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By OUR STAFF CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: There is no "Kashmir problem" or "Kashmir issue" as far as India is concerned, but only an imperialist conspiracy hatched by the United States and supported by Britain and Pakistan, S. A. Dange, chairman of the Communist Party of India, said in New Delhi on May 12.

at the airport and to treat him as a visiting dignitary. He contrasted this treatment to a man who has been openly preaching separation of a part of the country to that of the ordinary worker who, for demanding a five rupee increase in his wages, was being detained under the Defence of India Rules.

Dange asked why the Government of India and Prime Minister Nehru should negotiate on equal terms with Sheikh Abdullah. He said it was because they realise their

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HE was speaking at a public meeting organised by the Delhi provincial council of the CPI, on the Anglo-American conspiracy against Kashmir.

"The time has come to tell the imperialists that the Kashmir issue is closed—for us and for you too", Dange said. To make this clear, the Government of India should do three things.

- 1 Withdraw the Kashmir issue from the United Nations and refuse to argue it before the world body.
- 2 Reject the plebiscite demand outright, once and for all, and say that Kashmir's accession is final and irrevocable.
- 3 Ask the UN observers, who have been acting as stooges and agents of imperialist powers, to quit Kashmir.

Dange said that these imperialist agents in the garb of observers, who had come in under the plea of keeping peace, were actually inciting more clashes and planning

after a lapse of 16 years. With the current round of debate, it was the 107th time that India was arguing her case in the UN.

The Kashmir issue would never be settled in the UN because the United States, the "upstart of the twentieth century", and Britain, "its 49th state" were trying to keep the issue alive, for their own imperialist ends. Pakistan's dictator is being dictated to by these imperialist powers.

Dange said that one could understand China trying to make friends with Pakistan, but the Chinese Premier's attempt to justify Pakistan's membership of the SEATO was inexplicable. The Chinese Premier termed it as a defensive alliance, but defence against whom, Dange asked.

The issue of Kashmir's accession could not be reopened, he said, because that would create other complications as well. The basis of the Indian Union itself would be

people, is based on the dissatisfaction and discontent of the people in the state. Nothing has changed for them in the last 16 years as far as their material conditions were concerned.

one single family and "the state's budget was actually a family budget", he said.

When this state of affairs is changed, Sheikh Abdullah's hold on the people would also

## Dange Suggests Immediate Steps For Solving The Present Impasse

weaknesses and the fear of the hold which he has over the Kashmiri people.

Sheikh Abdullah's leadership, his confidence to speak on behalf of the Kashmiri

For the people of Kashmir democracy had been bureaucracy in action, prosperity a name and poverty a fact. The government was being run for the benefit of

vanish, Dange said. It is the hope of a better deal and better living which make the people think in terms of supporting Sheikh Abdullah.

Dange said that the situation in India was also not different. Reactionary forces like Swatantra and Jan Sangh were capitalising on the discontent of the people. The problem in Kashmir is not a problem for Kashmir alone; it is of India as well; and the problem is how to bring prosperity and growth for the people.

The CPI chairman called upon the people to campaign for their better living standards.

Earlier, Dr. Z. A. Ahmad, member of the central secretariat of the CPI who presided over the meeting, condemned the attempts to give a communal colour to the Kashmir issue.

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sabotage activities in the state.

They were seeking to prolong the tension as long as possible, engineering more clashes and charting future conquests in the hope of converting the state into an imperialist war base directed against the socialist countries.

As long as these imperialist agents remained in Kashmir, there would be tension in the area and the greater danger of war. Therefore, it was imperative that these observers should go.

No two newly liberated countries would go to war against each other unless the imperialists engineered a war between them, he said and cited the example of Cyprus to show how the imperialists are engineering clashes between countries to endanger the freedom of newly independent countries.

