

Turn this beginning into a ceaseless tide of mass movement

Comrade Nihar Mukherjee's call before the historic Delhi Rally on November 4

Comrade President and Comrades,

At the call of the Central Committee of our Party SUCI, the vast "All India People's Protest Rally and Demonstration" of lakhs of toiling people—peasants, workers, landless agricultural labourers, students, youths, middle class intelligentsia who have assembled here from all corners, has opened up a new horizon in the history of democratic mass movement of our country. This is for the first time the toiling people of our country have assembled here in Delhi, the capital, under the leadership of a genuine revolutionary party. It will surely gladden your heart to hear that to take part in this historic rally they had to trek even 20/25 miles from their respective localities to reach the towns and after reaching Delhi, joining this vast procession they marched this eleven kilometer long route to Boat Club Maidan. The way lakhs of people covered long, this long distance on foot from farthest corners of the country, the hardship they undertook on their way—there is no precedence to such a long route march in the history of democratic mass movement of our country. Workers, peasants, landless agricultural labourers of another country—China, once, during their liberation struggle created a history of a long route march liberating areas one after another. Today, in India, at this phase of democratic movement you have created another glorious instance.

And this unique demonstration has revealed the truth that in nature, character as well as essence it is entirely different from other anti-government protest demonstrations that parliamentary opposition parties organise at times to reap dividend in parliamentary politics. What is then the object of today's demonstration? Thousands of problems are confronting people's life—be it the problem of taxation, price, language, education or the repressive policies of the different State Governments and the Centre—originate from the present capitalist social system. This demonstration orga-

nised at the single initiative of SUCI is a bold step, at this particular phase of democratic movement, towards development of such a mass movement that is conducive to the anti-capitalist socialist revolution which only can bring a permanent solution to all these problems. Never forget this for a moment.

The Congress (I) under the leadership of Indira Gandhi is running the Central as well as various State Governments. In Tamil Nadu AIDMK Government is in power and the so-called Marxist-Leninist party, known as leftist, the CPI(M), a social

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ORISSA MOVEMENT—Legitimate demands of the students must be met

5th December, 1980 will go down as a Memorable Day in the history of democratic mass movements of Orissa. At the call of 'All Orissa Students' Action Committee' Orissa Bandh was observed on 5th December to protest against the anti-people policies and measures of

the government, particularly against Unprecedented soaring price rise. All educational institutions, factories—big and small—State and Central government offices and markets were totally closed down. State and private buses and trains came to a halt. In a

word, the toiling people of Orissa displayed a unique role in pursuit of their cause to paralyse the government administration despite severe repression let loose by it.

This Bandh was a part of the phase-wise movement initiated by 'All Orissa Students' Action

Committee' formed at Sambalpur in an all-Orissa Students' Conference held on 22nd October last. This Conference was convened by Sri Suresh Pujari, President of G. M. College Students' Union, where Comrade Chhabi Mohanty, a leading organiser of

AIDSO Rourkela City Committee, was elected a member of 17-Member Action Committee.

The formation of this 'All Orissa Students' Action Committee', now a household word in Orissa may be traced in the backdrop of incidents (Contd. to Page 5)

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Comrade Nihar Mukherjee protests against brutal police atrocity in Orissa

Strongly protesting against the police atrocity and congratulating the people and students of Orissa, Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary, SUCI has issued the following statement to the Press on 6th December last:

"We strongly protest against the most wanton police atrocity let loose on the people and students of Orissa killing at least

three, severely injuring few hundreds and arresting many more who observed a successful Bandh yesterday in the state at the call of All Orissa Students Action Committee for achieving some legitimate and democratic demands. We highly congratulate the people and students of Orissa for their heroic fight and determination in teeth of reign of terror perpetuated by the Congress (I)

Government.

"We also protest against the use of Black Act like National Security Ordinance for detention of struggling people which clearly shows what actually it stands for.

'We warn against any attempt to give this democratic movement a communal colour and appeal to all to continue this battle in an organised manner till the demands are met'.

ASSAM

Comrade Asit Bhattacharjee's statement on the formation of Congress(I) Govt.

Gauhati 4th November: With respect to a misleading news circulated by a particular news agency and published in certain sections of the Press in regard to the formation of Government in Assam, Comrade Asit Bhattacharjee, Secretary of the Assam State Committee of the SUCI has issued the following statement:

Our attention has been

drawn to a news item published in some leading newspapers on the 3rd and 4th December '80, wherein it was stated that the SUCI representatives had met the Congress (I) leaders and that it, along with other six parties had extended support to the Congress (I) to form a Government in Assam, which however was totally baseless. At no stage, our party extended support to

the Congress (I) to form a Government in Assam nor did, any of us meet any Congress (I) leader on that score. On the contrary, we, strongly feel that, the manner in which the Congress (I), instead of meeting the legitimate aspirations of the people of Assam was trying to instal a Congress (I) Government with the help of the self seeking defec-

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ON IRAQ-IRAN WAR

The Middle East has once again become the area of a local internecine war—this time between Iran and Iraq, the two major oil producing countries of West Asia.

This flare up in a most sensitive region like West Asia which includes major oil producing countries of the world has affected the economies of many countries, both industrially advanced and relatively backward.

But the more serious point is that this West Asian War is bound to cause serious damage to the interest of the peoples of both these countries.

Both Iraq and Iran like other countries of the region with huge resources of oil have great potentialities for achieving economic prosperity. Had there been genuine pro-people leaderships in these countries, then they could have utilised these huge resources for the progress and development of the respective countries and their people. Whereas, instead of that what we apprehend is that this war is bound to ultimately cause serious devastation to the economies of both the countries thereby bringing much hardship and misery to the lives of the people.

In fact this is a predatory anti-people war which has been waged by the bourgeois ruling cliques of the respective countries. Among the conflicting sides, one may gain at the cost of the other, but what is more crucial is that it is the superpowers which will earn maximum dividend out of this war. The course of events are no doubt confirming it.

The background of this anti-people war has not developed in one day.

Ostensibly, the long-standing border squabble seems to be a reason that aided in dividing these two countries into warring camps.

Many people believe that the war has religious overtone in the sense that the two ruling cliques represent the Shia and Sunni Islamic sects respectively.

