

UNITE TO RESIST THE BLACK ORDINANCE

By a decree, the Essential Services Maintenance Ordinance (ESMO), the Indira Gandhi government has banned not only strike but other legitimate forms of movement like refusal to work overtime, work-to-rule etc. The definition of 'essential services' has been made so wide that any industry or establishment under public or private sector can be covered by it. So, the intention is quite obvious. It is a prelude to more sinister attacks on lives and livings of the working people. Already talks and suggestions are there about freezing wages either wholly or partially by impounding increase in D.A. or refusal of its payment, refusal of wage increase and even wage cut by deduction in bonus rate or even outright denial. Before flogging, they want to bind the people hand and foot. The monstrosity of the attack can therefore be easily imagined.

It is a challenge to the working people and can certainly be met by united sustained, militant democratic mass movement, growing and developing from grass root level to an irresistible force, provided however—those who with their 'bigness' of trade union strength are trying not to build up this unity but wreck it do not succeed in their attempt, those with their boastful bigness are not taking any big step but arresting a big section of the working people to such caricature of a protest programme like 3 minutes' silence, as if to mourn their own bankruptcy, those, in the name of struggle are actually trying to kill it by sporadic programme like the call of bundh and then nothing—provided they do not succeed. For the working people, stake is as high as the very right to exist with human dignity. Can they allow, therefore, such treacherous behaviour from within their ranks pass at this crucial hour?

Crisis of moribund capitalism

Working people will have to realise that present crisis is the crisis of moribund capitalism which is intensifying with the passing of days. The crisis is all out, that is to say, it is not merely confined in economics and politics but it is in every aspect of social life,—morals, ethics, culture, even sex and family life. The crisis ridden bourgeoisie finds no way out to get over the crisis. During the Seventies they tried and waited for the betterment but the situation

worsened. In the Eighties they see to their dismay that instead of any abatement, the crisis is far more deeper despite all schemes and plannings which, in the words of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh are "associated with the shadow of crisis." And that is why they have turned to in a situation like this political parties who stand in defence of moribund capitalist order, be in the states or at the Centre, from the compulsion of their Parliamentary Politics, from the compulsion of their basic alignment with the ruling capitalist class are trying to curb the working class movement their tactics differing notwithstanding. People remember that the previous Janata Government also tried to impose the black 'Industrial Relations Bill' which they set at naught by united organised opposition. Even in West Bengal which was once the citadel of working class movement, the CPI(M) led Government boastfully claims its achievements for showing that the number of strikes in the state has significantly diminished and that they have turned turbulent West Bengal into a 'placid' one! From whom they are seeking the certificate?

Be that as it may, look around the country. What is the picture? In the economy prices are increasing to such height as if sky is not also the limit. Taxes both by the Central and State Governments have battered all records—only the indirect taxes of the Central Government borne

by the people amounts to Rs. 11,000 crores, not to speak of the State taxes that run to almost the equal amount. Still then, there is ever growing acute crisis for the government to meet its routine expenses, let alone for what it calls development projects. Defence expenditure is mounting to staggering figure but no money for education, medical facilities, public health, public distribution of essential commodities etc. for the people. Foreign exchange reserve is being fretted away to import food grains but the hoarders and black-marketeers are not touched. In politics, in administration, in social life, in every field immoral and unethical conducts, corrupt practices are getting the premium. In short, the horrific scene is nothing but the reality of decay and degeneration of a civilisation that was built upon the capitalist productive system.

Some people, notably the CPI(M) leaders, backed by bourgeois national dailies are explaining this authoritarian measure to the people in such a way as if to mean that it has come at the dictate of the IMF from which the Indian Government is taking a big loan to meet anyhow and for the time being severe strain in the economy. This is a shrewd device to shield the national bourgeoisie, the main enemy of the people and thus create confusion in the direction of the movement.