Dange said that there was no dispute on Kashmir except that Pakistan had forcibly occupied parts of Indian territory. India had gone to the UN with a complaint against Pakistani aggression, but nothing has come out of it even

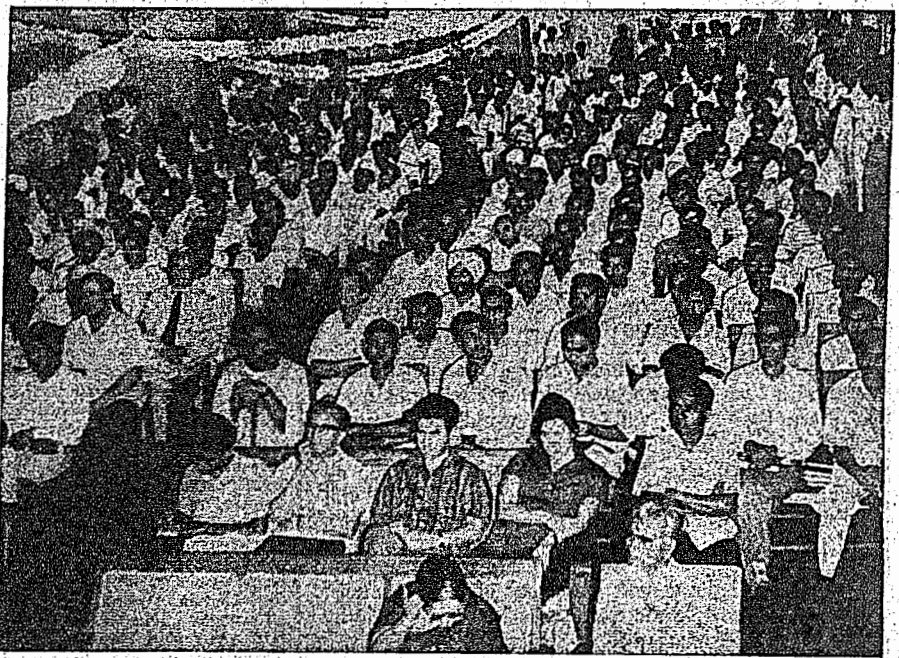
shattered if the question of accession of any state was reopened now.

It is true that Prime Minister Nehru had at one time stated that the Kashmiri people's will would be ascertained. That has already been done, Dange said. Three general elections have taken place in the state, where the people of Kashmir have shown beyond doubt their will to be part of India.

He regretted that people like C. Rajagopalachari and Jaya Prakash Narayan, who had taken part in the country's freedom struggle, should now go round expressing doubts about the validity of Kashmir's accession.

As far as Sheikh Abdullah was concerned, Dange said, the Communist Party had demanded his release because "we felt that if Kashmir could be part of India only by keeping one man in jail, it is better not to have it".

But the VIP treatment extended to him by the government was astonishing, he said. It was wrong on the part of the Prime Minister to have sent a Deputy Minister to receive him



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# ASK 'OBSERVERS' TO QUIT























# Workers' Patience Taxed Too Much

## All-India Action On Bonus Soon

By OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The struggle of the working class against the reactionary monopolists and the government's labour policy which follows them is gathering momentum. Instead of paying heed to the legitimate demands of the toiling people, the Government of India in its various ministries follows a line which forces the workers to resort to strike struggles. And when workers are forced into that position, the government either strikes back with all its force or agrees to compromise if force fails to work.

TAKE for instance their unpardonable refusal to give effect to the recommendations of the Bonus Commission. What necessity was there to send it to the states or to ask the various public sector industrial units about the effects of the Bonus Commission recommendations?

The states had already given their views to the Commission and the public sector representative Mathur was a member of the Commission.

The public sector undertakings which are production units pay less wages than units of the same kind in the private sector. In some, the public sector has a monopoly. And moreover no industry in today's boom conditions is threatened with any losses even if it pays 25 per cent more wages.

The refusal of the government to act on the almost unanimous recommendations is bound to be construed as a deliberate attempt to please the monopolists who do not desire a uniform reasonable formula on bonus and do not want

to admit the workers' claim to a share in the profits and a rise in wages through that channel.

