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AJOY GHOSH NAGAR (BOMBAY), December 15: The Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India has got into full swing. The climax came today with the speech of chairman S. A. Dange presenting the Draft Political Resolution, giving an inspiring and clear perspective of advance through struggles with Bharat Bandh as the pivotal slogan for the coming months.

THE Congress now enters the stage of discussions in commissions. There are four commissions: one on the Party Programme, another on the Political Resolution, a third on the Ideological Controversy in the International Communist Movement, and finally a fourth on the Organisational Report and Amendments to the Party Constitution.

On December 16 and 17, the Congress will work through the four commissions. Thereafter, the Congress will meet in plenary session to hear the reports of the commissions and finalise the documents.

The Congress devoted the whole of Monday and the forenoon of Tuesday to the discussion on the Draft Programme, which was introduced by G. Adhikari.

Reliable Compass

Presenting the draft, Adhikari stressed the importance of the Party Programme as "a reliable compass that enables us to find our bearings and the direction of our work and struggles through the whole stage of the revolution," as distinct from a political resolution dealing with the immediate current developments.

Critically reviewing the past attempts at having a Party Programme, Adhikari showed that the present Draft Programme was based on three pillars—rectification of left-sectarian errors of the past Programmes, the application of the ap-

praisal of the new world situation as generalised by the international Communist movement and thirdly, a realistic analysis of the situation in our country since independence.

Adhikari then dwelt with different sections of the Programme, and laid the maximum emphasis on a clear understanding of the central slogan, the key task in perspective before the Party, namely the realisation of national democracy, as a step towards the establishment of socialism in this country.

The main national aims in the present period, that is aims that are common both to the Congress and the democratic opposition, are national economic independence; mature industrialisation; what is known as reaching the take-over stage; development of agriculture; reduction in economic disparities and raising the living standards of our people. In short the national objective is national regeneration.

But these common national aims are sought to be pursued by the ruling party in an anti-people way by letting the condition of the people worsen while the monopoly groups are allowed to grow. And these monopoly groups stand for the negation of national aims and subversion of national policies. The result has been the emergence of right reaction which does not believe in national aims and is trying to subvert national policies.

"What is needed today is the reversal of this danger-

ous direction, a right-about-turn from the prevailing direction, a reversal of gears." Adhikari spelt it out concretely—the smashing of the power of monopoly groups, the total elimination of foreign monopolies, radical land reforms and expansion of democracy. This constitutes the struggle for the building of a National Democratic Front.

Discussing the features of national democracy, Adhikari explained that it will be an alliance of many classes, including the patriotic section of the bourgeoisie. He also emphasised that national democracy could be realised through unity with all the forces opposed to reaction and struggle for the realisation of common national aims.

The elimination of monopolies will result in curbing

elements of capitalism and creating conditions for the move forward to socialism. Here lies the perspective of India following its own characteristic path of non-capitalist development, he said.

Among those who participated in the general discussion on the Programme on Monday were P. T. Punnoose (Kerala), Ranen Sen (West Bengal), Y. V. Krishna Rao (Andhra), V. G. Deshpande (Maharashtra), Bhowani Sen (West Bengal), Bhogendra Jha (Bihar), Madan Mohan (Delhi), P. K. Thakur (Madhya Pradesh) and Subodh Mehta (Gujarat).

On Tuesday, Mohan Kumaramangalam (Tamilnad), Avtar Singh Malhotra (Punjab), B. V. Kakkilaya (Kar-

nataka), P. C. Joshi, Kameshwar Pandit (Himachal Pradesh), Jharkhande Rai (Uttar Pradesh), Ramanand Agarwal (Rajasthan), Baren Ray (Party Headquarters), K. T. Jacob (Kerala), Hiren Mukherjee (West Bengal), Tamma Reddy (Andhra), Chandrashekar Singh (Bihar), N. K. Krishnan (Tamilnad), Narayan Desai (Goa), Jagjit Singh Anand (Punjab), Indrajit Gupta (West Bengal), and Kalishankar Shukla (Uttar Pradesh) spoke on the Programme.

Lively Discussion

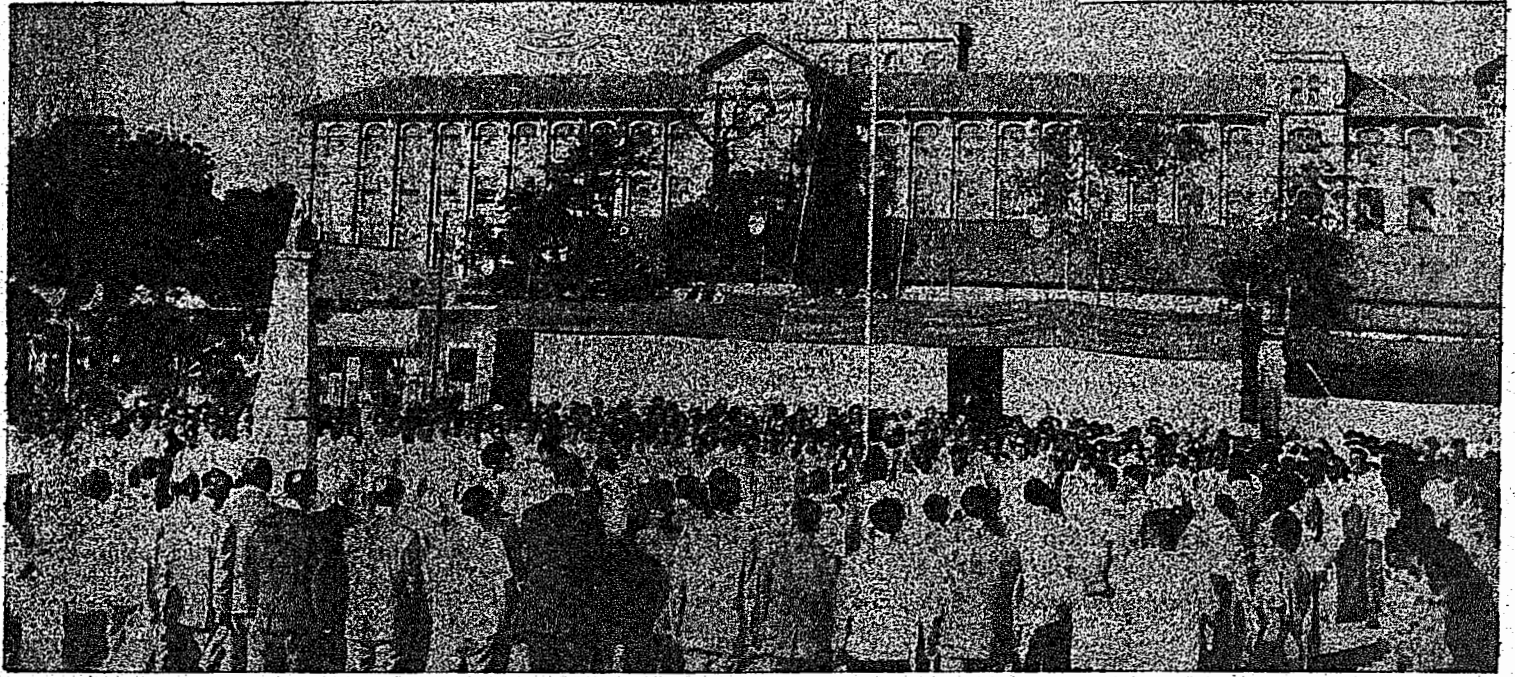
The parts which came up for discussion were the role of the working class in the national movement, the vacillating role of the bourgeoisie and contradictions among them, the character of the state and the place of landlords in it, and the possibility of realising the non-capitalist path.

Winding up the general discussion on the Draft Programme, which spread over eight hours, S. A. Dange observed that the discussion had brought out all shades of thought in the Party and it was necessary to guard against both Left sectarian and Right opportunist mistakes.

Dange stressed the importance of making detailed study of the conditions of different classes in Indian society.

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Flag Hoisting ceremony at Ajoy Ghosh Nagar before the CPI Seventh Congress began deliberations (Photo: VIRENDRA KUMAR)



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IRELAND

THE Executive Committee of the Irish Workers' Party greets your Seventh Congress with fraternal salutations. As fellow fighters in a long and still uncompleted struggle against Imperialism we know well of the great role and record of your Party. Like you also, we stand for socialism for our country, for a united national front, for peace and a policy of nonalignment. We have long admired your fighting struggle. We congratulate you, also, on your fearless defence of our common ideological positions expressed in the 1957 Declaration and the 1960 Statement. Success to your Seventh Congress! May it be a powerful blow, dear Indian comrades, for unity, for India, and our common cause!

MICHAEL O'RIORDAN
General Secretary, Irish Workers' Party

SOUTH AFRICA

ON the occasion of your Seventh Congress, the South African Communist Party sends its warm and brotherly greetings to all the delegates.