The religious zealot Khomeini was imposed in the leadership to misguide and misdirect the Iranian people's struggle from the right track along with his fanatic followers

discrediting herself in the eye of the Arab world.

The situation in the region has no doubt helped much to inspire the Iraqi ruling bourgeoisie headed by President Hussein to fulfil their cherished dream. A strife-torn Iran with its much declined oil productivity has made Iraq, the world's second most important exporter of oil, after Saudi Arabia. The Iraqi Navy has been stated to be challenging the Iranian Navy for supremacy of the seas, and its army is well-trained and equipped whereas the Iranian forces, being affected by the anarchic situation prevailing in the country, has become demoralized and disorganized.

Moreover of late a growing division was noted within the Iranian ruling clique centring round particularly the hostage issue—the process being further accentuated by intensification of struggle for power between religious extremists and that section whose fundamentalist conviction is relatively moderated by some respect for social and political norms of the modern world. This has brought President Bani Sadr and Mr. Ghotbzatfeh, the former foreign minister closer, despite their previous enmity.

It is therefore quite obvious that the Iraqi ruling clique headed by President Hussein would find no better way to demonstrate their capability for giving leadership to the Arab world by taking advantage of the built-up tension in the region to strike at Iran which one day might emerge as a contender for the said leadership thereby challenging them in their bid to assume the same.

The area experts believe that various important factors lie behind the present timing of war by the Iraqi ruling clique. For sometime past the country was passing through acute problems in the economic field. Centring round this, dissention was

increasingly gaining ground not only among the people but also within the ruling Baathist party.

The ruling clique hoped that the war would help them to do away with all these dissensions and discords and unite the country behind them. Moreover, given the situation, fighting the Shite dominated Iran, they could now execute leaders of the dissident Shite majority in Iraq with impunity.

President Hussein further hoped, politically conversant circles believed that the war would help to unite Iraqis behind him, diminishing criticism of his alleged nepotism and increasing the loyalty to him of Iraqi army which was said to have refused to accept his leadership in the past. Though it is Iraq but not Iran which has initiated the attack in the present conflict, still it may not be out of place to mention that the war has provided the Iranian ruling clique with the scope to further suppress the popular progressive left wing forces which have been said to be striving to develop the movement in the country in the right track.

The role of the other Arab countries of the region also deserves to be noted. Ayatullah Khomeini's chaotic Iran has a few friends left in the region and to speak the truth except a very few, most of these states have shown their sympathy towards Iraq in the present conflict.

Jordan, so far the report goes, has gone to the extent of mobilization of all transport vehicles to carry food and supplies to the Iraqi army. The mobilization and the reported loan of Jordanian air bases to Iraq has appeared to move Jordan closer to full-scale involvement in the war, to the side of Iraq.

Saudi Arabia, the first among the oil producing countries of West Asia has also expressed its sympathy towards Iraq.

Asked what would happen if Iran attacked Kuwait, Bahrain or some of the Gulf Sheikdoms,

Prince Saud replied, "If Iran attacks a brotherly country this will be an expansion of the conflict and Saudi Arabia has responsibilities as a member of the Arab League....."

In fact, one can very well understand their predicament. For many reasons they see with eye of apprehension the fundamentalist Islamic upsurge in Iran. From the very beginning, the monarchies of Jordan and Saudi Arabia were apprehensive of the upsurge as it was directed against the monarchical rule of a neighbouring country. Besides, they have witnessed that it has pushed Iran to a total chaos. It has practically arrested the country's industrial and economic development. In fact, Khomeini's leadership which was imposed by the bourgeoisie as a part of their counter anticipatory move to arrest the possible growth of the people's movement in the radical track, was engaged in a hysteric bid to turn the clock five hundred years back. Under his leadership, Iran is being led to leave the modern era behind and take refuge in the mediaeval age.

Concern among the West Asian states and their sympathy for Iraq in the Iran-Iraq hostility stemmed from their deep-rooted fears that the fundamentalist ruling clique of Iran headed by the religious zealot Khomeini could use this opportunity to step up their bid to "export revolution" in their countries. Ayatullah Khomeini's repeated call to overthrow the Baathist regime of Iraq had added much to intensify their apprehension. Besides, they had further ground to feel concern over the underlying motive of the Iranian ruling clique.

Because, since the fundamentalist swept into power in Iran the Arab world witnessed unprecedented fanatic activities within its borders.

This apart, all these states have perhaps another common interest in showing sympathy towards Iraq. Perhaps they feel

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WHY THIS BLACKING OUT ?

ON IRAQ-IRAN WAR

The Delhi Protest March on 4th November organised by our party SUCI against the anti-people policies of the Centre as part of the all-India movement has created new history. Never before had one single party organised such an all India protest demonstration in such a gigantic manner in Delhi singlehandedly. Never before had the Capital witnessed such a deeply impressive protest movement, impressive not only by the gigantic size and beauty of the protest march, but by the character—the discipline, dedication, purposiveness and bearing of the marchers giving a living demonstration of the truth that revolutionary politics is bound to reflect higher ethics and moral standard. Its powerful impact deeply stirred people's mind in Delhi creating new hope. So powerful was this impact that the same press in Delhi which had blacked out any news of the programme beforehand though they had all been present at the Press Conference organised by SUCI in Delhi, well in advance, did not dare to withhold publications of the news of the November the next day carrying front page picture and report. Some photostat copies of these pictures in newspapers like the Statesman, Hindustan Times etc. have been given in our last issue of Era. Yet in different States, particularly in West Bengal, the press remained completely silent. Why this total silence? Did they have no knowledge about this protest programme? Yet reports were certainly not lacking. How is it that the press whose basic function and duty it is to keep people well informed deliberately blacks out the news of such a great all India protest demonstration in Delhi against the Centre, organised by a revolutionary party single handedly which is unprecedented in the history of left and democratic movement? The daily Patriot in its

report on 5th November hinted at the political significance when it gave admission to the fact that this was the first protest demonstration in Delhi since Indira Gandhi came back to power.