Should not the workers feel resentful about this? They should. And are they not bound to think of an all-India protest action?

The AITUC has already resolved to work out an all-India general strike as a protest against high prices and for a general rise in wages, dearness allowance, bonus and for nationalisation.

But apart from that general slogan, workers everywhere must mobilise for implementation of the Bonus Commission report.

If the government does not take a decision, it is an obvious invitation to the trade unions to begin their annual round of disputes and actions for bonus.

And this is the government which talks of industrial peace and then works for industrial strife.

It took the workers more than a year to convince the government that their cost of living index is a "fraud". Government felt indignant.

Strikes took place. Experts' Committees in Bombay and Ahmedabad were set up and they admitted that the index was wrong, very much wrong. The workers fought and got increased dearness allowance.

And yet there are 27 or so centres whose indices are calculated by the Labour Bureau of the Government of India. That bureau sitting in Simla and the Labour Ministry sitting in Delhi refuse to correct even those indices calculated by their own bureau. That means each industrial centre governed by that bureau must prepare for a strike to move the bureau to correct the indices which are found to be wrong.

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★ As regards individual disputes, one need not go into that series now. The oppression of the HEL workers of Bhopal, which is a clear case of sabotage and provocation by top management and their henchmen to hide their own sins and failures in production and supplies, is imposing unheard of losses on the public sector and the workers.

★ The prolonged strike in the Jay Engineering, a good foreign exchange earner and saver, is deadlocked because an arrogant young owner who never knew how his father built the industry which he has inherited, wants to teach a lesson to the workers and the Union. And the

West Bengal government lends its hirelings' hand to the owner.

★ In Bombay, the government refused to pay the due rate to the matadi labour and thousands of tons of food and fertilisers blocked the port and held up ships. Why? Because the government and the contractors wanted to beat down the matadi labourer. They ultimately failed.

Turn anywhere around. The same failure to yield to the rightful claims of toiling democracy, the same desire to

rule by the whip of bureaucracy, the same natural affinity with the profit hunters of monopoly capital is visible. Not until the workers organise, unite and hit back, do the monopolists' outside and their agents inside the government move from their positions, not until they take their toll of sacrifices from the toiling masses.

Hence, an all-India united action for bonus, for dearness allowance, for wages and for nationalisation has to be built. Let us do it in earnest.

Whispering Gallery

### THUGS AND MIGS

ALL attempts on the part of the Thugs—and also of some Mugs—to scrap the Mig project have been finally abandoned.

The "sad" tidings were conveyed to the representatives of the Lockheeds in Delhi a fortnight ago. The overseas Thugs of the U-2 fame have been in and out of the Indian capital ever since. T. T. Krishnamachari was re-installed in the Cabinet.

It may be recalled that as the Co-ordination Minister he appointed J. R. D. Tata at the head of a committee to review aircraft production. And Tata promptly passed sentence of death on the Migs. TTK then tried his damned best to get the Tata report approved by Nehru but failed miserably. But he never gave up his game of scuttling.

When General Taylor visited late last year the American pressmen stationed in Delhi were briefed to write that the Mig business was off. The Vohras and Bhattacharjees based at Washington dutifully relayed these inspired rumours back to India.

Meanwhile, TTK climbed up to occupy the Finance Ministry and intensified his efforts to torpedo the Migs. His henchman Boothalingam was working overtime on "Project Betrayal."

But all their efforts have come to naught. And they are privately blaming Chavan for their fiasco. Chavan, they told the Lockheed men, is sold on Migs and entirely for selfish reasons. After all, Chavan has got a factory set up in apna Maharashtra!

But the Thugs have not gone to sleep. They are tolerating the Migs because, they say, that Nehru and Chavan are in love with them.

But at the same time they are hatching a new plot, namely, to invite the Lockheeds to set up a parallel manufacturing unit in India with the blessings of the State Department.

For this purpose they have commissioned J. R. D. Tata for

lobbying. Tata, to start with, has lent the services of an Air-India officer to tout for the Lockheeds in the corridors of the secretariat.