The reactionary offensive within your own country which aims at including India in a system of imperialist military alliances and blocs underlines the great responsibility of the delegates not only to the great Indian people but also to the whole of humanity.

The notable successes which the peace forces have scored in the field of preventing nuclear holocausts has blinded very few people indeed to the need for unending vigilance against the manoeuvres of international imperialism and its agents.

In our endeavour to maintain world peace and advance the cause of national liberation and socialism the most important weapon is the unity of the working class movement both inside every country and on an international scale—a unity based on equality and common understanding.

It is tragic and a source of strength to reaction that the year of the hundredth anniversary of the founding of the First International should have seen such marked inroads into the ideas of international solidarity which inspired the organisers of the London Congress on September 28, 1864.

We have every confidence that the delegates to your Congress and Communists everywhere will spare no efforts to re-establish once again the unity of the international Communist movement.

In our own country the racist regime of Verwoerd and his herrenvolk government has mounted a campaign of even greater repression against our party and the whole national liberation movement. Although terrible blows have been dealt to the anti-apartheid forces, the South African rulers are learning the lesson of history that whatever the cost an oppressed people fights back.

In our struggle against the white supremacists we are encouraged and inspired by the acts of fraternal assistance which many brother Parties, including yours, have carried out. When our inevitable victory over apartheid and racism has been achieved the solidarity which you have shown will be remembered by the South African people.

May your deliberations be a complete success.

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Long live the Struggle for National Liberation!
Long live the Struggle for Peace!
Long live the Unity of the International Communist Movement!

CENTRAL COMMITTEE
South African Communist Party

SWEDEN

ON the occasion of the Seventh Congress of your Party in Bombay, we send our fraternal greetings to the delegates of the Congress and through them to the members and followers of the Party.

We follow with great interest the struggle of your people and your Party for the economic and social regeneration of India and her liberation from the remnants of former colonial and imperialist oppression. We rejoice at the peaceful Indian people's achievements for relaxation and peace in the world.

We wish your Party successes in the leadership of the labouring masses' struggle for better material and cultural conditions and a way of socialist development for India.

With Communist greetings.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE
Communist Party of Sweden

GREAT BRITAIN

ON behalf of the Executive Committee and all members of the Communist Party of Great Britain, I extend our cordial fraternal greetings to your Seventh Congress and all Indian Communists, and our ardent good wishes for the success of your Congress in advancing the cause of the strength and unity of the Communist Party of India in the leadership of the Indian people during the coming period of great political testing and responsibilities.

JOHN GOLLAN
General Secretary, Communist Party
of Great Britain

BELGIUM

WE deeply regret to be obliged to inform you that we are not able to send a delegation of our Party to your Seventh Congress of which the deeper significance for your Party, for India and the international workers' movement does not escape us.

We are begging you, dear comrades, to convey our fraternal greetings to all delegates to the Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India as well as to all the Communists of your country.

The Belgian Communists herewith express their fraternal unity and solidarity with the struggle for the establishment of a national democratic front which will push forward your country on the road of democracy, social progress and socialism.

We express our hope that your efforts in order to keep the Indian reactionary forces, supported by the American, British and other imperialist powers from undermining India's nonalignment policy intended to push the country in an alliance with imperialism, meet full success.

It is also clear that the secessionist group in

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your country, on account of its adventurous political line and manoeuvres of division, are, in fact, lending a helping hand to the reactionary forces in your country and the rest of the world.

It is our firm conviction that the working people of India, attached to peace and national independence are expected to support more and more the policy of the Communist Party of India, and will condemn the adventurers falsely dressing themselves with the cloak of Marxism-Leninism and further push them out of the democratic workers' movement.

In Belgium, too, where a small group of adventurers was formed, the workers recently passed judgment on them (at the occasion of the October 11 municipal polls). Whereas our Party scored a big success (we won twice as much votes as six years ago and increased our number of seats from 91 to 178) the group of secessionists was literally crushed.

The outcome of the Belgian elections indicates that the workers support our efforts to the benefit of peaceful coexistence and also support our struggle against neo-colonialism and for peace, for the extension of democracy, for social progress and for anti-capitalist structural reforms.

The first task of our Party today is to show that we are worthy of this confidence. Therefore, we shall increase our efforts for peace, peaceful coexistence and extension of democracy, and develop throughout the country, democratic workers' alliance that must open the road to realise the people's aspirations and make further progress to socialism.

Dear comrades, we once again express confidence to the Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India, in the struggle to unite all the workers and progressive people of India in one large democratic and national front.

We express confidence in the Communist Party of India hoping that it will continue the efforts to realise the unity of the international resolutions of 1957 and 1960 which really do answer the present demands and necessities of the peoples' struggle for peace, national independence and happiness.

Long Live the Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India.

Long Live World Peace.

Long Live Socialism.

ERNEST BURNELLE
Chairman, Communist Party of Belgium

CANADA

WARM revolutionary greetings to your Congress, to the membership of your Party and to the great people of India, from the Communist Party of Canada.

Your Congress is confronted by questions that are of profound importance to India and her people. We are confident that, guided by our world historical science, Marxism-Leninism, you will answer these questions in the best interests of your country and her great historic people and, therefore, in the best interests of peace-loving people all over the world.

Allow the Communist Party of Canada to congratulate you on the draft of your new programme. Your unwavering popular struggle to keep India free from entanglement in any of the imperialist blocs or alliances is a struggle

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for the future of your country and the Indian people, to preserve for them the possibility of deciding for themselves what sort of a future they will build.

It is clear that, in your country as in Canada, the question whether national sovereignty will be consolidated and made immune to all attacks, or if it will be undermined by neo-colonialist schemes, depends very largely upon whether we succeed in making our countries economically independent.

Broadening democratic action for peace, and policies which express the aim of peaceful coexistence between states with differing political and economic systems, is the path of advance in the struggle to achieve economic independence also.

A cardinal need of the world movement of Communist and Workers' Parties today is firm unity on the basis of our international programmatic documents, adopted unanimously in 1957 and 1960.

Attempts to divide our movement, either by disruption within the Party or by organising factions outside and in opposition to the spirit and letter of our international Declaration and Statement, are in fact, attempts to weaken the world front of the struggle for peace, national independence, democracy and socialism. Such disruption helps only the imperialists and their reactionary war-mongering schemes and must be rejected and combated.

All Communists, all who are dedicated to the lofty ideal of Peace, Democracy, and Socialism, a secure and happy future for India and her people, will unite now against the attempt being made to disrupt and even, if that were possible, to destroy the Party of the Indian working class.

The struggle to prevent nuclear war, to outlaw the use of nuclear weapons, to destroy the stockpiles of nuclear weapons and, eventually, to achieve total world disarmament, is the struggle to preserve a future for mankind. This struggle MUST be victorious. In the certainty of its victory there is embodied the certainty of the historical victory of socialism, and of mankind's triumphant advance to communism, the society of brotherhood of man.

Long Live the Communist Party of India!

Down with Attempts to Split the Party of the Indian Working Class!

Long Live the National Independence of India!

Long Live the Unity of the World Communist Movement!

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Communist Party of Canada

NORWAY

COMMUNIST Party of Norway sends its best greetings to your Party Congress, wishing you new achievements in struggle for peace, progress and socialism and that the Congress will contribute to strengthen unity in the Communist movement, nationally as well as internationally.

With Communist greetings.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE
Communist Party of Norway

FINLAND

WE fraternally greet your Congress and wish the best success to its work.

Your Party, defending the interests of hund-

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reds of millions of Indian working people, plays an important role in the international Communist movement. While struggling for better living conditions for the working people, your Party at the same time defends the independence of your country against the neo-colonial plans of the imperialists.

The view-points of the Indian government in favour of peace and against the forces of war also reflect the influence of the activity of your Party. The efforts of your Party to form a nation-wide front of forces of peace and democracy in your country give a guarantee of ever-growing support to your activity for socialist development of India.

The debate and adoption of a new programme at the Congress, no doubt, will ever more popularise the face of your Party among the Indian public. We express our firm solidarity to your Party when struggling for the unity of international Communist movement in the spirit of the principles adopted by us all.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE
Communist Party of Finland

RUMANIA

THE Central Committee of the Rumanian Workers' Party conveys cordial greetings to the Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India and wishes your Party success in its activity.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE
Rumanian Workers' Party

TUNISIA

I am sending warmest fraternal greetings to the Seventh Congress of your Party and on this occasion reaffirm the profound sentiment of solidarity on the part of the Tunisian Communists.

We have always been following with great interest and admiration the glorious struggle carried on by the Communist Party of India, its active participation in the Indian national movement, its resolute defence of the interests of the masses and the entire people of India, its vigorous work for democracy and socialism, its creative application of Marxism-Leninism to the specific conditions of your country.