Now there may be arm twisting by the international loan giving agency for a share of the American finance capital whose interest it represents, in the loot that is going on in this land at the cost of people's destitution and sufferings. But how can the country and people get rid of this solong moribund capitalism remains, so long it creates a veritable mess in the whole affairs of the nation? So, no mistaking in the direction of the struggle, it must be against the capitalist order of

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SUCI's Call For United Struggle to Left Parties

[Below we publish the full text of the letter of Comrade Nihar Mukherjee General Secretary, SUCI, dated August 31, '81 to the general secretaries, of CPI (M), CPI, Forward Bloc, RSP, RCPI, Worker's Party, CPI (M-L), Communist Workers Party for developing a united movement.

—Editor., P. Era]

We view with grave concern that the Central Government headed by Smt. Indira Gandhi, since coming to power this time, and faced with an unprecedented all out crisis of capitalism is frantically trying on the one hand to give all sorts of concessions and reliefs to the capitalists-monopolists and on the other hand to shift the entire burden of the crisis of the capitalist class on to the shoulders of the masses of our country.

We hope, that you will agree with us, that Smt. Gandhi in her bid to give a lease of life to the crisis-ridden moribund capitalism of our country, has come out with an all out plan and in accordance with its design is resorting to promulgation of draconian acts and ordinances one after another, the latest example of which is the Essential Services Maintenance Ordinance, the aim of all of these attempts is to drive the country towards an all out fascistation. Moreover, we like to point out in this connection that ESMO is not the last one and more and more stringent measures in this

direction are in the offing. If not checked in time, the country will be driven towards an undeclared emergency in no time.

Under the circumstances, we strongly feel that in order to thwart the nefarious design of the capitalist class and their representative in power, Smt. Gandhi, it is incumbment on all right-thinking, democratic-minded and freedom-loving people to develop a country-wide counter current of democratic movement in our country.

Hence, we once more reiterate that only a strong and united movement by all the left and democratic parties, embracing all sections of the left and democratic minded-people of our country can really force Smt. Gandhi and her Government, to withdraw the pro monopoly, anti-people draconian Ordinances and Acts and in its course can restore, protect and further extend the cherished democratic norms, values and rights of our people.

We, therefore, urge upon you to come forward without any further delay for uniting all left and democratic parties and forces and forging a united left and democratic front on the basis of a common agreed programme and a code of conduct.

With revolutionary greetings,

Comradely yours,
(Nihar Mukherjee)
General Secretary,
Socialist Unity Centre
Of India

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 the country. It may be noted in passing that the same very people are taking loans from the World Bank which represents the same very interest of imperialist powers, running to hundreds of crores of rupees at the set terms on different heads from CMDA, transport development, irrigation projects in the Sunderbans to afforestation when they run the government in West Bengal! They try even to make out that as if the incompetence of the Indira Government is responsible for the crisis taking such an acute turn meaning thereby that had they been in power it would not have been so. Incompetence no doubt of a government that came with the high slogan of 'a government that works' but being the most faithful servant of monopoly capital it has done nothing for the people other than robbing their rights and liberties through draconian enactments, one after another. It has not moved a single step to provide that much relief to the people as is possible even within this system. But to construct from this as the CP(M) leaders are doing that the crisis or its accentuation depends on change of government—on this party or this party in power is the worst kind of delusion that is spread to the people by them who are racing for parliamentary power and do the same thing, perhaps worse, when in power to serve the same master—the ruling capitalist class. The crisis is therefore inherent in the very capitalist system—parties and their governments defending this system always try to shift the burden on to the people to have a lease of life for this system, temporary though. Working people will have to bear in mind all this while fighting against this fell attack of ESMO, if they do not want to be cheated again by the parliamentary opportunist parties.

