

STATEMENT

THIRTY TWO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

April 11, 1964

After the National Council adjourned yesterday, Coms. E.M.S. Namboodiripad, Jyoti Basu and Bhupesh Gupta met the Secretariat members this morning to explore every avenue of taking the Party out of the present crisis.

They pointed out that in order to create a proper atmosphere for a frank, full and dispassionate discussion of the present crisis, the minimum requirement would be (a) that the

Chairman should step down when the letters in the Archives are discussed; and (b) the letters in the Archives and the press statements of some of the CEC members should be taken up for discussion together.

They further pointed out that a question of "splitting activities" can and should be taken up for a full and thorough discussion in a special meeting of the Council after full preparation and collection of relevant facts. It was pointed out that some of us, particularly Com. E.M.S. Namboodiripad, had repeatedly raised the question of the disruptive and splitting activities of the Secretariat and their supporters for the last one-and-a-half years. These questions had been brushed aside and not even cursorily discussed. All these have to be discussed in their entirety in order to find a proper solution to the whole problem.

But the Secretariat would not budge from their stand and the Chairman insisted that he should be in the chair even when his question was being discussed, and the so-called splitting activities of some of the CEC members should take precedence over everything else.

It is obvious that the Secretariat which came out with a statement denying the authenticity of Dange letters in the Archives even without looking at them, was bent upon further continuing their disruptive and splitting activities which they embarked upon since November 1962. They do not realise or they shut their eyes to the very serious damage that has been done to the prestige of the revolutionary Party by the disclosure of the letters in the Archives. For if the letters are genuine it means that the highest post in the Party is being occupied by one who had offered his services to the British Government. Hence they do not seem to be interested in taking effective steps to have the entire thing investigated and take the appropriate measures on the findings of the investigation in order to safeguard the prestige and honour of the Party. This made it impossible for us to participate in the meeting.

The present Secretariat and their supporters alone are responsible for the present situation. We know that they are unrepresentative of the real feelings of the vast majority of the Party members.

We are sure that the mass of Party members and units will repudiate Dange and his followers. We are confident that the vast majority of the party members and public will support our principled stand and rally to uphold the honour and prestige and the revolutionary traditions of the Communist movement in India.

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