The people of India are friends and brothers for our people and Tunisian people know very well about the struggle of people of India against imperialism, and after independence, the positive role of India in the Afro-Asian world.

We highly appreciate the effort you have been displaying in thwarting the reactionary and imperialist schemes which are aimed at destroying the policy of non-alignment, neutrality and defence of the peaceful co-existence principles, which strengthen India's international prestige.

No doubt that your Seventh Congress will be an important contribution to solving the complex problems facing your great Party and your people and it will be a victory of Marxist-Leninist line.

I am aware that I will express the sentiment felt by the Communists and all patriotic and progressive forces in our country by wishing you success in the work of your Congress.

Long live the Communist Party of India!

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Long live friendship between the people of India and the Tunisian people!

MOHAMED HARMEL
Communist Party of Tunisia

AUSTRIA

THE Central Committee of the Communist Party of Austria hereby conveys hearty greetings to the Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India and wish complete success in its work.

We regret very much our inability to send a delegation to attend your Congress. We however state before you that the Austrian Communists are following with great attention your untiring endeavour for the unity of all democratic and progressive forces in the struggle against reaction and imperialism; for non-alignment, for democracy and socialism.

We are convinced that the Communist Party of India having steeled and tempered in decades of struggles will repulse decisively all attempts to split your ranks or to plunge you in adventurism. We are sure the Seventh Congress of CPI will give new impetus and inspiration and that this Congress will be a significant contribution towards further advance of our brother Party.

With best wishes and greetings,

CENTRAL COMMITTEE
Communist Party of Austria

POLAND

THE Polish United Workers Party sends fraternal greetings to delegates of Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India and all Indian Communists.

Our Party and all working people of our country are in solidarity with your struggle against reaction, imperialism and neo-colonialism, for vital interests and improvement of living conditions of the great Indian nation, for an appropriate place for India in international front for defence of peace and independence of peoples, for victory of socialism.

We are deeply convinced that unity and closing of ranks of all Indian Communists, of all democratic and anti-imperialist forces of your country, is of decisive importance for the success of your just fight.

Long Live unity of international Communist movement and may it continue to grow stronger!

Long live friendship between peoples of Poland and India!

CENTRAL COMMITTEE
Polish United Workers' Party

IRAQ

WE received with pleasure your kind invitation to send a Party delegation to the meetings of your Seventh Congress. But due to certain difficulties (which we hope you are aware of) we failed to rejoice with you this great event in the history of your Party.

Our Party has always been following the hard struggle which your Party has been waging. The Iraqi Communists, together with all

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the progressive people in our country, had rejoiced your great success in 1957, and have been anxious for the difficulties you suffered especially in the last few years.

Nevertheless, we are confident that the Seventh Congress of your Party will mark a turning point in the struggle for surmounting the split within the ranks of the Indian Communists, for forging a united national democratic front and for carrying the country along the road of non-capitalist development and socialism.

We are aware of the fact the Indian Communists have had always their impact on the progress of India, and on the peace-loving policy pursued by the great Indian nation. This is why we are sure that, together with all the patriotic and sound forces in India, the Indian Communists will give their remarkable share in the rebuff of the imperialist intrigues to destroy the policy of non-alignment and drag India into the imperialist alliances and blocs.

Our Party has been looking with great admiration to the consistent Marxist-Leninist line pursued by the Indian Communist Party, to the extremely hard struggle waged against dogmatism, adventurism and all actions of violation of the agreed positions of the international Communist movement.

To its pride, the leadership of your Party has withstood all the unjustified attacks against her. This is why we are confident that the new Party Programme together with the other ideological, political and organisational drafts which would be adopted by the Seventh Congress would undoubtedly deal a powerful blow to the "group" which estranged itself from Marxism-Leninism and established a rival "party".

We shall do our best in order to make our people acquainted with the work and conclusions of your Congress through our radio "The voice of the Iraqi people". Our people who were informed through "THE NEW AGE" of your support during the bloody period of the Baathists, will be happy to hear of your success. We hope to receive your documents through our representative in the "Marxist Review" in Prague.

In conclusion, permit us, dear comrades, to pass to your Congress and through it to all the Indian Communists, to the Indian working class and to the great Indian people our fraternal greetings in the name of the Iraqi Communists and all the toiling people in Iraq.

Wishing your seventh Congress all success in its historic task.

Long live the glorious Communist Party of India.

NADIM ALI
Secretary, Central Committee
of the Iraqi Communist Party

SPAIN

IN the name of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Spain I send affectionate greetings to your Congress, the Congress of the Communist Party of India.

Through this cordial and fraternal message we wish to express our ardent solidarity with you in the struggle for the unity of your Party on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and in the struggle for the unity of the international Communist movement.

You can rest assured that the working class and popular masses of our country, which are waging a relentless and heroic struggle against Francoism and for the restoration of democracy and liberty in Spain, will not forget the

sympathy and attachment of Indian people for this struggle which has roused so many echoes among the masses and democratic forces of all countries.

I wish success to your Congress and reiterate again the affectionate greetings of Spanish Communists and through you, I salute the working class and all the Indian people, wishing them prosperity.

DOLORES IBARRURI
Chairman, Communist Party
of Spain

JORDAN

ON the occasion of your Seventh Congress please accept our warmest fraternal greetings and wishes for fruitful work in the interest of the working class and the people of India and for the struggle for peace, democracy and socialism.

We are sure that your Congress will contribute effectively to the overcoming of the difficulties in the international Communist movement.

FAUD NASSAR
First Secretary,
Communist Party of Jordan

ISRAEL

FRATERNAL greetings on the occasion of your Seventh Congress. Wish you success in the struggle for unity of toiling masses, against monopoly capital, for peace, democracy and socialism.

We support your stand against the splitters and for unity of international Communist movement, based on the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism.

S. MIKUNIS
General Secretary, Central Committee
of the Communist Party of Israel

DENMARK

WE regret very much not being able to send a delegation to attend your important Seventh Congress. We therefore ask you to transmit the following message to the Congress:

We send our warm fraternal greetings to your Party and to your Congress, which we regard as a very important political event. We have been following your steadfast struggle against reaction and the forces of war with the warmest sympathy and solidarity. The non-alignment policy of India has always been regarded as a considerable result of the struggle of the peace forces of your country and an important contribution to world peace.

Therefore your struggle for peace, democracy and socialism is highly appreciated in the international workers' movement and by the Communists of our country.

We are sure that your Congress will contribute to the cementing of the unity of the world Communist movement on the basis of the Declaration of 1957 and the Statement of 1960. We are looking forward to a new international conference of Communist parties to further develop the common efforts towards these lofty aims.

We wish you all the best in your work to strengthen the ranks of your Party, overcoming the deplorable activity of the splitting groups.

Long Live the Communist Party of India!
Long Live Proletarian Internationalism!

IB NORLUND
Secretariat of the Communist
Party of Denmark

GERMANY

THE Central Committee of the German Socialist Unity Party sends fraternal militant greetings to the Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India.

The members of the German Socialist Unity Party feel themselves in solidarity with all the progressive forces of the Indian people, who struggle for the consolidation of India's national independence and neutrality, for the vital rights of the Indian working people and for democracy and social progress, who decisively oppose the attacks launched by imperialism, neo-colonialism and reaction.

Our Parties and peoples stand side by side in the great anti-imperialist front in which the Soviet Union and other socialist countries, the young national states and the national liberation movement in countries that have not yet been liberated, the working class and popular movements in the capitalist countries struggle jointly for peace, national independence and social progress. The firm unity of these forces weakens the position occupied by world imperialism and provides new, favourable possibilities for ensuring the peace and advance toward socialism.

The Socialist Unity Party of Germany untiringly champions the unity of the world Communist movement on the foundation of proletarian internationalism and of the documents adopted by the Communist and Workers' Parties in 1957 and 1960.

We advocate that a new international meeting be conducted as soon as possible. It must serve to discuss the problems that have matured now, and the solidarity of the world Communist movement.

The working people of the German Democratic Republic contribute towards strengthening the forces of peace and socialism with the successes they achieve in the implementation of the programme of the all-round construction of socialism.

Reborn West German imperialism wants, in particular, to gain control over nuclear weapons with the help of a NATO multilateral nuclear force, and endangers the peace and the peoples' independence through its policy of revenge, aggravating tensions and of neo-colonialism.

We are happy indeed that the progressive people of your country champion the further development of friendly relations between the German Democratic Republic and the Republic of India. Consolidating the fertile economic, cultural and political relations between our two countries meets the interests of peace and national independence and serves the weal of our peoples.

The German Socialist Unity Party wishes you success in the creation of a national democratic united front which sets itself the aim of leading your great and significant country along the road of peace, democracy and social progress.