The so-called defence

The Government, in

Sustained united movement can meet the challenge

defence of its wanton act of authoritarianism is giving some so-called reasons which are no reasons, factually, as also logically. For example, they are referring to mandays loss due to strike which according to them is responsible for fall in production rate. The assumption is that mandays loss is due only to strike or agitation of the workers. This very assumption is wrong. Production, more specifically industrial production in the country is suffering because despite pious declarations which remain only on paper, let alone any enhancement, fifty percent, on an average of the installed capacity in industrial sector remains idle. Why? Is it due to workers opposition? Will not, only the fools oppose if industrial capacity increases and to make it possible more and more unemployed get gainful employment and the number of lockout, layoff, closures comes down?

Then again, factually is it correct that mandays loss is increasing due to strike? No, For according to government's own admission mandays loss figure due to labour—management dispute was only 13 million, far bellow a third of that for the previous year. Not only this, during 1976, the period of emergency, 12 million mandays were lost 80% of which according to the government's own data was due to lockout. Moreover it can be shown citing government's statistics that the rate of industrial production was higher when mandays loss figure was also higher and that it was lower when the latter figure was also lower. Will the Government that seeks to ban strike, explain this apparent paradox? No, they will not; because to do so it will have to spell the truth that production in capitalist economy as such and particularly when it is crisis-ridden is not determined by the workers but by the market prospect, the prospect of

extorting maximum profit by the capitalists. The motive force of capitalist production being maximisation of profit, it is not only determining production but is creating hindrance to production and economic progress. The workers are being made the scapegoat to hide this truth. But the futility of the prescription of keeping down common people's wages and earnings in the face of high rate of inflation and taxation is obvious. However much the bourgeois economists and advisors to the Government think of evading the crisis by this means, it will prove to be self-defeating. Because, what we call home market is nothing other than the purchasing power of the people. When the purchasing power of the people is already low and the home market squeezed, further wage cut will mean further narrowing the base of home market. It will inevitably bring deeper crisis for there is no chance, in the present-day perspective of international market of this squeezing of home market being compensated.

To divide the unity of the oppressed the Government is trying to set a section of the working people—those who are still unorganised, against the organised section by spreading the untruth that the country's economic progress could not reach the unorganised section because the organised section through trade union movement took away larger share of the cake of the national production. A Government that has not as yet ensured payment of minimum wages to the workers whether they are in field or factory is thus trying to save its skin. A government whose Planning Commission report says that after exercise of five five year plans, seventy percent of the populace live below the poverty line—more and more percentage of population going down the line after each planning, wants to

hoodwink the people thus and shirk its responsibility. Its CSO (Central Statistical Organisation) data, corroborated by similar data of RBI show the declining trend in wage cost to total cost, from 58 pc in 1970-71 to 52 pc in 1974-75, slightly improved in 1978-79, whereas the percentage of non-wage earnings like dividend, interest receipts etc. increased from about 20 pc to 25 pc. The monopolists are building mountains of profits, so also the jotedars in the rural side. But governments' subsidies and subventions running to couple of thousand crores of rupees go to these exploiters. The workers, pressed from all sides—high rate of inflation, mounting tax burden etc. struggle for bare sustenance and can get 29 pc only in money wage increase (29 pc for factory labour in the last decade on an average from CSO data) but high rate of inflation (81 pc increase in consumer price index according to the same source). Is it a cake of poverty or prosperity that they have tasted? Yet they are accused! Yet this Ordinance, to bring down attacks on their lives and livings.

As if to show 'neutrality' but clearly to deceive the people, the Government says that it will ban lockout along with strike. The people know that in this class-divided capitalist society, where the ownership of means of production by the capitalist class the law that defends it, the administration that protects it all are against the workers. And so worker's right to strike cannot be compared to employee's privilege of locking out or closing down an establishment. For the workers, strike is not a pastime but a hard struggle at the cost of loss of wages and victimisation including dismissal from service for bare survival whereas lockout and closure are convenient tools at the hands of the employers to