How oddly this silence of the press contrasts with the wide publicity accorded to the politics of slogan mongering. Mere empty talk of movement by different parties are widely flashed in the press. The recent formation of six party combination including CPI, CPI(M), Lok Dal, Congress(U) etc. and their joint convention in Delhi, against the Centre is but one such example. For days on each deliberation and move of the different leaders made

Letters have poured into our office from the public venting strong resentment over the deliberate blacking out of the news on the historic Delhi March, which they came to know from the Radio and TV by the bourgeois Press in most parts of the country. Many have written to these newspapers protesting against this brazen act of suppression of the news and sent copies of these letters to us. Our sincerest thanks to them. We regret, however, our inability to publish these letters in these columns for want of space. —Ed. P. Era

headlines and was covered in greatest detail. Not to talk of the fanfare raised in the press about any agitation or demonstration by the bourgeois or pseudo left parties even when the number of demonstrators involved is but a mere handful. It is clear therefore that the press is giving wide publicity and backing to the bourgeois and pseudo left parties who are engaged in parliamentary mock-fight to cash in on people's sufferings for their own petty party interests and with their talk of movement mislead the people. Whereas our party, SUCI, which is actually spearheading the movement of the people giving thereby a thorough exposure to rotten parliamentary politics is deliberately blacked out by the press

Yet on and off the press is waxing eloquent on freedom of press. One article after another on the meaning of democracy, morality and values and

freedom of press are published in journals and newspapers. How does this act of deliberate black out of such an important event to the people in our country agree with their professed goals? Democracy and freedom of press are meaningless if people do not get balanced news of different happenings and viewpoints so that they can form their own opinions and judgement. So what does it mean? In reality the press itself is practising selective and invisible censorship, eroding the very basis of democracy and freedom. On the one hand they are projecting these bourgeois and pseudo left parties before the people blowing up their

importance beyond all proportions which the ruling class wants to put up as alternative before the people like the CPI(M)—Congress (I) in West Bengal for example and CPI, Lok Dal, BJP and Congress U elsewhere, in its attempt to foist the two party parliamentary system upon the people. Because these parties are instrumental in carrying out this design of the ruling class and through their parliamentary politics and mockfight aim to channelise and contain people's mounting resentments in the blind alley of parliamentarism—reformism in order to save the crisis-ridden tottering capitalist system. In this the CPI(M) is proving most useful to the ruling class by its policy of not only discouraging and suppressing mass movements but of trying to cripple the very fighting spirit and morals of the people in West Bengal. And on the other hand the press

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that a powerful Iraq will be a formidable ally in their unity against Israel, their common enemy particularly when it has become weakened following Egypt's coming to terms with Tel Aviv.

All these factors have no doubt worked in advantage of the ruling clique of Iraq and it is for these reasons that many quarters from the very beginning of the war considered Iraq as the winning horse in the strides.

Now, despite their initial success, one is yet to see if the Iraqi ruling clique headed by President Hussein will succeed to fulfil their objective. But what one has witnessed is the fact that, of the two superpowers engaged in protecting and extending their spheres of influence, it is the US imperialists who have already reaped much dividend out of the present conflict.

Hence, to have a correct and full perspective of the present war and its consequences one must have to take also into account the game, activities and motives of the superpowers

is blacking out completely the politics of SUCI which is obstructing these attempts and alone can save the people from this conspiracy of the bourgeoisie and social democrats, by giving organised shape to people's resentment in the form of sustained movement on the base political line of anti-capitalist socialist revolution which ultimately leads to complete emancipation. The ruling capitalist class according to whose directive the press is being run have recognised their foe in our party SUCI and realised their own doom in the advancement of democratic movement under the leadership of SUCI; are apprehensive that any press publicity of the historic protest demonstration of 4th November would lead to a great upsurge in mass movement especially in

engaged in fulfilling their imperialistic and hegemonistic designs in this region.

For years past, the middle east with its oil producing countries has been the hot bed of superpower game and politics.

Time and again, both the superpowers have been witnessed to seriously strive to extend their spheres of influence in this region. Lack of powerful left and democratic movement of the people in these countries coupled with the opportunistic attitude of their ruling cliques, who being guided by their narrow object of gaining dividend use to play between both the superpowers, most often help the latter to perpetrate their heinous games and activities for fulfilling their imperialistic and hegemonistic designs.

One is therefore habituated to witness endless political turmoil in this region which most often flares up into bloody internecine war between this or that country.

In the present conflict also the superpower politics has made room for

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West Bengal with its long tradition of left and democratic movement.

But in this fight of the people under the leadership of our party, SUCI against the anti-people policies of the states and Centre and this fascist onslaught in all spheres of life, the journalists too must take part. We appeal to people and the journalists not to let such acts of the press go unprotected and to put pressure on the press for truthful reporting, not because we are blacked out but because if journalists endorse this scheme of the ruling class individual freedom and freedom of press itself will be the first casualty. We know that truth cannot be suppressed and it is the teaching of history that no force has ever been able to stop the onmarch of revolutionary politics.

Fight the attitude of helplessness which the bourgeoisie wants to develop in you

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democratic party, a compromising force between labour and capital, with some of its fellow travellers is running Governments in West Bengal, Tripura and Kerala. You can see for yourself that the way these parties are running these Governments, the path they are following, the measures they are adopting are not opening up any way out for the people rather miseries of the people are accentuating. Remember, so long this capitalist exploitative system exists no basic change in this problem-torn life is possible. Not only in our country, everywhere in the world, the capitalist economic system is ridden with the third intense general crisis. Even though they may try hard, the capitalist class of no country can restore even the relative stability of the pre-Second World War days. This is why the more capitalism is trying to come out of this crisis through newer and newer economic plans, the more it is getting entangled in the nexus of still more intense crisis. Under the circumstances the capitalist class is trying utmost to bring fascism in the country shifting the entire burden of the crisis on the shoulders of the toiling people, concentrating absolute political, economic administrative power in the hands of the state. Just recall that the capitalist class of our country, after keeping Congress in power for thirty years, apprehending, at the time of Emergency, that people's resentment and deep hatred against the ruling party might burst out into a mighty movement against capitalism itself at any moment, they in order to divert it on the wrong track took no time to introduce Two Party Parliamentary System here by propping up the Janata Party as an alter-

native overnight. Again not even a few years had passed, and after the fall of the Janata Government how skilfully they brought back Indira Gandhi to power discredited just the other day.