WALTER ULBRICHT
First Secretary, Socialist Unity
Party of Germany

EL SALVADOR

IN the name of the Communist Party of El Salvador accept most fraternal and warm greetings for the celebration of your VII Congress of the Communist Party of India. We are sure that your Party, being loyal to the principles of Marxism-Leninism, will be at the head of the struggles of the peoples of

your great nation for progress, national sovereignty, democracy and world peace and will march towards socialism and communism, the loftiest goals of mankind.

The Communist Party of El Salvador display profound admiration for the heroic struggles of your Party in the difficult and complicated conditions in which your Party must act. We admire the tenacity and the purity of Marxism-Leninism with which you are carrying on your struggle against the harmful tendencies of the 'lefts' who want to divide the communist movement as well as against the tendencies of the 'right'. The experience which your struggle is having in this direction are very valuable for the Communists of other continents and countries. Since our country is enclaved in central America we closely follow your battles and we are happy with your successes in the carrying on of working class struggle and mass democratic struggles of other sections of the people and for its immediate vindications and for revolutionary objectives.

We salute your Congress whole heartedly and we wish your Congress all success, as we wish also great triumphs to your Party and people in the successful battles against imperialism and internal oligarchies. We are sure that your Congress will be a great contribution to the entire communist movement in its struggle for strengthening its unity based on the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism.

Long live the Congress of the Communist Party of India!

Long live the international solidarity of the working class!

Workers of all countries unite!

JOSE SANCHEZ
Secretary General, Communist
Party of El Salvador

NORTH IRELAND

ON behalf of the Executive Committee and the members of our Party we greet with much pleasure the Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India. In our greetings we salute the assembled delegates whose deliberations, we are confident, will strengthen the role of your Party in the struggles that lie ahead to unite the Indian people around the banners of Independence, Peace and Socialism.

In the difficult conditions that the Communist Party of India has to work, we note with great satisfaction the flexible role with which the Party carries out its many tasks. At the same time your principled stand on the varied issues that face the toiling masses of your country will further cement the Party membership around its tried and tested leadership.

We know of the difficulties bequeathed by British imperialism on your country, for it was the same imperialism that caused the division in Ireland which makes the tasks of our two Parties a little similar, though with many differences because of local conditions.

Nevertheless our common tasks are based on the needs of our people for employment, higher living standards, an end to the penetration of our economies by monopoly capitalism, a programme based on peace, disarmament and peaceful co-existence of states with different social systems. At the same time we face the need to oppose the manoeuvres of imperialism in its various theatres where it is opposing the movements of people for liberation from the colonial yoke.

Based on the Statement and Declaration of the Moscow meetings of Communist and

Workers' Parties and the principles of Marxism-Leninism, we are confident that your Seventh Congress will mark a great turning point in the work of your Party and the struggle of your Party on behalf of the people of India.

Dear Comrades, we hope your Congress will be a great success, that your assembled delegates, on this happy occasion will be renewed in strength and in the conviction that the policy arising from the Congress will be equal to the noble work your Party is engaged in.

Long live the Communist Party of India
Long live the fraternal friendship of the Indian and Irish People

A. BARR, Chairman

M. MOORE, General Secretary

Communist Party of Northern Ireland
Note: We have received your kind invitations to send a delegation to your Congress. We greatly appreciate this but under the circumstances in our Party at present must regretfully decline the invitation.

GREECE

ON the occasion of the Seventh Congress of your Party we send our warm, militant greetings to the delegates of the Congress and through them we convey to the Indian Communists the warm feelings of solidarity and support on the part of the Communist Party and working class of Greece.

We assure them that we always stand together with your Party in its severe and persistent struggle for bread, peace, democracy and social progress of your country. It is these very aims and ideals that the Greek Communists are struggling for at the head of the working people of our country.

In this common struggle we and you are both guided by the decisions of the historic XXth Congress of the CPSU, by the general line of the international Communist movement worked out at the Moscow meetings of the Communist and Workers' Parties in 1957 and 1960.

Consistent and creative implementation of the general line is the guarantee of victories and success of the international Communist movement, it guarantees the victorious outcome of the struggle for safeguarding and strengthening of world peace, for national independence, democracy and socialism.

We wish, dear comrades, success to your Congress in its work for the benefit of the Indian people and the whole peace-loving humanity.

Long Live the Communist Party of India!

Long Live the Unity and Cohesion of the Ranks of the International Communist movement!

Long Live World Peace!

CENTRAL COMMITTEE
Communist Party of Greece

CHILE

THE Communist Party of Chile sends fraternal and warm greetings to the Seventh Congress of fraternal Communist Party of India and it hopes that this Congress will further strengthen the great Party of India and also it will give a fillip to the struggle of the working class and Indian people for democracy, peace and socialism. We wish this Congress prove to be a valuable contribution to the unity of the international Communist movement, on the principles of Marxism-Leninism.

LUIS CORVALAN
Communist Party of Chile

PERU

THE undersigned members of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Peru who are presently visiting the Soviet Union send fraternal greetings to the Presidium and all comrades taking part in the Seventh Congress.

We wish full success of your proceedings based on Marxism-Leninism, proletarian internationalism and peaceful coexistence and we hope it will promote monolithic international unity of the proletariat.

We wish a good success to your Congress which will be an effective contribution to the future happiness of all people and the victory of socialism on earth.

MAXIMO SUAREZ
MARCO MIGUEL
Communist Party of Peru

PORTUGAL

THE Central Committee of the Communist Party of Portugal sends its hearty greetings to the Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India, and through the participants in the Congress it greets all the Communists and the working class of India.

We wish great success to the proceedings of the Seventh Congress and we wish that its decisions inspired in the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism will have decisive importance for the development of the struggle of the working class and of all the democratic forces of your country and for the defence of the unity of the communist ranks.

We are living in an epoch in which the joint strength of the socialist camp, of the proletariat of capitalist countries and of the national liberation movement are striking blows after blows at imperialism and can control imperialist plans of unleashing world war.

The socialist camp in whose vanguard marches the Soviet Union, by its great achievements and power, is a great bulwark of the international proletariat and is also a bulwark of the peoples who are fighting to obtain and consolidate their national independence. The socialist camp is a bulwark also of the forces that stand in the defence of peace.

The international Communist movement is so powerful that never before anything like that existed in entire human history.

The unity of the socialist camp and of the international communist movement are the best safeguards for the successful development of the revolutionary struggle of the exploited classes and of the suppressed masses and it is this unity that will lead to the success of communism all over the world.

We are living in an epoch in which the struggle of all peoples and communist and workers parties is completely based on solidarity.

The Communists of Portugal follow with lively interest the evolution of the political situation in India and also the activity of your Party and Portuguese Communists wish you great success.

The Communist Party of Portugal which has 45 years' existence and 38 years' clandestine life is growing in difficult conditions imposed by fascist dictatorship. Our Party has covered a long way which made it the main force of anti-fascist opposition. This long way is marked by abnegation and sacrifice of thousands

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CONGRESS OF CPI

condolence resolutions

Ajoy Kumar Ghosh

The Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India pays its respectful homage to the memory of our late beloved leader and General Secretary, Com. Ajoy Kumar Ghosh.

An outstanding unifier and builder of the Party, a brilliant thinker and writer, Com. Ajoy Ghosh died in harness after decades of arduous and selfless service in the cause of our Party and the people. He left us at a time when we needed him most. His untimely death has created a void in our Party leadership which it would be difficult to fill for a long time.

Com. Ajoy Ghosh belonged to that generation of young intellectuals who in the late twenties inspired by the call of freedom formed or joined secret national revolutionary organizations in order to bring about an armed overthrow of British rule.

At an early age he became an active worker of the famous Hindustan Socialist Republican Army and had the honour of being a comrade-in-arms of the great national martyr Bhagat Singh of revered memory. He narrowly escaped being sent to the gallows by the British government in the Lahore Conspiracy Case in which Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru were sentenced to death.

A thinker and a visionary, a revolutionary who loved the common toiling people, he soon found his place inside the Communist Party. From 1933 to 1935 he did intense pioneering work in building

CPI Leaders

The Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India bows in homage to the memory of the outstanding leaders of our toiling people who have lost their lives in the service of the great cause of communism. It recalls with grief and pride:

● RAHUL SANKRITYAYANA, prominent Communist leader, outstanding scholar and linguist who was simultaneously one of the great pioneer organisers of the peasants of India, who blazed new paths in the research into Buddhism and the early history of Central Asia and at the same time was a model populariser of the fundamentals of Marxism and the movement of world history.

● BANKIM MUKHERJEE, member of the National Council of the CPI and Vice-President of the All-India Kisan Sabha, prominent leader of the national movement and early organiser of the trade union movement and one of the greatest figures of the peasant movement in our country.

● P. JEEVANANDAM, member of the National Council of the CPI, who for over three decades devoted his entire life to the service of the downtrodden masses of Tamilnad and became one of their recognised leaders and whose skill and power as poet, writer and orator was respected by all patriots.

