutionary crusade against imperialism, capitalism and feudalism, end them to establish a fully democratic, workers' and peasants' government in India.

Appendix III

ON 15TH AUGUST CELEBRATION

(Circular To All Party Committees)

The Congress and the Muslim League have respectively decided to celebrate August 15, 1947, as Indian Independence Day and Pakistan Independence Day. The Congress and League Governments at the Centre and in the Provinces are already making grand preparations for celebrating the day and the Congress and League Papers are crying hoarse appealing to the people at large for making the celebrations a great success. A day of real independence or deliverance brings about spontaneous rejoicings and jubilations among the broad masses of the people. But we find no such thing in India to-day. On the contrary the approach of 15th August is creating more and more fear and uneasiness among the people as they feel that the day may see more spilling of internecine blood all over the land. Why is it so? It is so because the constitutional changes that will be inaugurated in India on the 15th of August will not serve the best interests of the Indian masses. It will only divide India into communally separated hostile states and will retain the economic and military stranglehold of British imperialism over the whole country in collaboration with the native vested interests within the frame-work of the British commonwealth. These constitutional changes will not make India free from exploitation and oppression of the

British Foreign Rule but will merely coat it with a fine layer of sugar.

The Congress and the League leaders in collusion with British imperialism have agreed to the new constitutional frame-up because it will be mutually advantageous for the exploiting classes; and in order to hide this vicious nature of the constitution from the people they are trying to pose and pass it as a constitution of transference of power or independence which it is definitely not. These changes will serve to accentuate the communal bitterness among the masses of the people and will enable the Indian capitalists to have greater chances of exploiting the toilers of the soil by disrupting their forces on communal lines and by resorting to anti-popular and anti-democratic legislations. As such the toiling masses of India have nothing to rejoice for August 15. On this day will be ushered in fresh bondages of slavery for the toiling masses of India and as such the Indian working masses can have nothing to do with the proposed celebrations on this Day.

All our Party members and Party Committees are therefore, hereby directed to boycott the celebrations to be held on August 15 by all possible means. In places where possible we should issue posters and leaflets explaining our Party position regarding 15th August. Whenever chances occur we should hold joint meetings and demonstrations on this Day in alliance with other freedom-loving leftist Parties and organisations, that are prepared to march ahead shoulder to shoulder with us for fighting the battles of freedom and finally liberating the motherland from the clutches of British imperialism and its native allies. We must however have no track with the Hindu Mahasabha on any score and must scrupulously avoid provoking people by unreasonable rash actions. Our comrades and Committees in the Pakistan areas must be more cautious at every step and must avoid every action that may create any

provocation. As there are chances of communal flare-ups on this day, our comrades should take steps to organise strong volunteer corps in their respective areas in order to keep communal peace at any cost and protect and defend the people from the clutches of the hooligans.

General trend of our propaganda on this Day shall be :

1. Explaining the faked nature of 'Independence' and necessity of forging an alliance between all the freedom-loving, progressive forces in the country for the revolutionary overthrow of imperialism and the establishment of a truly democratic government in the country.

2. Arbitrary nature of partition forced upon India on communal lines and the necessity of acceptance of the right of complete self-determination of the nationalities on the basis of language and culture. Explaining the correctness of the slogan of Sovereign Bengal, Sovereign Punjab and Pathanistan for N. W. F. P.-People. The need of evolving centralised Indian Union with the willing co-operation of different Indian nationalities.

3. Fulfilment of the economic demands of the workers and peasants. The abolition of landlordism and nationalisation of basic and key industries without compensation. Protest against police firings on workers and peasants in action by the Congress and League Governments.

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