

## Growing Struggle Against Oppression

Ne Win was in New Delhi in mid March to plot with the reactionary Indian Government the stepped-up suppression of the Naga and Mizo armed forces along the India-Burma border. This shows how alarmed the Indian and Burmese reactionaries are in the face of the rising, large-scale armed struggle of these national minorities in India's northeastern frontier areas.

The Naga and Mizo forces have launched repeated attacks this year. In one Mizo ambush alone, 26 Indian soldiers were killed and many others wounded. Since then, the guerrillas in Nagaland, the Mizo Hills and the union territory of Manipur have been preparing for large-scale operations.

The Nagas, Mizos and Kukis have been closing their ranks against their common enemy. In Manipur, the Nagas and Mizos have strengthened their ties. The Mizos have moved to Manipur's Charachandpur area in large numbers, and they have settled down and established close contact with the local Kukis. Having co-ordinated their activities and reorganized, some Naga armed units are recruiting new members.

All this has greatly alarmed the Indian reactionaries. Besides buying over some traitors and supplying them with weapons to kill their fellow Nagas and Mizos who refuse to submit to the reactionary rule, they have intensified their collusion with the Burmese reactionaries.

To prepare the public for joint suppression, reactionary government officials and bourgeois papers in India have recently come out with such blatant propaganda nonsense as, "the Nagas in India are moving to Burma in groups," "the armed Nagas have their headquarters in Burma," etc.

In fact, the reactionary governments of India and Burma have long been collaborating in this matter. The Indian *Statesman* has disclosed that, early in 1966, they reached agreement on a joint patrol of the Indian-Burmese border. More secret talks were held between the two governments last year.

The Nagas and Mizos have taken up arms because of ruthless class oppression by the Indian big landlords and big capitalists. This is inevitable. The Indian reactionaries may collude with their Burmese counterparts for suppressive measures or resort to other tricks, but they cannot hold back the courageous struggle of these nationalities who rebel to defend their right to exist.