

Letters

Charu Majumdar

Charu Mazumdar passed away in police custody. How he died will perhaps come to light one day. CPM bosses used to call him a 'mad man'. Yes, he was 'mad'. But his madness was based on science. He was the first man in Indian politics to try the application of Maoism, i.e. Marxism-Leninism of today, to the Indian soil. We heard the thunder-roar of Tarai during 1967. He said, China's Chairman is our Chairman to destroy our bourgeois chauvinism and thus uphold the cause of proletarian internationalism. He asked us to fight the concrete manifestations of revisionism. He made a clarion call to the Indian working class to defy revisionist leadership and combat economism, legalism and subjectivism and join and complete the agrarian revolution, the central task of the democratic revolution. He was a pioneer in solving the basic question regarding the role of landless peasants in our democratic revolution. Millions of peasants, workers and middle-class youths rose in response to his call.

Now, the first revolutionary war has had a temporary setback and revolutionary cadres are preparing for the second phase in face of the white terror prevailing everywhere, in villages and towns. Nothing has come to an end. The reds still exist and will continue to gather momentum and lead to ultimate victory. This is a historical process and there is nothing to doubt it in spite of the howling and the shouting of the bourgeois and revisionist press. The tunnel may be dark for the time being but the end must turn into a revolutionary feast of the have-nots.

In our bereavement one thing is humming in my mind: we had no dream in our youth. The great leader taught us to dream like his great predecessors in Germany, Russia and China.

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