● B. SRINIVASA RAO, member of the National Council of the CPI, one of the founders of the Party in Tamilnad and of the powerful kisan movement in Tanjore and other districts of Tamilnad.

● V. D. CHITALE, member of the National Council of the CPI, veteran leader of the masses in Maharashtra, Sanskrit scholar and one of the intrepid leaders of the great satyagraha for the liberation of Goa who marched in the face of the Portuguese guns.

● K. M. ASHRAF, doyen of the historians of medieval India, outstanding writer and orator in English and Hindustani, one of the prominent leaders of the national movement, especially of the progressive, nationalist Muslims and deeply loved Communist leader.

● R. K. BHOGLE, veteran Communist leader, one of the pioneers of the textile workers unions in Bombay and prominent leader of the working class of Maharashtra.

● ATMARAM SHINDE, Communist leader, who died while on hunger strike at Yeotmal as part of the toilers' campaign against soaring prices organised by the CPI.

Many other comrades of ours have died in harness, bringing to a glorious close their noble lives spent in struggle and sacrifice for the emancipation of the people of India and for the glory of the Red Flag.

We dip the Red Flag in their honour.

type which compelled him to withdraw from active political work for a number of years. He however continued to be a member of the Central Committee and made valuable contributions to Party life through his writings.

The year 1951 found him at the helm of the Party, after he had successfully led the inner-Party struggle against the left-sectarian adventurist line which was initiated at the Second Party Congress. He was elected as the General Secretary of the Party in that year, a position which he continued to occupy with universal support inside the Party till his death. In the decade that followed

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Leaders of World Communist Movement

The Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India expresses its profound sorrow at the deaths, in recent times, of the undermentioned outstanding leaders of the Communist and Workers' Parties.

● SALAM ADIL, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Iraq, who was executed in cold blood by the counter-revolutionary Baathist forces.

● JULIAN GRIMAU, member of the leadership of the illegal Communist Party of Spain and veteran leader of the working class, who was executed by the Franco government.

● OTTO KUUSINEN, Member of the Presidium and Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Soviet Union, veteran Bolshevik of the Leninist old guard, profound scholar and Marxist theoretician who passed away at the age of 82 years.

● MAURICE THOREZ, Chairman of the French Communist Party, outstanding son of the working people of France, life-long fighter in the cause of anti-fascism, national independence, peace, democracy and socialism, one of the most prominent leaders of the international Communist movement and Secretary General of the French Communist Party for 34 years, who passed away at the age of 64.

National Leaders

● RAJENDRA PRASAD: The Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India pays tribute to the memory of Dr. Rajendra Prasad.

One of the earliest disciples of Gandhiji, he played a leading role in the Congress during the struggle for freedom.

As the first President of our Republic, he brought great dignity to that highest office in our country.

His simplicity of manner and unassuming ways was one of his distinctive characteristics. He was a man of deep learning which he dedicated to the causes he held dear.

● SAIFUDDIN KITCHELW: The Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India pays sorrowful tribute to the memory of Dr. Saifuddin Kitchlew, hero of Jallianwalla Bagh and a veteran of our struggle for freedom. Dr.

PANDIT NEHRU

The Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India pays its homage to the memory of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, whose death on May 27 of this year created a void in the life of the nation, robbing the Indian people of a beloved leader, whose name had become identified all over the world with India's struggle for freedom.

WITH his faith in the unity of the Afro-Asian peoples, in peace and anti-colonialism, friendship with socialist countries and international cooperation, based on equality of nations, Jawaharlal Nehru made outstanding contributions to world developments over a long period during which he was Prime Minister of India.

He was one of the main architects of the policy of non-alignment, which has played a great positive role, not only in strengthening our country's freedom, but also in the preservation of world peace and reduction of international tension.

Pandit Nehru tried to solve the country's internal problems on the basis of independent economic development within the framework of democracy and secularism. His progressive and democratic outlook has left a deep impression on every aspect of our national life.

The Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India, while paying its tributes to this outstanding leader, expresses its confidence that the memorable positive contributions made by him for the building of a new modern India, will be carried forward and strengthened by the Indian people in the coming days.

BOMBAY: Complete confidence in the success of the Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India in adopting an international line in defence of the general line of the world Communist movement, in adopting a Programme and giving a bold and courageous lead to the people for deepening and broadening mass struggles was expressed by G. Adhikari, chairman of the reception committee, while welcoming the delegates to the Seventh Congress of CPI here on December 13.

A DHIKARI said:

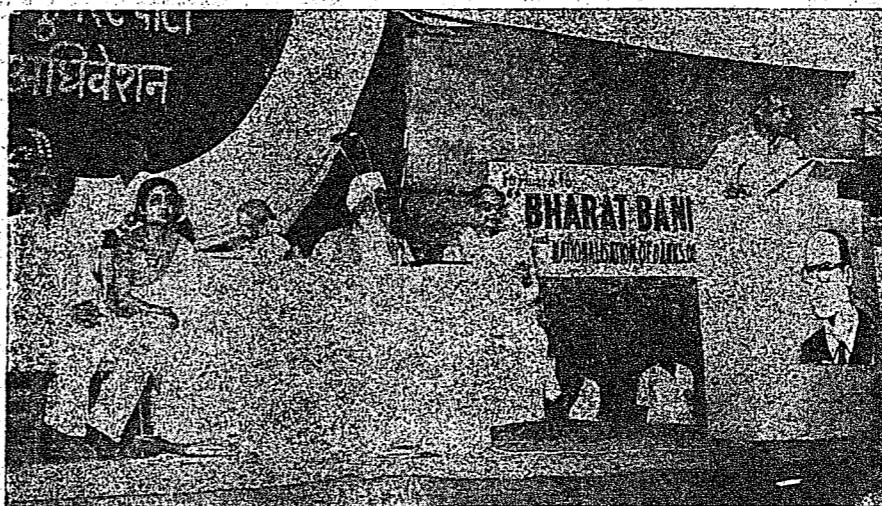
I extend my hearty welcome to you on behalf of the reception committee of the Maharashtra state council on the occasion of the Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India. We are thankful for the honour given to us by the National Council by its decision to hold the Congress in this state.

Bombay is the cradle of the working class and Communist movement in our country. It has been the battleground of many of the most heroic struggles of the working class and the national movement in India.

world war, and once again, in the late 'twenties.

The working class of this city responded valiantly to the call for rushing aid to the Soviet people in the famine in 1922, by donating one day's wage.

The mass struggles of this period covered the economic demands of the workers and political demands connected with the freedom movement. What was then hailed as the biggest trade union in Asia, the Girni Kamgar Union, was founded in the throes of a bitter and prolonged strike in 1928, and the Red Flag was hoisted in that strike, lit-



G. Adhikari welcomes the delegates

dia. The glorious strike of the workers of Bombay in protest against the conviction of Lokamanya Tilak to six years' imprisonment in 1908, is reputed all over the world.

The first Communist journal, the SOCIALIST, was started in this city in 1922 by our chairman, S. A. Dange.

The working class of the city played a glorious role in the strike wave that swept our country after the first

rally reddened by the blood of one of the earliest martyrs of the Indian working class movement, Parsuram Jadhav. The first Congress of our Party was held in Bombay in 1943.

Maharashtra played a unique role in our freedom movement, dating back to the popular revolt in 1857. The industrial centres in the state are covered by militant red flag unions. The Patri Sarkar movement in Satara in 1942

freedom upsurge of 1942, the postwar strike wave and the 'BIM' mutiny, what to speak of hundreds of other glorious struggles, stand out in our memory, to each of which the working class and the people of Maharashtra and this city have made a creditable contribution.

During these decades, the working class and peasant movement and the Communist Party have spread to the nooks and corners of the country. They have become a major political force in our country. Our martyrs are numberless.

Today, in this hall, we have fighting champions of the

CONFIDENCE IN SUCCESS OF CPI SEVENTH CONGRESS

G. Adhikari Welcomes Delegates

has become a byword throughout the country. Maharashtra played a glorious role in the liberation of Goa.

Nearly four decades have elapsed since our early formative years. The Meerut Conspiracy Case, the anti-war general strike at the beginning of the second world war, the national

toilers and people's movements from every state in India, comrades who have spent years in jail and underground, steered through years of struggle and suffering. Women have contributed in no small measure in building and strengthening our movement and this is particularly true in the case of the working women who took part in many heroic actions.

We are recognised by friends and foes alike as the strongest and most influential Party in the country fighting for socialism.

But we are not going to rest on our oars. We are passing through very difficult times, a testing period of trials and equally great tasks.

Over seventeen years of national freedom have brought no material improvement in the life of the people. Unemployment, soaring prices, corruption and blackmarket, and now the worst food crisis since independence, stare the people in the face. Reaction is on the offensive, the Congress governments launch repeated attacks on the toilers and protect their exploiters. Many fighters for the cause of the people are confined within prison bars.