Notice again, she too, immediately after assuming power imposed National Security Ordinance and various other preventive detention acts; the tribunals have been empowered to give death sentence even; indirect censorship is once again imposed on the newspapers. Introducing Bills and Ordinances one after another, the working class is denied all their rights, even their right to strike. And above all, empowering the President, meaning in actuality the Prime Minister, to enact new laws, bypassing the parliament, in the states under President's rule, Indira Gandhi has clearly shown which class interest her Government actually serves. Side by side, if you analyse the incidents of the communal riots throughout the country you will see what a despicable conspiracy the bourgeois parties are cooking up to trap the toiling people in fratricidal strifes by fomenting communal, caste, regional sentiments in the interest of petty election politics. Even in some places the police are being used to engineer these riots. And with the ostensible plea of containing the riots they are handing over newer and newer punitive powers in the hands of the police to suppress legitimate democratic movements.

Is that all? See, the so-called leftist parties like CPI(M) too have today openly joined in the fray to get a berth in this design of Two Party Parliamentary system. Waving red banners and chanting Marxist vocabularies even though they befooled the unalert peasants and workers so long but their real character they have thoroughly exposed today

in West Bengal, Tripura and Kerala. It does no longer remain a secret today that in suppressing the legitimate movements of the people with lathis and bullets none is less efficient—be it the governments run by Indira Congress or the CPI(M) led "Left Front" Governments. When the capitalists of Germany, Italy and Japan were stepping towards the path of fascism those who came at that time to their help bear striking likeness to CPI(M) leadership of our country. All who are acquainted with history will bear with me. See, how they too have discovered "progressiveness" in Indira Gandhi! That is why, see, when Indira Gandhi is leading the country towards an undeclared Emergency by imposing black acts, one after another, the Politbureau of CPI(M) even though, at times, raising slogans against authoritarianism, have openly expressed that it will not, for any reason, come in confrontation with the Centre so long they are allowed to run their governments in West Bengal, Kerala and Tripura. Not only that they will not also organise any movement on people's demands, however legitimate and justified those may be. Let alone organising movements at their own initiative they are even restraining and discouraging from within, with the help of their mass organisations, people's movements developing spontaneously in places and are creating an anti-movement mental framework. But when these methods too prove ineffective they are crushing the movements by mounting attacks with the help of police and administration.

You all know that the West Bengal State Committee of our party organised on 15th June last year a Civil Disobedience movement on some of the legitimate demands

of the people. So to crush this movement organised by our party the CPI(M) led "Left Front" Government in West Bengal drenched the streets of Calcutta with the blood of workers, peasants, students youths—and yet they loudly claim themselves to be Marxist-Leninists! This incident has proved to the letter the historic caution of our beloved leader, founder of SUCI, the great leader of the proletariat Comrade Shibdas Ghosh when he said: "In our time those Communist parties within the international communist movement who have already degenerated to revisionist parties and reduced themselves to the position of national communist parties (or in other words who are communist in name only but social democratic in practice) do have every possibility of turning themselves into fascist parties, if these parties while waving the red banner and moving under the cover of Marxism can combine blindness and fanaticism with their so-called militant character."

I believe from all this you can well understand to what a complex and critical situation the future of the common people, workers, peasants, middle class intelligentsia is placed. You are to ponder deeply over all this. And for that I urge that first of all you must give up such frustrating ideas: I am helpless—a poor man as I am! An illiterate peasant of the village—a poor man—what can I do! Or, I belong to the lower rung of the society, many to feed—in this market of soaring prices, I cannot meet both ends—I know not what am I to do! Or, a factory worker I am—I am undone! This attitude of helplessness which the owners want you to develop in you, if you yourself fall prey to that who will be benefitted? It is the capitalists who will gain! This is just what they want! They want that the common people remain always distressed and crushed under back breaking sufferings day in and day out, for bare existence

so that they can never come to the field of battle against exploitation and oppression.

So, Comrades, you must always bear in mind that in order to understand thoroughly from all aspects the present critical situation of the country there is only one weapon before you and that is Marxism-Leninism, the invincible weapon of the toiling people in their struggle for emancipation. Only with the help of its light the toilers can bring a change to this utterly distressed and exploited life of theirs. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat has upheld this lesson, time and again in course of building SUCI as the genuine Marxist-Leninist Party in our soil. He alone in our country has shown that it is the workers, peasants, landless agricultural labourers, the toiling people who need most to learn history critically, thoroughly and precisely—for it is they who need most to get liberated from this wretched existence. That is why, it is they who, drawing appropriate lessons from history will have to determine the correct path of struggle to change their life.

For, you have seen and still see what happens if we step into wrong path. Quite a long time have passed since India attained freedom, we have achieved independence, British Imperialism has left the country. In India more and more wealth is being produced, some mills and factories have opened up. But at the sametime the standard of living of the people is everyday going down. Why is this happening? It is happening because the wealth you are creating by the sweat of your brow, the owner class is expropriating profit out of that. And so long this capitalist system continues the only course that is left for your emancipation is to establish a new social system free from classes and all sorts of exploitation by overthrowing this capitalist social order. Then only will be possible the com-

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Legitimate demands of the students must be met

(Contd. from page 1) of Samabalpur and Bolangir where the students' agitation against the unscrupulous businessmen gained momentum in September last as a result of which several students were arrested. Comrade Dhurjati Dash, President, AIDS O Orissa State Council was prominent among those held by the police. In Binka of Bolangir district official announcement said one person died in a police firing while unofficial reports claimed 4 people dead.

The Congress(I) Government, BJP, RSS and ABVP called this students' agitation as 'communal' and some interested circles tried to divert the movement along the communal line. But all their sinister machinations proved to be a failure due to the persistent efforts of SUCI and AIDS O to guard the movement against the communal influences with the help of democratic forces and give it a democratic direction. Suresh Pujari convenor of the Action Committee reiterated time and again that the students' movement was not directed against any particular community but it was against the policies and measures of the government and centred round 8-point genuine and legitimate demands like checking of soaring price rise, state trading of all essential commodities, exemplary punishment to all black-marketeers and unscrupulous businessmen, permanent solution of drought and flood problem, full compensation to flood and drought affected people, free education to all upto matriculation level, withdrawal of all cases instituted against the students and other sections of the people participated in the movement, protection of women's security etc. But not only the reactionary parties even the left party like CPI(M) officially expressed its disapproval of the movement by calling it "An Oriya version of