It will be interesting to watch the progress or otherwise that TTK-Tata-Boothi combine and their touts make in this new endeavour.

It is extremely doubtful that the gang can pull it off. For one thing, TTK himself is not in a good shape. Chota Mundhras have already started disturbing his sleep.

He has been heretically trying to jettison some of his most troublesome appendages. As for instance, he has prevailed upon his chum, newspaper magnate Ramnath Goenka, to step down from the chairmanship of the Punjab National Bank.

A section of shareholders in Ramnathji's National Jute (readers should not mistake this as a newspaper; it is a genuine jute firm) had represented to the Company Law Administration, which was recently brought under TTK's zamindari, against gross irregularities allegedly committed by the boss.

The latest report is that Ramnathji has sold or is selling away this concern to extricate himself and his patron from embarrassment. Nevertheless, plenty of headaches are still awaiting cure. And in these cases a pill or two of any sedative will not help.

The most acute is the pressure cooker business. Defence people have been murmuring about it for quite some time.

The story is that a firm connected with TTK's traditional business enterprise had supplied over three lakhs of pressure cookers to the army at the height of the Chinese invasion.

The best pressure cooker in the market is available for Rs. 80 a piece. But the army was charged Rs. 120 a piece. The margin of extra profit works out to a crore of rupees!

Yes, the pressure is building up in the cooker and time is not far off when his goose will be cooked inside.

—INSIDER

## JAY DISPUTE CONTINUES, WEST BENGAL PLANS FOR ONE-DAY STRIKE

CALCUTTA: A trade union convention in Calcutta has called for a one-day general strike in West Bengal on May 20 to demand an honourable settlement of the Jay Engineering strike and to protest against the unchecked rise in prices of essential commodities.

THE convention on May 11 was attended by representatives of the Bengal Provincial Trade Union Congress, the Federation of Metal and Engineering Workers and other unions and federations of employees.

A resolution adopted by the convention sent warm greetings to the striking Jay Engineering workers "who have displayed, in the face of severe provocations, unricolled solidarity and loyalty to the union by foiling the conspiracy of the government and the employer to break the strike."

"Despite the deployment of quite a large police force, despite threats and intimidations, the Jay workers have remained united, disciplined and peaceful.

"This convention extends solidarity with the striking Jay workers and calls upon all unions to make a renewed drive for fund collection, which is of great importance and necessity at the present moment," the resolution said.

The convention hoped that the state Labour Minister and the

employer should at least now realise that the long-drawn strike could not be ended and a settlement forced on the workers at bayonet point.

But the state government, instead of compelling the management to come to an honourable settlement with the union, has taken recourse to the unprecedented step of applying the Defence of India Rules to prohibit the strike. It has also extended massive police support for breaking the strike.

The convention demanded immediate withdrawal of the DIR imposed against the strike and all other repressive measures. It put forward the renewed demand for an immediate and honourable settlement of the Jay strike.

The indignation of the working class in West Bengal against the attitude of the government and the employer had been partly expressed by the industrywide one-day general strike of the engineering workers on April 16, the convention felt.

Regarding the price situation in the state, the convention said that a near famine condition has developed in respect of rice which has become scarce and is selling at prices beyond the reach of common people.

As a result of the allround shooting up of prices, the cost of living has enormously increased.

The government and the employers have failed to act up to the decisions of the tripartite conferences and the proposal of opening fair price shops in factories has remained on paper, and the government has failed to take deterrent steps to check the rise in prices.

The convention noted that for the last few months the working class all over India was agitating for an immediate 25 per cent increase in wages and for linking the dearness allowance with the cost of living index.

The general level of wages is particularly low in West Bengal. Hence, the demand for increase in wages and dearness allowance has acquired particular urgency in the state, the resolution passed by the convention said.

It hoped that all trade union organisations would extend all support to the general strike as a mark of protest against government's failure to hold the price line and effect a settlement of the Jay dispute.