Against these intolerable conditions, the people are fighting back. The Great March in Delhi, the mass satyagraha movement and the series of Bandh actions in Gujarat, Maharashtra, U.P., Kerala, Bengal and other states are the clearest expressions of the growing militancy and unity of the people and the glorious role played by our Party, the trade unions and other popular forces in the country.

Belliose imperialism, headed by the USA, threatens the freedom of countries and people who have attained independence in recent years, as also those who are still

struggling for freedom. We have our fraternal duty to perform in support of the cause of colonial liberation.

Our difficulties have been enhanced by the fact that, when the unity of the Communist Party is a vital necessity for fighting the battles that lie ahead, a section of our Party has gone out and has formed a rival party.

We have the confidence that this Congress will tackle the difficult problems that confront us with success and give the Indian people the bold and courageous lead which they need and demand. We will emerge from this Congress with a clear programme, our guiding star, an international line in defence of the general line of the world Communist movement and with the inspiring decision to broaden and deepen mass struggles.

Once again, I welcome the delegates from our brother Parties who have honoured us by their presence at this Congress.

Comrades, the reception committee is deeply conscious of the inadequacies and shortcomings of our arrangements for your comfort and conveniences during your stay here. I hope you will bear with us for our failings.

We have had to organise this Congress in the throes of the mighty wave of struggles that has been rising and continues to rise in our state and city during the last six months. We are meeting in the midst of big mass battles.

We will strive our hardest to give you in the spirit of comradely service what we may not be able to give in terms of material comfort.

All success and glory to the Seventh Congress of our Party, the Party of the fighting people of our country!



A View of the Delegates Session

FRATERNAL DELEGATES GREET CPI VII CONGRESS

Boris Ponomaryev, CPSU

The Delegation of the CPSU warmly greets the Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India and conveys to the delegates to this Congress, and to all Indian Communists fraternal greetings from the Central Committee of the Communist Party, from all Communists of the Soviet Union.

EXCHANGES of delegations between our Parties have become a tradition testifying to the consolidation of our friendship, to our unity in the struggle for peace, democracy, national independence and socialism.

Communists have inherited all that was best in the relations between our peoples, their age-old striving for friendship and cooperation. They are not only the guardians of this best but also heralds of the future. It is well known that in the relations between our peoples a new stage was ushered in after the Great October Socialist Revolution.

The great Lenin followed the heroic struggle of the Indian people with attention and understanding, emphasising its significance to mankind's destiny and social progress. Having achieved national independence in a persevering struggle against the colonialists, the Indian people have stepped onto the road which opens up broad possibilities for history-making.

They are making a large contribution towards the common

struggle of the peoples against imperialism and colonialism, for peace and social progress. The Communists of India are in the front ranks in this struggle of their people.

In our times the pattern of the world is changing more and more in favour of the working class, of the broad masses. If we analyse the main trends of world development, we shall see that the forces of the working class and national liberation movements, the forces of socialism are waging a successful offensive on the positions held by imperialism and colonialism. The forces of freedom, progress and socialism are becoming more and more powerful with every passing year.

The peoples of the socialist countries, the international working class and the national liberation movement are the three principal revolutionary forces that have merged together to form a mighty torrent, which is undermining the foundations of imperialism and opening the road to the complete abolition of the colonial system, to the triumph of the

cause of socialism in an ever larger number of countries.

These are the revolutionary forces that determine the content, direction and main features of historical developments in the modern epoch. The world socialist system, offspring of the international class, is in the van of these forces.....

Comrades, the CPSU is consistently implementing the general line mapped out at its Twentieth and Twenty-second Congresses. It is steadfastly and ever more developing broad socialist democracy, and firmly implementing the principle of collective leadership, which is the highest principle of the life and activity of every Marxist-Leninist Party.

The CPSU is tirelessly improving the methods of leadership and attaining the complete implementation of the Leninist principles of Party democracy and the development of the Soviet society with the aim of the successful building of communism. The October Plenary Session of the CPSU Central Committee is of particular importance in this regard....

The Soviet Union stands for the all-round strengthening of friendly relations with the new national states, taking into account the fact that they do not belong to the system of imperialist states but have not yet broken away from world capital-

ist economy and occupy a special place in it. They still form the part of the world exploited by capitalist monopolies. The problem of the road which the countries which have freed themselves from colonialism will take—the road of capitalist or non-capitalist development—is the basic question for their peoples. Of course, this question is to be solved by the people of every particular country....

The people of India occupy an important place among the peoples who are fighting against imperialism, for national and social liberation. The Indian working people and popular masses have the richest traditions of the liberation struggle.... The Indian people were among the first who had thrown away the colonial regime. The victory of the Indian people inflicted a serious blow on the colonial system in Asia.

The Indian people as a great power have achieved an impor-

tant success during the years of independent development. India enjoys the deserved authority among the non-aligned countries, which play an important role in solving the international issues, in the struggle against imperialism and colonialism, in the assertion of the principles of peaceful coexistence of the states with different social systems.

India has also reached some achievements in her economic development. A serious role in this matter has been played by the state sector of the country's economy.

The Soviet Union has ever been rendering its assistance and support to the liberation struggle of Indian people and after their victory over the colonialists, we have established friendly relations with the independent Republic of India.

The Soviet people keeps fresh in their memory, the active support which was rendered to them by the working class and popular masses of India, especially during the early years of Soviet power, as well as during the Great Patriotic War of our people.

As the experience of almost a decade has shown, cooperation between the USSR and India is founded on principles of complete equality.

In your country, the people advocating the strengthening of

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Mihaly Korom, HSWP

Allow me to convey, on behalf of the Central Committee of the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party and of all Hungarian Communists, our heartfelt, fraternal greetings to your Congress and through the comrades present to all members of the Communist Party of India....

WE are aware of the fact that the Communist Party of India wages its struggle amidst difficult and complicated circumstances. Internal reaction is repeatedly attacking the basic interests of the working people, and international reaction, on the other hand, aims to divert the Indian Republic from its non-aligned foreign policy.

And now, when unity within the working class and the Party was more necessary than ever, disruptive activity renders service to internal reaction and to the forces of imperialism in general and does great harm to the cause of socialism and peace.

The Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party and the Hungarian working people follow with great attention your heroic struggle. On this occasion we also express our full solidarity with the Communist Party of India and we fully support its struggle for the advance of the Indian people, for the extension of democracy, for peace and socialism, against imperialism, creatively adopting Marxism-Leninism in the spirit of the 1957 and 1960 Moscow Declarations.

We are convinced that your Congress will be an important landmark in your Party's many decades' long fight, and that your Programme and various

other documents to be adopted now shall successfully be realised. We are also certain that the Congress will be a contribution to our common endeavours aimed to restore the unity within the international Communist movement. Our Party resolutely follows the general line adopted at the 1957 and 1960 Moscow Meetings and condemns the activity which is conducted to disrupt the forces of socialism and the ranks of the international Communist movement, wherever and whatever it may crop up. The Hungarian Communists hold it their sacred duty to strengthen the solidarity, unity, concord of the Marxist-Leninist Parties as one of the main conditions of the success of our movement.

Dear Comrades, we are fully convinced that the Communist Party of India which is rallying the best sons of the noble Indian nation and is the staunchest defender of the real interests of the Indian people, will surmount all the difficulties looming on the way towards the social advance of your people, towards development, democracy and socialism as the final goal.



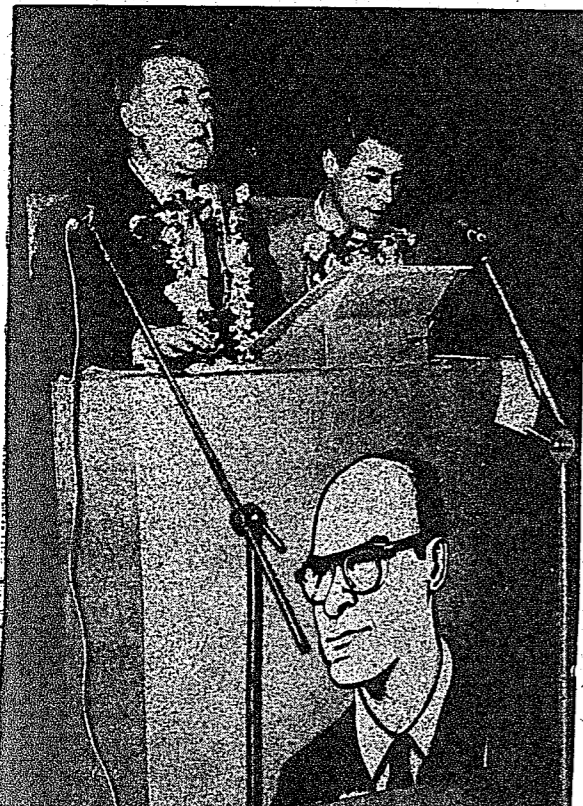
Hungarian delegates Mihaly Korom and Bo La Ne on arrival at Palam Airport



Arvalo Oscar (Argentina) greeting the Congress



Dinos Constantinov (Cyprus) and Etienne Fajon (France) greeting the Congress



CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, CPUSA

On behalf of the Communist Party of the United States, I bring you the warmest of revolutionary greetings. We, in the United States, are deeply concerned about the deliberations of your Congress.