the Assam agitation" meaning thereby that the movement was communal and parochial oriented (People's Democracy 12th October, 1980). But having found the massive and emotional involvement of the entire community of students and the common people in the movement they are surreptitiously adopting a diabolic stand in fear of isolation from the mainstream, a worst social democratic role and well-known tactic in the service of moribund capitalism, always adopted by CPI (M) in order to avoid confrontation with the 'Centre' on the one hand and to serve its immediate opportunist parliamentary political ends on the other. It is worth mentioning that the ABVP (Akhil Bhartiya Vidyarthi Parishad led by BJP) and Cong (I)-led student faction tried to form a parallel Action Committee in order to create confusion among the students, but failed to carry forward their nefarious game since the students joined en-masse under the banner of 'All Orissa Students' Action Committee headed by Sri Suresh Pujari. Exposing the divisive role played by the ruling government and the forces of fissiparous trends and tendencies that are at work to strike a wedge in the unique solidarity developed among the student community and toiling people of the state, Comrade Tapas Datta, Secretary, Orissa State Committee, SUCI and a renowned mass leader, in a press hand-out at the inception of the movement and subsequently in a crowded Press conference held at Bhubaneswar on 1. 12. 80, gave a timely caution against the communal forces so that they cannot give it a communal turn. Comrade Dutta, making a common cause with mass movement, called upon the people to extend all possible co-operation to the students to build up the

movement in a correct path and giving it a more united, sustained and mighty shape so that a genuine people's movement can be released throughout the state.

It may be recalled that the "All Orissa Students' Action Committee" undertook a phase-wise programme of movement. In the first phase, 'All Orissa Students' Protest Day' was successfully observed on 5th November to highlight their 8 point Charter of Demands. Memoranda were placed to local authorities upto Block level through deputations and demonstrations in almost all places of the state. In Rourkela students violated section 144 Cr. PC and faced brutal police lathi charge and mass arrest. The second phase of the movement culminated through a massive state level students' demonstration at Bhubaneswar on 21st

The Congress (I) led government in Orissa has made our party and mass fronts the main target of attack. Our party offices in Rourkela, and other places have been ransacked, DSO and UTUC (Lenin Sarani) affiliated union offices have also been ransacked. Out of 31 student leaders arrested barring one or two all are AIDS O leaders and organisers. After the successful bandh in the new round of arrests, Comrades Bishnu Dash, J. S. Rauth, R. V. Misra, Satyapriya Mohanti and other leaders of our Party and UTUC (Lenin Sarani) have been arrested. Dozens of warrant of arrests are hanging on our DSO Comrades. These news are not coming in national dailies—you know why!

November. On the eve of the 'Bhubaneswar March' police arrested Comrade Chhabi Mohanty at Rourkela and issued warrant orders on hundreds of students. On the day of the 'March' Comrade Chittaranjan Behera, Secretary, Orissa State Committee of AIDS O was arrested along with thousands of students coming from all over the state. The third phase of the movement started on 26th November as 'Anti-Repression Day' throughout the state, followed by 'Anti-Price-rise and Anti Black marketeering Week' from 27th November to 3rd December '80 finally culminating in Orissa Bandh on 5th December. Needless to say, in order to foil the Bandh the administration went berserk to declare

the schools and colleges of the state closed *sludle* promulgated sec. 144 Cr. PC almost in all places of the state and last but not the least issued hundreds of warrant orders against the leaders and organisers spearheading the movement. Among the leaders and organisers taken prisoners were host of AIDS O activists who were swooped upon on the midnight of 27th November. But all the sinister designs of the ruling clique were foiled and the people throughout the state fought gallantly against the oppression of police, OMPF and CRPF. On 5th December the state of Orissa was totally paralysed—the Bandh was a total success. On the day of the Bandh thousands of students and common people were arrested, several hundreds seriously injured while 3 people died in police firing at Kamakhya nagar in

arrested while some injured students and workers are in the death bed and one is reportedly dead.

Prominent among the arrested leaders were Comrades J. S. Raut, one of the secretaries of Rourkela Workers' Union, R. V. Mishra, K. K. Das Mahapatra, Subhas Biswal, Rabi Rout, Pradeep Mohanty, Nalinikanta Dhar and hundred others, all from AIDS O. Both the party offices, one in civil township another in steel township were raided and ransacked by the police and arrested Comrade Bisnu Dash, one of the leading organisers, Comrade R. C. Sarma, Office Secretary, Com. Satyapriya Mahanty, leading organiser of Rourkela Workers' Union were arrested. Police have destroyed and taken away some valuable documents from the party offices.

In Cuttack too, Comrades Narendra Panigrahi, Sudhakar Swain, Kailas Mishra, Giribala Behera, Golap Sahoo, Swarnaprabha Dash and host of other AIDS O activists were arrested.

In Jajpur, 30 AIDS O workers were arrested, ten of them seriously injured in brutal police attack. In Sukinda, Sukinda Upattaka Mines' Workers' Union affiliated to UTUC (Lenin Sarani) comprising the entire belt of mines took the leading part for successful observance of total Bandh in Sukinda. In Bolangir District also the Bandh was a total success. There also hundreds of students and members of the public were arrested. Comrade Ram Chandra Misra, Parsuram Misra and Gopabandhu Dahi all DSO organisers were also arrested. In protest, under the leadership of Comrade Govinda Maharana an importance DSO leader, hundreds of students demonstrated before DSO office at Sonepur, police resorted to lathicharge and arrested Comrade Govinda Maharana and others. Then again under the leadership of Comrade Promode Kumar Mahapatra hundreds of students and

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itself and both the superpowers are trying utmost to fish in the troubled water. And this time too, after the Camp David, the US imperialists have been found to have an edge over Soviet Union their fellow member of the Superpower Club, in the question of reaping dividend out of troubled situation.

In fact, the present war has given the US imperialists the scope to kill many birds at a time with one stroke and perhaps they would feel content with the result which their cunningness and opportunistic manoeuvring of the situation has provided them.

The long standing hostage issue has been pricking them like an ulcer. To save their prestige they badly needed some honourable settlement of the hostage issue, which would also open the prospect of their rapprochement with the Iranian ruling clique with whom their relation had become somewhat stiff particularly centring the hostage issue. No doubt Mr. Carter's presidential poll also worked from behind the scene to accentuate the US urgency for the settlement of the hostage issue.