impose injustice and tyranny on the exploited workers. Moreover the government's claim of banning lockout is a mere ruse. For who can forget the experience of the Emergency days when the government's order of obtaining prior permission of the government before lockout was challenged by the employers on the ground of infringement of their freedom of trade, a fundamental right in the constitution? And the Supreme Court upheld their right. This is capitalism where those who produce, the workers have no fundamental right to sustenance and for that to organise strike or other forms of movement but the exploiters have the 'fundamental right' to exploit! So, banning of lockout will be only in words but banning of strike or other forms of movement of the workers will be the charge of the government. The ruling capitalist class assisted by its subservient governments is demanding of the working people to be galley slaves, who will die in thousands, in lakhs, without murmur, without protest, in silence. This is the price the rulers are demanding. Will the working people oblige them?

United militant mass movement—the answer

The national campaign committee composed of eight central trade unions UTUC (Lenin Sarani), AITUC, CITU, HMS, BMS, INTUC (Dara group), UTUC (Bowbazar), TUCC organised the Bombay convention to decide a united movement against price rise, tax increase etc. Meanwhile, from an anticipatory move, the Government has brought the Ordinance banning strike and other forms of trade union movement.

In such a situation, it becomes incumbent for all those who speak of people's cause, country's interest to join their hands to build up from grass root level a massive democratic movement to such an irresistible force that the Government retraces its steps. What is therefore

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Movement against ESMO in different states Trade Union Convention

KARNATAKA

At Bangalore a protest demonstration against the promulgation of the Essential Services Maintenance Ordinance 1981 was organised jointly by the Central Trade Union Organisations such as UTUC (Lenin Sarani) AITUC, HMS, BMS on 17th August. Workers and employees of all the Bangalore based Public Sectors, LIC Banks and many other industries assembled in huge numbers at Mysore Bank Square and marched in a mammoth procession to Raj Bhavan to submit a memorandum to the Governor of Karnataka.

In front of the Raj Bhavan where the procession culminated speakers from various TU organisations condemned the ESMO and demanded the withdrawal of the same. Comrade Sathya, speaking on behalf of UTUC (Lenin Sarani) urged the toiling people to develop movements free from sectarianism encompassing workers from all the factories and industries on the correct base political line of anti-capitalist socialist revolution. We should all join together in the common struggle and demand for withdrawal of ESMO which seeks to curb the hard won democratic

right of the working class to go on strike and develop our movements to higher and higher phases he emphasised.

BHOPAL, MP

A massive demonstration against the Essential Services Maintenance Ordinance promulgated by the Central Government was organised by Central Trade Unions of UTUC (Lenin Sarani), AITUC, CITU, HMS, BMS on 17th August. More than 10,000 workers and employees of State and Central government and various industries participated in the procession which started from Patel Nagar Colony towards Raj Bhavan. A 25 member delegation, including Comrade Bibhuti Jha joint Secretary, on behalf of UTUC (Lenin Sarani), went to the Governor to present the memorandum but the Governor refused to meet them.

The rally in front of Raj Bhavan was addressed by various leaders of the different Trade Unions including Balkishan Gupta AITUC, Suresh Sharma BMS, Shiva Kumar Urmaliya HMS. Comrade P. R. Harane, Secretary State Organising Committee UTUC (Lenin Sarani) in his address dealt elaborately on the present economic and political conditions obtaining in

the country, and hailed the joint united movement started by the Central Trade Unions against price rise and anti-people policies of the Governments. Appealing to the workers and employees to take this united movement to grass root level he emphatically stressed that the only way to foil the conspiracy of the capitalist class to introduce authoritarian rule lies in building up united movement of all sections of the working masses, peasants and youths. The memorandum was sent to the Governor.

Sagar, MP

Under the auspices of the Saramik Sangh Abhijan Samiti, a massive protest demonstration was organised against the Essential Services Maintenance Ordinance and against all other anti-people pro-capitalist policies of the Central Government. Thousands of workers and employees of the Central and State Government organisations and various other industries participated in the demonstration. Many of the unions affiliated to UTUC (Lenin Sarani) took an important role in organising this protest demonstration.