COMRADES Hall and Winston, two of the most outstanding leaders of our Party asked me to personally convey to you their admiration for your heroic struggles and confidence in your ability to chart a course for a better life for the Indian people, as well as for the people of the world. We are certain that the Draft Programme before your Congress will help realise this objective.

Now, let me, on behalf of my oppressed people, the Negro people, express our gratitude to you and through you, the whole of the Indian people for the progress we are making in resolving the Negro question in the United States. It has been the reaction of the people of the world to the problems of my oppressed people that has provided the setting for correcting many of the evils of the Jim Crow system. In this regard, the Indian people have played an outstanding role.

Let me also pay tribute to the memory of a great leader of your people, the late Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, who was a great apostle of peace and a giant figure in the struggles of the oppressed

people. As Communists, we may have had many disagreements with him, but in the final analysis, historians of the future—whether Communists or non-Communists—will have to accord him a role as one of the great giants of human progress. He was a great moral influence in a rather corrupted world. We shall always join with you in commemorating his memory....

In the United States, we have just emerged from one of the most important election campaigns that we have ever conducted. This campaign, no doubt, will be marked by historians as one of the great turning points in the history of the world. For, what we did in the elections in 1964 was of crucial importance not only for the American people but for the people of the entire world. These elections reveal the direction in which America has begun to travel in world affairs.

In these 16 or 17 years of cold war, the policies pursued by our government have been directed towards propping up a dying capitalist system and an obsolete imperialism. The Uni-

ted States has been the chief force trying to hold back the hand of the clock of history. We believe that the election campaign which we have waged will begin to reverse this trend and bring the American people and nation into closer harmony with the objectives and goals of the common people throughout the world.

This election vindicated the policies and positions taken by the Communist Party of the United States as well as most of the Communist Parties of the world. All of us took the position that the defeat of the Goldwater presidential candidacy representing as it did all of the pro-fascist, racist and reactionary elements of the United States, was essential for the good health of the United States and to help prevent the world from becoming engrossed in an atomic world war.

Unfortunately, this position of our Party and most of the other Parties, was not shared by the leadership of the Communist Party of China. It is one of the great tragedies of our time that the Communist Party of China which has given so much to the world should now be so far out of touch with reality.

The Communist Party of China has argued that the late President John F. Ken-

edy was fascist and that there was no real difference between President Johnson and Goldwater. In fact, one detects a feeling that it might have been better had Goldwater won. A theory that the worst things get the better....

Now that the campaign is over, what is the perspective of the struggle?

The fight against the ultra-right pro-fascist elements will continue. Having defeated them at the polls will give pro-democratic forces an advantage in the struggle, but not necessarily the final victory. Reaction is still powerful in America and will come back into the battle with greater force. Already many efforts are being made to strengthen the organisations of the ultra-right, including keeping control of the Republican Party which they captured during the election campaign.

However, if the forces of progress remain on the alert, then the victory registered at the polls will become consolidated into a more lasting victory....

Comrades, there must be no pessimism regarding the American people. The election results show that our people are healthy and, like you, want to see a better world. They too want a world at

peace. They too want a world without large pockets of poverty. They too want each man to live in dignity, free and unfettered by racial barriers.

They too want this earth to be a garden spot for your children and mine. And in the pursuit of these goals, we, the people of the United States, will join your people and help to tip the scales of history in favour of progress, for the common man, for all mankind.

WE have come from the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic—a country many thousands of miles from India. However, the common struggle against imperialism, for peace and friendship among nations bring us with Indian Communists together and unites us. Our relations are based on the international solidarity of the working people and on the dedication to the great ideas of Marxism-Leninism.

On this occasion we express likewise our satisfaction over the fact that a

friendly cooperation beneficial to the peoples of the two countries and to world peace has developed between the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and the Republic of India....

Our Party continues favouring a positive solution of the current situation—a solution which would proceed from the positions of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism and which would be based on a common procedure in the principal questions of the struggle against imperialism.

CPSU Secretary Boris Ponomaryev Addresses CPI Seventh Congress



Fraternal Delegates Greet CPI VII Congress

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this cooperation correctly consider that it facilitates India's industrialisation, promotes the expansion and strengthening of the public sector, which is able to withstand the pressure, by the imperialist monopolies and local monopolist groups which pursue their mercenary interests, promotes the growth of the working class, helps to create technical intelligentsia and can exert great influence in raising material well-being of the popular masses.

The Soviet-Indian cooperation, according to the just opinion of the representatives of the democratic public circles, strengthens the position of the peace-loving, democratic and anti-imperialist forces in your country. There are great possibilities for further all-sided development of Soviet-Indian cooperation.

Comrades, the role of India in the present world, in the national liberation struggle of the peoples is well understood by the imperialists. They spare neither resources, nor efforts to keep India within the system of world capitalist economy, to secure their positions in her economy, to put pressure on her external and internal policy. As it is rightly noted by the Indian Communists and other democrats, these intrigues of foreign imperialism get support on behalf of the internal reaction.

In alliance with imperialism, this reaction is doing its utmost to eliminate progressive features of India's foreign policy, to undermine the policy of non-alignment and efforts to strengthen national independence and socialist progress. The democratic and progressive forces of your country are ever resolutely coming out against these encroachments by the reaction.

The development of events in India will undoubtedly bear great influence on the development of the liberation struggle of the peoples of the former colonies and semi-colonies.

Under these conditions, the role of Indian proletariat and its Communist Party acquires still greater importance.

Comrades, the Communist Party of India is at present one of the influential national political forces. Created by the best sons of the people and having accumulated great revolutionary experience, the Communist Party is rallying all revolutionary-democratic forces, the backbone of which is the alliance of the working class and peasantry. It mobilises them for the achievement of economic and strengthening of

common struggle for peace, national independence, democracy and socialism, for the unity of the world Communist movement.

The need has arisen for another international Meeting of Communist Parties to discuss urgent problems, exchange experiences, acquaint themselves with each other's views and positions, work out common views through consultations, and coordinate joint actions in, order to strengthen the cohesion of the Communist movement. It goes without saying that such a Meeting must be properly prepared.

Our Party was coming and continues to come out in favour of starting to overcome in practice the differences in the Communist movements. To that end it is undertaking concrete and effective steps. That is the only

Norman Freed, CP Canada

Permit me on behalf of the National Committee of the Communist Party of Canada and all Canadian Communists, to extend to you and through you to all the Communists of India and to the working people of your country, hearty fraternal greetings.

We wish to express our thanks to your Party for the very kind invitation extended to us to participate in the deliberations of your Seventh Congress.

Although our respective countries, Canada and India are several thousand miles apart, although our economic and cultural levels may be different, although the historical evolution of our respective countries, the traditions, the socio-economic relations may also differ, nevertheless we are united by common aims and objectives.

We are engaged, in a common struggle against imperialism. We are engaged each in its own way in the noblest of all struggles to achieve lasting peace, to eliminate the scourge of war from the life of society, to save humanity from the devastating consequences of the thermo-nuclear war; to curb, muzzle and finally destroy the beast which is threatening the peace of the world—imperialism.

We feel very close to one another, above all, because we adhere to and are guided by a common ideology, the science of Marxism-Leninism and because of this common ideology we have a common aim, the building of socialism in our respective countries.

In our time people have not only been brought closer together but their struggles, their victories and defeats

cohesion of the socialist countries and of the entire world Communist movement on the basis of Marxism-Leninism, and to give their utmost support to the struggle of the proletariat against the yoke of capitalism, to the struggle of the national liberation movement against imperialism.

We shall, furthermore, do our best to ensure that the fraternal friendship between the peoples of the Soviet Union and India grows and strengthens, that the proletarian solidarity of the Communists of the Soviet Union and India becomes firmer and that our traditional fraternal friendship serves the cause of peace, democracy and progress throughout the world.

This is demanded by the vital interests of our great cause—communism, this is demanded by Marxist-Leninist teaching!

Permit me to assure you, Comrades, that the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the entire Soviet people consider it their sacred duty to strengthen the

Norman Freed, CP Canada

all time to come. How could they have provided answers to problems which history had not as yet placed for solution?

The great Lenin creatively developed the science of Marxism by subjecting the conditions of his time to an intense study. The Communist and Workers' Parties of the world and in the first place the CPSU are creatively developing the science of Marxism by studying the conditions and far-reaching developments of our time.

