

A FORGED LETTER

A CORRESPONDENT

The Revolutionary Communist leaders, Mr Tarimela Nagi Reddy and Mr Devulapalli Venkateswara Rao, now facing trial on conspiracy charges to overthrow the lawfully established government through violent means, obtained the Hyderabad Court's permission and addressed a press conference to denounce "as out and out forged" a letter alleged to have been written by Mr Devulapalli Venkateswara Rao to one Padmanabha Reddy of Anantapur District and a 'close relative' of Mr Nagi Reddy. The letter requested him to receive Rs 35 lakhs through VPP from a book publisher in Bombay at the instance of the North Korean Consulate in Bombay.

In a prepared statement, Mr Venkateswara Rao said, "The revolutionary movements in Asia, especially in India are advancing. The Government of India is not only suppressing the movement with its armed forces, it is also working to discredit the revolutionary movement by slandering it as foreign-inspired. No revolutionary movement in any part of the world at any time ever succeeded on the basis of foreign help. In India too, we believe that the revolutionary movement will succeed only on the basis of its internal strength".

Mr Rao alleged that the letter was the work of the CIA in collaboration with the CBI who want to "implicate me, Comrade Nagi Reddy and our Party in one more conspiracy case." The statement further alleged that the Government of India was acting according to the dictates of American imperialism

and Soviet social-imperialism to discredit not only the Indian revolutionary movement but also the friendly States of the People's Republic of China and the Democratic Republic of Korea.

When a reporter asked the two leaders why they were anxious to contradict when the contents of the letter had not so far come out, Mr Nagi Reddy said, a big conspiracy was going on against them and their movement. In the context of the atmosphere now being created, for example in Ceylon and in East Bengal, through the press "we thought it was of utmost importance to contradict this fantasy".

The following is the text of the letter referred to above :

Devulapalli Venkateswararao, MA, BL.

Camp : Musheerabad Central Jail, Hyderabad.

Chairman Mao Zindabad, Comrade Nagireddy Zindabad.

Dear Shri Padmanabha Reddy,

You may wonder to receive this letter from an unknown hand. I am writing this letter under instructions from my comrade Shri Tarimala Nagireddy, who is now in Musheerabad Central Jail. I am his close friend and associate. We are hoping that we will be released from the prison within a few months to again wage armed struggle against this bourgeois and reactionary government to establish a people's communist government in India, in the footprints of People's Republic of China. As Chairman Mao said "Political power or Revolution comes only through the barrel of the gun". But as you know it's very difficult to dethrone this popular government without the financial support of some friendly countries like People's China and North Korea. We, the Revolutionary Communists must acquire arms i. e., rifles, machine guns, handgrenades, crude bombs etc., from some agencies within India secretly, to train thousands of our comrades who are in Srikakulam and Adilabad tribal areas, in waging guerilla type of armed struggle against the government. So Chairman Mao instructed the Chinese printing presses which are at Shanghai and Canton cities of China to print one crore counterfeit

Indian currency notes of Rs 100 denomination (i. e. 100,00,000,00 Rs). So we will get 100 crore rupees of counterfeit notes from People's China which is to be distributed to the Naxalites and Revolutionary Communists throughout the country by the North Korean Consulate in Bombay. For our (A.P. Revolutionary Communists) share, we get 35 lakh rupees. But the problem is with whom this huge sum of money should be kept (as all of us are in prison) until we are released from the prison. We discussed this problem for 3 days and finally Comrade Nagireddy suggested your name and he said he trusted you because you are his close relative besides nobody will doubt you as you are a landlord. So we asked the Korean embassy to despatch the money to your address by VPP under the name New India Publishing House, Bombay. On the next day I wrote a letter to you informing you about this but I found no way to post the letter as on the same day I was moved to Vijayawada under strong police escort to appear before the sessions judge. In the meanwhile the Korean Consulate, Bombay, as told by us sent currency notes worth 35 lakh rupees to you by VPP under the name New India Publishing House, Bombay. But you promptly rejected the V.P. Parcel because you did not receive my letter and you never imagined that ordinary V.P. Parcel contained Rs 35 lakhs. So it's our fault and we again wrote to the Korean Consulate to despatch the money to your address. So you please accept the V.P. Parcel which comes to you within a couple of days this time under the name Super Book House, Bombay. Please keep this money in some secret place. We promise you to pay 10 lakhs out of this 35 lakhs if you satisfactorily keep this amount until we are released. Don't disclose this even to your wife in the country, it will be very dangerous to both you and us. Please burn this letter immediately after receiving. You will receive the parcel within 15 to 20 days. Trust you will help yourself by helping us.

With regards

faithfully yours

D. V. Rao

P.S. I am sending this letter with one of Comrades to post it at Anantapur because the C.I.D.s are censoring our letters at Hyderabad.

Warning : If this agreement is not favourable to you please reject the V.P. Parcel, but don't try to fool us after receiving the money. If you are honest we will pay you as promised.

The inland letter was addressed to Shri P. Padmanabha Reddy, Ramasagaram, Krishnapuram (P.O.), Penugon Taluq, Anantapur (Dt) A.P.

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