A memorandum addressed to the Prime Minister of India was sent through the collector, Sagar District MP demanding a mong others forthwith withdrawal of the draconian Ordinance.

Against ESMO in Calcutta

Calcutta, 23rd August '81:

Under the auspices of UTUC (Lenin Sarani), HMS, BMS, WBPNTUC (Dara Group) on behalf of the West Bengal State Committee of the National Campaign Committee and associate member IFTU a convention of workers and employees against the recently promulgated Essential Services Maintenance Ordinance (ESMO) was held with great enthusiasm today at the Indian Association Hall Calcutta.

The hall was jam-packed with delegates and quite a large number of delegates could not enter the hall who heard the proceeding standing at the staircase and pavement, below.

Comrade Fatick Ghosh, General Secretary of the West Bengal State Committee, of UTUC (Lenin Sarani) condemning and demanding forth with repeal of the black Ordinance (ESMO) reminded the delegates that the movement, the working class of India is waging today is not an ordinary or day to day issue on some economic demand or demand for some particular trade union right but it is an all out struggle for the very existence of the workers and their trade union movement as such in the country. The Government and the ruling capitalist class, through this

disunity and the mockery of protest programme. Is not the CPI (M) leadership doing this? The tragedy is, they may forget but nonetheless it is the concrete lesson of history that fascism if it wins will spare none, not even those who aid most to its rise. We appeal, once more, with all earnestness in our command to CPI (M) comrades to ponder deeply and show their loyalty to the cause of the working class when it is needed most.

draconian ordinance, have struck at the very root of minimum democratic right of the working class to strike and organise trade union movement for their bare survival as also at the root of individual freedom and rights of the citizens to support or express solidarity with such struggle of the working class. Comrade Ghosh urged that broadest possible trade union unity which was the need of the hour. But unfortunately CITU and their yesmen are keeping aloof from the West Bengal State Committee of the National Campaign Committee and thus obstructing powerful joint movement to develop against ESMO in this state of West Bengal. Who would be benefitted by this disruptive role of CITU and 'Left Front' he urged the rank and file of CITU and other to ponder deeply. In fine he fervently appealed to the CITU leadership to see to the reality and join the State Campaign Committee to build up mighty mass movement that alone can compell the Centre to repeal this black Ordinance. Besides Comrade Fatick Ghosh others who spoke included Comrades Rasbehari Moitra (BMS), Satin Roychowdhury (HMS), Pradip Bhattacharya (WBPNTUC-Dara Group) Phani Bagchi (IFTU), Renupada Halder (MLA) A. Roy, N. C. Roy, Giad Ali Boxi, and others.

In the convention, a resolution urging upon the working class and democratic sections of the masses to prepare for a massive parliament March and Bharat Bandh in November and a Bangla Bandh (in September) was unanimously adopted. The resolution also called upon all central trade unions including CITU to join in the State Campaign Committee in West Bengal for a united movement.

Unite to stall the march of fascism

(Contd. from page 2) urgent is the broadest unity of the working people for a sustained and effective movement. But the role of CPI(M) or its trade union wing CITU is simply revealing. One of it's Polit Bureau member Promode Dasgupta openly states that his party has no objection to align with ruling Congress(I)'s trade union wing INTUC to fight the ESMO but will not be with us SUCI or UTUC (Lenin Sarani) in any united struggle. This very utterance shows how much concern they feel for people's cause or for developing a movement. Their basic class alignment

with the ruling class becomes wide open. However the National Campaign Committee gives the call for unity but CITU responds with deliberate acts of disunity and disruption. What for? In whose interest they are spending their energies to oppose an effective united movement against this authoritarian measure of Indira Gandhi Government? Does it help the working class? The experiences of Delhi Boat Club gathering or three minutes silence programme in a state, like West Bengal are pointer to the fact that CP(M)'s opposition to SUCI or UTUC (Lenin Sarani) is

in reality positive opposition to sustained and step by step massive movement from below, directed against the main enemy of the people, moribund capitalism for which we are striving our best. Social democracy, being the last prop of capitalism, comes to its rescue, bargains for parliamentary power and privileges, aspires to be the principal defender of the capitalist system even waving the red banner, on the term of frustrating the attempt, to build up a united and effective movement of the working class against fascist danger by creating division and