Now, Iraq has done the job for them.

Taking the advantage of Iran's adverse position in the present war and her urgency for spare parts the USA made the offer that sanctions blocking the supply of military spare parts would be dropped automatically and the said spare parts and ammunitions would be supplied if Iran released the hostages.

The easy terms that Iran has offered for the release of the hostages indicates that perhaps they have already yielded to the US offer. That this is not a baseless conjecture is testified by the latest report of the well-informed European shipping sources which stated that US military spare parts for US built F-4 phantom jets, helicopters etc. have been diverted to Iran instead of being delivered to Israel (The Statesman 3rd November 1980.)

This war will only aggravate the sufferings of toiling people of both Iraq and Iran

The way the hostage issue is likely to be settled also reveals the fact, that the Iraqi ruling clique too on its part desires a rapprochement with the USA. The area experts believe that following such a rapprochement Iran under a stronger President Bani Sadr would serve better the US strategic interests in the region. The Soviet lobby however hopes that if war continues then the Tude party their protege, along with its other so-called leftwing political allies may take over from the quarrelsome clerics in the country.

If such a thing actually happens then the Soviet revisionists may expect some big gains in West Asia in the question of fulfilling their hegemonistic aspiration.

The course of events however indicate that such a chance is not yet bright.

All these facts have raised a question in the mind of many; is Iraq fighting a proxy war on behalf of the USA?

The question is being raised in many quarters more because of the fact that certain steps that the USA has taken in the present war, in the name of protecting self interest is worth much to Iraq. It is a fact that the USA cannot take the risk of directly helping Iraq in the present war, because they apprehend that the supply of any sort of open aid to the latter may make Iran stiff, thereby darken the prospect of rapprochement.

So, Washington has refused Boeing airliners to Iraq in case they are used as troop carriers. But they have despatched four AWACS (Airborne Warning and Control System) aircraft to Saudi Arabia to monitor the war to give warning of any attack on the Arabian peninsula and to direct counter strikes if any of the oil kingdoms are invaded. Experts believe that this alone is worth more to Iraq than Boeing airliners. Iran's insistence

for the withdrawal of the AWACS as one of the terms for negotiation no doubt confirms that this has gone very much against her interest.

The present war has no doubt brought Iraq further closer to the USA.

That the USA is very much eager to improve its relation with Iraq was once expressed by the Security adviser of Mr. Carter. He observed "We see no fundamental incompatibility of understanding between the US and Iraq. We believe that Iraq deserves to be independent and that Iraq wishes a secure Arabian gulf and we do not feel that American-Iraqi relations have to be frozen in antagonism".

In its bid to woo Iraq which of late has begun to cultivate good relations with the USA, the latter has stepped up its sales, particularly technology and its educational aid to Iraq. Computer technology some of which are related to nuclear research have also been allowed. All American aid to kurdist rebels of Iraq have been stopped. The US trade with Iraq in 1978 was 317 million and since then it is rising steeply. It is estimated that American exports to Iraq will cross the billion dollar mark this year. The Lummis Construction Company of USA is building a 12 billion petrochemical plant near Basra. Many American Universities are assisting Baghdad with technical education.

The US hopes that from the present conflict Iraq will emerge far less dependent on the Soviet Union. It will then be far more eager to develop consumer industry which will no doubt provide the USA further scope to increase its trade with Iraq which already gets 50% of its import from the USA and Western Europe (only 11% from the Soviet Union and its allies).

The analysis of all

these facts in their correct perspective will reveal that the US imperialists, in their bid to fulfil their imperialistic design are successfully playing a tricky game of handling both the conflicting sides of the present war.

Such a successful cunning manoeuvring of things has been possible on their part mainly due to, among others, the fact that both Iraq and Iran after witnessing the military intervention in Afghanistan like most other countries of West Asia have become apprehensive of Soviet's hegemonistic attitude and design. And that is why though an arms client and signatory of friendship treaty with Cremlin Iraq categorically observed that they would not invoke the said treaty to reinforce their war efforts. Iran too declined to take any aid from the Soviet Union in the present war.

It is no doubt a fact that the Afghan issue has made the Soviet revisionists a bit handicapped in the race of fulfilling their hegemonistic aspiration in the Middle East. But they should not feel very much disheartened. Because they too have their dividend. Iraq-Iran war has struck a severe blow to the solidarity of the OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries). This has given perhaps the most severe blow to the unity of the Arab world, since Egypt's desertion. This will no doubt pay dividend to both the superpowers.

The move that has been taken by the US, whose 60% of the domestic need of oil is fulfilled by the Middle East, to internationalize the Strait of Hormutz in the name of maintaining the undisturbed flow of oil, is also aimed at protecting the interest of the superpowers.

From all these facts one has every ground to conclude that if the war continues in its present forms then whatever may be its

ultimate result, the war is bound to give dividend to the superpowers who are engaged in all sorts of heinous conspiracy and machinations to protect and extend their spheres of influence and both conflicting countries will be loser.

At such a critical moment of the lives of the people of the Arab world we desire to once again highlight what we have emphasized time and again in our previous articles on different issues of the Middle East.

We like to urge upon the people of both these countries to realise the truth that these wars and conflicts between their respective countries will only help their ruling cliques to realise their narrow class interest and aid the superpowers to perpetrate their imperialist and hegemonistic designs, causing more misery and hardship to them.

Mere a solitary reference will show to what extent such conflicts affect the country's economy vis-a-vis the people.

The Iranian economy was already tottering before the war. The situation has no doubt further deteriorated during the war. Report says that inflation is running at 50%; factories are working at 40% of their installed capacities, and oil revenue do not cover foreign exchange outflows. And the more the war will continue, the more it will serve the interest of the superpowers in the sense that in the name of providing economic and other aids, they will then have more opportunity to penetrate into the internal affairs of these countries and dominate over them.

A protracted war is therefore likely to serve the interest of the superpowers. So it may not be out of place to mention that the prevailing stalemate in the efforts once undertaken by the six country negotiation team for a settlement of the conflict would only help the super powers.

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plete emancipation from the social system where man exploits man, man oppresses man. And this revolutionary mass upsurge to establish such a society which emancipates man from all sorts of exploitation we call anti-capitalist socialist revolution.