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh President, Bangalore City Committee SFI, joins SUCI Memorial Meeting

In our last issue we have published some of the reports about the numerous memorial meetings held in different states and places throughout the country paying revolutionary homage to our great departed leader, teacher and guide Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Below we are giving the report of a few other meetings.

U. P.

At Badlapur (District Jaunpur) Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Meeting was held on 23rd August at Degree College Ground. Comrade Jagadish Lal Asthana presided over the meeting and Comrade Shankar Singh, member of the Central Committee, SUCI was the main speaker. A resolution against the black Essential Services Maintenance Ordinance was moved by Comrade Dinesh Kant Dubey. Comrade J. K. Roy spoke in support of it. Comrade Shankar Singh in his analytical speech stressed that true significance of the observance of the 5th Death Anniversary of our beloved, departed leader, teacher and guide Comrade Shibdas Ghosh lies in carrying his revolutionary thoughts so as to prepare the ground for a greater movement all over the country involving all sections of the toiling masses. Today we are standing at the cross roads of history: On the one hand the danger of fascism looms large and on the other, development of democratic mass movements based on the correct political line of anti-capitalist socialist revolution guided by the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh point to a bright future for the toiling masses. Hence to defeat fascism and to bring about ultimate emancipation of the entire society, the only alternative before the people is to organise such a mass movement from grass root levels on the edifice of proletarian higher culture, ethics and morals that can foil the bourgeois evil design.

Mazaffar Nagur (UP) Dist. Committee of SUCI observed the Day on 25.8.81 at the Town Hall. Comrade Rajbal Singh presided and Comrade P. Chandā, a member of the Central Committee spoke as the main speaker.

Comrade Gyan Singh, Secy. Haryana State Committee of SUCI, Comrades Rampal Tyagi, Rupchand, Sunita Tyagi also spoke.

Papsara, Amroah—Moradabad,

At the initiative of AIDS, Moradabad, UP a memorial meeting of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was observed with all solemnity at the local Town Hall Maidan on 10th June. Comrade Rajbal Tyagi was in the chair. Comrade Gyan Singh was the main speaker. Comrade Sher Singh, Secretary, DSO unit and Comrade Rajbal Tyagi also spoke.

Com. Gyan Singh in his speech recalled the history of party's struggle through different phases and brought to the focus some of the aspects of revolutionary thoughts and teachings of Comrade Ghosh, which alone can guide the revolutionary struggles of the working people in our country.

Rajasthan :

Rajasthan State Organising Committee, SUCI, District Junjhuni observed Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day on 7th August at Chirawa. This was preceded by a fortnight long intensive campaign to carry the thoughts of Comrade Ghosh, to the masses.

Comrade Gyan Singh, Secretary, Haryana State Organising Committee SUCI, who addressed the meeting as main speaker emphasised that the true way to pay revolutionary homage to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our beloved leader, teacher and guide and one of the outstanding Marxist thinkers of the era lies in correctly grasping the thoughts of Comrade Ghosh and prac-

Secretary, Student Federation of India State Committee, Karnataka Dear Friend,

I have been a member of your organisation, the SFI and was serving as tise them in life. He appealed to them to come forward and take active part in the democratic movement with the clear direction of anti-capitalist socialist revolution under the leadership of our party based on the edifice of proletarian higher culture, morals and ethics. In that way alone we can pay our genuine homage to our beloved, departed leader.