I hear that witnessing your demonstration today the common people of Delhi, everywhere, are talking amongst themselves: we have witnessed many a large demonstration in Delhi but never before such a disciplined demonstration of lakhs of dedicated people that SUCI has organised today. How could we become worthy of the praises the Delhi people are showering on us? What we, the participants of the procession, have reflected that could draw such high admiration from the people of Delhi? This could be possible because to whatever extent we could imbibe and reflect the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh about the imperative necessity of building up our day-to-day movement on the strong edifice of proletarian ethics, moral and culture, and on this he built up our party brick by brick, even this very little won the admiration of the people.

This has brought to light another very important thing before the people. To the common people of our country crushed under the burden of their wretched existence—shines but one flame, the flame of the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. People are getting at this truth from the life, conduct and behaviours of the students, youth and workers who enlightened with the teachings of Comrade Ghosh are joining in numbers the stream of movement, initiated by our party. They are able to realise that to bring that new day, to build up a new society—those who will shoulder that responsibility should have to build in them a completely new character first. And for this Comrade Ghosh has time and again emphasised

how are we to determine whether a party is really upholding a lofty ideal? Are we to determine it from simply what they profess? If this could be determined simply from what is professed then it must be said that in India it had been determined long ago. Because, in that case, Smt. Indira Gandhi who is the present Prime Minister has excelled so much in spinning high sounding words that if any title is to be conferred, it must be the "Ocean of Words". But words alone do not achieve anything. People can see, they can understand the reality from the bitter experiences of their life. High sounding words neither fill their stomach, nor their mind, nor do they find in such empty words reflection of higher thoughts and lofty ideals. That is why Comrade Ghosh has emphatically posed the question how will you judge as to whether the ideal of a party is really high, whether it truly reflects a high standard; whether those who talk of this high ideal based life on the edifice of a higher culture, ethics and morality and whether on the basis of it they are relentlessly trying to conduct their life—you can judge the ideal of a party from this simple fact. Nothing great has ever been achieved, nor can ever be achieved by those people who preach one thing and practise just the reverse in their personal life.

So, Comrades, upon you all, who have joined this great protest demonstration falls a historic responsibility. And in your own hands you will have to take up the task of fulfilling this great responsibility. You will have to move fast to build up, in every corner of the country, people's struggle committees, the instruments of struggle of the toiling people of all strata—workers, peasants, students, youths, middle class intelligentsia. And under the conduction of these people's struggle committees and in course of organising gradually each and every mass

Build up countrywide irresistible mass movement the only way to resist the menace of authoritarianism

movement on legitimate demands of the people conducive to anti-capitalist socialist revolution strengthening them steadily throughout the country to make it invincible from this historic process of developing a protracted movement integrating all the mass movements—big and small—will grow people's own political power. Under the leadership of the people's committees the movements will be gradually led to higher and still higher phases by a batch of volunteers who will come to the field of battle not for money but being imbued with ideal. They will set a new example, a new approach to life before the people covering all aspects in their behaviour and conduct, ethical standard and sense of morality through untiring labour and dedication. People will learn, they will get an idea about the new society we want to establish—what high standard of character will the people of that society possess. They will also realise that this game of changing government through election that the bourgeoisie wants to continue to their advantage will not and cannot bring about the society we are fighting for. Election changes Governments but not the capitalist exploitation-oppression nor the capitalist state machine. So by changing the government no basic change can be brought about either in the social system or the state. So to make it possible the only path left is to develop a mighty wave of mass movement throughout the country conducive to anti-capitalist socialist revolution.

In our considered opinion, under the present circumstances there are but two possibilities before the country. One is that the capitalist class, with an all out plan, is trying to push the country towards fascism to take off the all pervading crisis. That is why they

are not only snatching away all the rights common people earned through many a bloody struggle, but arming the police and administration with absolute autocratic power and for that are spending crores and crores of rupees in order to struggle each and every legitimate democratic movement of the people. Remember Comrades, if the capitalist class can once establish fascism here then they will lead the country towards total darkness giving burial to civilisation, values of life and all that is humane.

Side by side, there is another possibility, just the reverse. The deep hatred and anger of the exploited people are getting exhausted in some spontaneous outbursts, you shall have to give organisational-ideological shape to these on the base political line of the proletariat as fast as possible, and integrating countrywide the mass movements you must develop a great wave of consciously organised protracted invincible mass struggle and thus and thus only you can resist the dangerous conspiracy of the bourgeoisie. The future of the country and the people depend on what role you play.

Today, from this platform, I would like to make an appeal to the cadres, supporters, sympathisers of the parties calling themselves Marxist-Leninist who believe in their heart of hearts that their parties are genuine Marxist or leftist parties. If you deeply analyse the present situation in the country, you will realise that there is only one way to resist authoritarianism, to save the country from its menace. Only by creating an invincible wave of mass movement forging an all out unity of the peasants, workers middle class people is it possible to completely frustrate the bourgeois conspiracy of establishing autocratic

rule. Judge for yourself, if, as a worker of the left movement, it is not your bounden duty to join this movement. If you have firm faith in leftism, whatever may be the depth of your understanding of Marxism-Leninism, then, you have before you only one course open. Either force your leaders to abandon the path they are following, the path of parliamentary politics of opportunism avoiding mass movement and making ties with the branded bourgeois parties to reap dividend in election politics or reject your leadership, join the wave of mass movement. There is no other course left before you.

Comrades, in conclusion I would like to emphasise—the workers, peasants, common men, students, youths and the cadres and supporters of the various political parties who believe in Marxism-Leninism and leftism—you have before you only one course open to advance mass movement. That is to build up invincible strength of mass movement step by step throughout the country by organising each and every movement of the people against the anti-people taxation, price, language, education, food, employment policies of the Central and different State Governments run by bourgeois and pseudo-left parties and the fascistic path they are following trampling even the minimum democratic rights. It is my earnest appeal to you all: engage yourself to the task of spreading this movement to every corner of the country—the movement that has been unleashed today through this historic 'All India People's Protest Rally and Demonstration'. Through the broadest participation of all sections of the toiling people, giving well organised shape to the movements, developing

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ON IRAQ-IRAN WAR

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said team, India has been trying to play an active role. Two things have led her to take such an active initiative. Her immediate interest is oil. The supply of which has been badly affected by the present war. Besides, by taking the advantage of the prevailing troubled situation the Indian bourgeoisie desire to cultivate closer relation with the countries of Middle East, by posing themselves as their friend. This, the Indian ruling bourgeoisie no doubt hope, will help to extend the external market of their capitalist economy in this region.