Bhagalpur, Bihar

Bhagalpur, August 23, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh the great teacher of the proletariat was remembered with all solemnity, today at a well attended public meeting. Comrade Ghosh's revolutionary thoughts which are the unfailing guide to proletarian revolution and invincible weapon in the hands of the toiling people seeking for their emancipation were recalled by Comrades Amar Kumar Pandey who was the main speaker and Amriteswar Chakraborty who presided over the meeting both member of the Bihar State Committee of our party. The speakers pinpointed Comrade Ghosh's repeated warnings against the treacherous role of social democratic Parties—CPI, CPI(M) etc. at a crucial juncture when the crisis ridden bourgeoisie in its bid to have a temporary lease of life is trying to bring all out fascism in the country. These warnings have been proved true to the letters.

Jabalpore, M. P.

Memorial meeting was held on 5th August '81 at M. Choturbedi Hall, with dignity and solemnity. Com. Vibhuti Dutt Jha presided and Com. Asoke Ganguly spoke as the main speaker. Com. Ganguly elaborated some of the thoughts and teachings of Com. Ghosh and called upon the toiling people to follow the revolutionary path laid down by Comrade Ghosh. A number of comrades from Maharashtra attended the meeting.

the President of the Bangalore city unit for the past one year. I joined SFI thinking that it was a revolutionary students' organisation with the aim of organising students for revolution. SFI supports the political line of CPI(M) completely. Now I am fully convinced that CPI(M) is not the Revolutionary party of the working class for the following reasons.

CPI(M)'s line of People's Democratic Revolution is a subjective imposition on the concrete conditions of Indian soil. The capitalist class, having come to power and capitalism being established in India, the stage of Indian Revolution cannot be anything else other than anti-capitalist Socialist Revolution. Hence the strategy and tactics of People's Democratic Revolution has only made CPI(M) take the opportunist line of combining with the Bourgeoisie in power and thereby sacrifice the struggle of the exploited masses at the feet of the capitalist class.

Again, I have now realised that CPI(M) is not founded on the essential principle of Democratic Centralism of a communist party. Nor is collective leadership operative within the party, which always personifies through the leader in the highest organ of the party, as it happened in the emergence of great leaders of the proletariat like Lenin, Stalin, Mao Tse Tung and Ho Chi Minh.

As CPI(M) is not the Revolutionary party of the working class for the reasons mentioned above, if SFI is guided by the CPI(M) then I am convinced that SFI cannot be a revolutionary students' organisation. On the contrary, if SFI is an independent organisation, as is being declared in its constitution, it cannot be a Revolutionary Students' Organisation for the simple reason that for a student's organisation to be revolutionary, guidance

from a Revolutionary party is necessary.

I have now realised that Socialist Unity Centre of India (SUCI) is the only genuine communist party in India and its line of anti-capitalist Socialist Revolution is the only objective process of Revolution in our country. SUCI is founded on the well known Leninist principle of party organisation of Democratic Centralism and has been able to give birth to the gigantic leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh as a personified expression of collective leadership.

Having been fully convinced that it is SUCI alone that can lead the working class and other exploited masses of our country towards Revolution I consider it my obligation to leave SFI and join AIDS, the student wing of SUCI.

I place views before all the SFI members, supporters and sympathisers for consideration and to think over the same.

I hereby offer my resignation to the post of Presidentship as well as to the primary membership of SFI.

Bangalore, 8th August '81
B. R. Manjunath
(President, Bangalore City Committee SFI.)

Students and youths demonstrate against police barbarity

Munghyr, 8th August, '81
The Munghyr District Committees of AIDS and DYO staged a massive protest demonstration here today against the police barbarity on students of B. N. College, Patna and police atrocity on student demonstration in Patna on 29th July last.

It should be mentioned that all the student and youth organisations of Munghyr district other than DSO and DYO even the organisations that claim to be left like AISF and SFI remained inactive on this issue and in spite of repeated appeals did not come forward.

A four man delegation with Comrades Promode Kumar, Ramsevak Mondal and Bijoy Kumar met the ADM in absence of the DM and handed a memorandum.

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