The Iranian people should note; once they launched a heroic battle against the hated anti-people, oppressive, exploitative rule of the Shah and seriously fought against the US imperialists as well to free their country from the pernicious influence of super powers, their intrigue and conspiracy.

Apprehending lest the movement took a radical turn as a part of their counter anticipatory move the bourgeoisie imposed the religious Zealot Khomeini in the leadership and thus a popular massive mighty people's movement was led to astray.

Today the situation has further deteriorated. Once they fought tooth and nail against US imperialism and throughout the entire country there was a high wave of anti-US imperialist fighting fervour, and sentiment but now as the ruling clique who has betrayed the cause of the people is moving towards a rapprochement with the USA more and more the latter is gaining ground in the country what a tragic fate of a heroic struggle which once possessed immense possibilities.

The people of Iraq should also note that even if the ruling clique of their country succeed in realising its mission, it would

neither improve the fate of the toiling people of the Arab world nor ameliorate their sufferings and miseries. On the contrary if the ruling bourgeoisie can achieve its object, it will then emerge more powerful to take recourse to all possible coercive means against the people to consolidate their class exploitative rule over the country and the people.

So, the people of Iran and Iraq must have to

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common people demonstrated before SDO office demanding release of all arrested and fulfilment of all other demands.

While congratulating the students and common masses of the State of Orissa for making the Bandha complete success on 5th December last, Comrade Tapas Dutta, Secretary, Orissa State Committee of SUCI strongly condemned the barbaric police and CRP atrocities in various places of the state and demanded Judicial enquiry to probe into it. He also called upon the students and youths in particular and the toiling people in general to continue the

realise the truth that so long they cannot free their countries and themselves from the clutches of bourgeois opportunistic ruling cliques, so long they cannot free their countries from the influence of the superpowers with their imperialist and hegemonic design, they are bound to suffer, bound to be more and more oppressed and exploited.

It is high time that they should learn from the lessons of history and fulfil the need of the hour.

movement till the demands are achieved and for that urged them to form Students' Action Committees in schools and colleges and People's Action Committees from grass root level. He urged upon all left political parties to be united in sustaining the movement and give it a mighty shape.

In the meantime the All Orissa Students' Action Committee has given a call for a civil disobedience movement between 13th and 19th December. Party's State Committee also called upon the people to organise Mass Civil Disobedience movement throughout Orissa and develop the movement from higher to still higher phases.

Stipendiary Graduates on path of struggle

In Karnataka, stipendiary graduates numbering about 16000 have taken to the path of struggle.

These stipendiary graduates have been working in various government departments for the past 3 years on a paltry monthly allowance of Rs. 150 and without any job security. The government has all along been ignoring their demand that they be given priority in appointment in clerical posts for their service experience. Recently, the government has made arrangements to recruit clerks, teachers and others disregarding the claims of those who have been serving in government offices, schools

and colleges for the past 3 years.

At the call of the Bangalore city unit of the Stipendiary Graduates' Association a hunger strike was held on 27th Nov. in front of the PSC office. Several hundred men and women from far-off districts and taluks took part in it.

The Bangalore city unit of our party, SUCI, participated in the hunger strike. Addressing the participants, Comrade Radhakrishna, Secretary, Bangalore City Organising Committee of the SUCI, pointed to the root cause of the problems of unemployment and all other miseries afflicting life. He

appealed to the people to fight unitedly against the ruling bourgeoisie and the parties safeguarding its interests and foil the bourgeois conspiracy to disrupt the people's unity by fomenting religious, caste, parochial and the like sentiments. Comrade Surendra Babu also spoke stressing the need to continue the just struggle of the stipendiary graduates.

A delegation met the Chief Secretary who assured that the demands would be looked into. The graduates later resolved to continue their struggle if all their demands were not conceded to by the government immediately.

CPI(M) hoodlums make brutal attack on SUCI workers in Kerala

Trivandrum, Nov. 23: A gang of CPI(M) workers made a brutal attack on SUCI workers on 23rd of November last in Chirayinkil as a result of which Comrades B. Devaduttan, Chirayinkil Taluk Secretary of our party, Suresh, Taluk President of AIDS and Satish had to be hospitalised in Chirayinkil Taluk Hospital with serious injuries. Comrade Narayan Potti also received injuries.

On the spot report of the incident reveals that the Chirayinkil Taluk Committee of our party had organised a public meeting in Sarkara Maidan to commemorate the 63rd anniversary of the Great November Revolution. After the meeting, our comrades had gone to the nearby Party office to deposit the Party literatures, flags and festoons etc. On their way back, some thirty CPI(M) workers headed by their local leaders, Sisupalan and Vijayan Asari, all of a sudden, pounced on them from behind. Needless to say, they, all were carrying deadly weapons like knives, swords, iron rods, sticks

etc. and while making frontal attacks on our comrades they were shouting that 'SUCI will not be allowed to work in Chirayinkil'. Ultimately, before a determined fight-back by our comrades, the culprits—the CPI(M) workers and the local roughs combine fled.

Reports revealed so far suggest that the actual plan of the CPI(M) leadership was to mount lightning attack on the meeting itself so that the public at large are denied the opportunity of listening the immortal teachings and lessons of the great leader of the proletariat Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. The CPI(M) leadership to their utter dismay, when found the meeting turned out to be a vast one, lest their mischievous role gets exposed before the large gathering, quickly changed their plan of action. The news of this gangsterism perpetrated by the local CPI(M) leadership spread over like fire the next day, and created a deep stir and indignation among the people of the whole area.

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people's struggle committees, people's own instruments of struggle and rallying lakhs of volunteers, lift these movements to higher and still higher stage. Pave the way to anti-capitalist socialist revolution developing an unceasing wave of countrywide mass struggles.

**Long Live Revolution !
Long Live SUCI !
Long Live
Comrade Shibdas Ghosh !**

ASSAM

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tors, clearly bring to the fore its opportunist anti-people character. The Assam State Committee of the SUCI, therefore, recorded its strongest opposition to this move of the Congress (I).