We take our stand for creative Marxism as our guide to action. To be of effective force in influencing the course of development we must study the changing reality so that our policies will reflect things as they are and not as we would like them to be. Policies based on wishful thinking and subjective desires have no lasting value in influencing real life. The experience indicates that the struggle for social advance is taking place in conditions of great diversity.

Instead of visualising the repetition of one particular model of social transformation, no matter how original and profound that model was, we are witnessing and will continue to witness many new, rich and novel and creative forms of social transformations. Your Party in the proposed Programme is elaborating the path of development of India based on the concrete conditions of your country and the experience of the world revolutionary movement.

The fascist agents of Imperialism in Iraq resolved to destroy the democratic movement in Iraq and to exterminate the communists, physically; however, it was the will of the world progressive forces which triumphed, and the fascist, pro-imperialist, regime in Iraq ignominiously collapsed. Our grateful people will never forget your aid in those dark days.

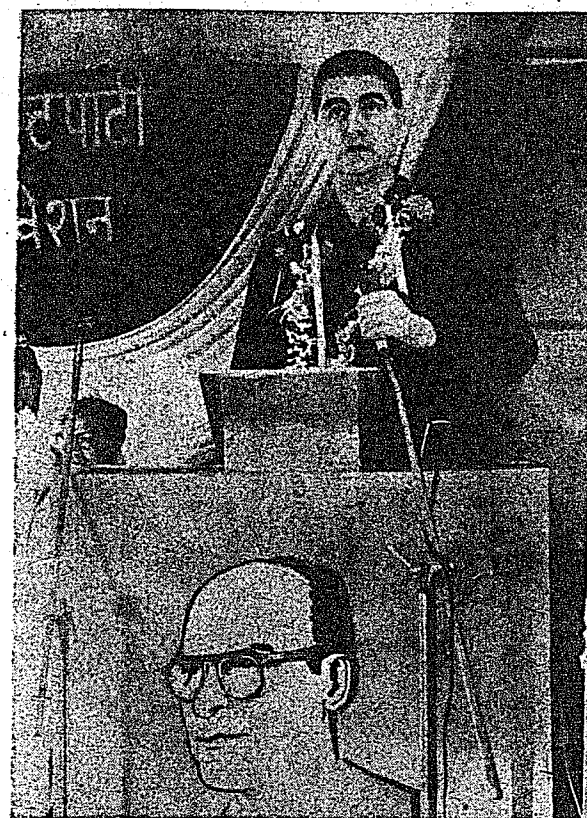
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Franco Calamandrei (Italy) Addressing Seventh Congress of CPI

Mustafa Abdul Majeed, CP Iraq

We are happy to take part, as delegates of our Party, in the work of your party's Seventh Congress, which we expect will have far reaching influence not only on your Party life but on the life of your country too.

So, dear Comrades! allow us to express again the feeling of our Party and people, the feeling of gratefulness for backing us in the darkest days we already passed.

Our Party has risen again on its feet to influence, to a certain extent, the political life of our country, for, beside the rallying of the working people around the Party, our Party and people got unprecedented support from the World Communist movement and its vanguard, the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, and with the participation of your Party. For, no doubt, the international solidarity of our Party got, was greatly effective in enabling our Party to rise again on its own feet.

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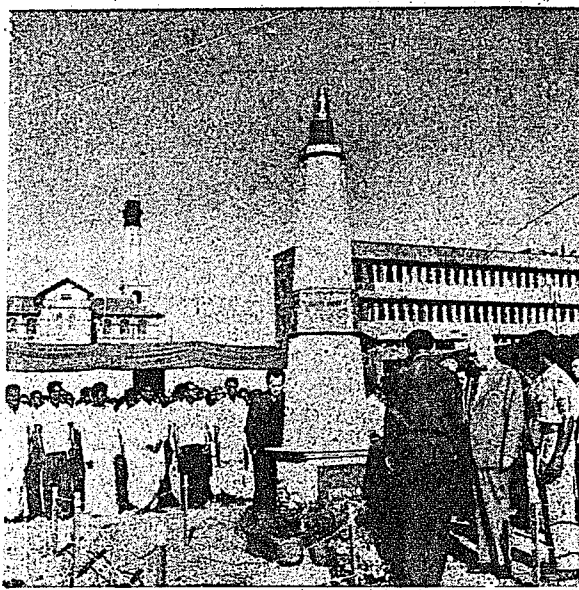
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the overthrown fascist regime, with scores sentenced to death, who are still under lock and key in spite of the fact that more than a year has passed since the overthrow of the fascist regime.

Imperialism still finds wide fields for interference in the internal affairs of our country, thanks to its powerful economic hold and the wide network of its agents in our country, and thanks to the disunity of the patriotic forces, and thanks to leaving the Kurdish national problem without a settlement which satisfies the aspiration of the Kurdish people within the Republic of Iraq, under a democratic constitution for the State of Iraq.

So, our Party fights, now-



Dinos Constantinov, AKEL

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Cyprus People's Workers Party (AKEL) allow me to convey to the Congress of your Party, warmest brotherly greetings and wish you success in the work of your Congress as well as bright victories in the struggle of your Party for the happiness, welfare and progress of your great country and its heroic people.

The struggles of your Party and your people are well known to our Party and to the people of Cyprus in general. And this is not incidental. The peoples of our countries have suffered under the same yoke, that of British imperialism, and lived under the same slavery and the many-sided exploitation of the British colonial regime. For this reason the long struggles of your people for national independence, which started in 1857 and came to a victorious end with the achievement of national independence on the part of India, has appealed greatly to our people and forged a deep and steady friendship between us.

The warm support which your Party, the Indian people and the Indian government, have offered to the struggle of Cyprus for national independence was of great importance and has won the deep gratitude of the Cypriot people. Furthermore it has

strengthened further the ties of friendship between our peoples.

It is for these reasons that the Cypriot people can understand fully the struggle of your people for the completion of its anti-imperialist, anti-feudal and democratic revolution.

In this historic struggle there is no doubt that your Marxist-Leninist Party which includes in its ranks the best sons and daughters of the Indian working people and which expresses their desires and aims, will play as in the past, a pioneering role in the completion of the democratic revolution and will open the way to the building of a socialist society in India.

In this struggle of yours, dear comrades, our Party and our people are wholeheartedly on your side.

The success of your struggle will not be of local importance. Its beneficial influence will spread very far away from the boundaries of your country, and will be of universal importance. The victory of the struggle of the great Indian people will be a very serious blow to imperialism and will give added strength to all the peoples who are fighting for national independence, democracy, peace and socialism.

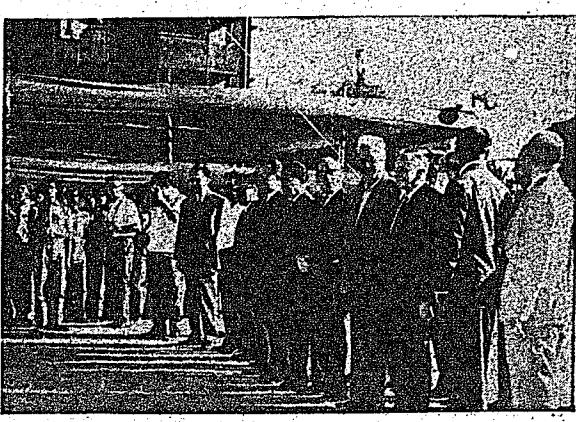
days for the unity of all patriotic forces in a united democratic front for organising the widest mass struggle for securing democratic liberties for the people of Iraq, and for a just democratic settlement of the Kurdish national problem, which ensures autonomy for Iraqi Kurdistan beside other urgent demands. No other policy can secure for Iraq any real political stability and the preservation of the political independence of our country.

Dear Comrades Delegates! We wish every success for all the works of your Congress. For, any success you secure in your internal Party life and for the life of your great land and people would no doubt, make us happy, for, first of all we are but a contingent in the mighty proletarian army of the world proletariat, besides our special reason as we are your next door neighbour, so all your successes would have a particularly positive effect in our country.

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CPI Leaders and Fraternal Delegates, before the Martyrs Column (left) at Ajoy Ghosh Nagar (Photo: SHEERAD PANWAR)



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and thousands of militants who are persecuted, imprisoned, tortured and in many cases murdered. As an integral part of its struggle for socialism the Communist Party of Portugal strives for the unity of democratic and patriotic forces and for the development of the mass movement which will lead to peoples' insurrection, the destruction of the fascist regime and the restoration of a democratic regime in Portugal.

Our Party struggles for the recognition of the right to self-determination and complete and immediate independence of the peoples of Portuguese colonies. The help we render within our capacities to the just battles of these peoples against the domination of Portuguese colonialists is a valuable assistance to the struggle of our own people.

The struggle against the colonial war which the Government of Salazar, assisted by United States of America and their allies in the

NATO, wants to use to smash the heroic movement for national liberation in the Portuguese colonies is one of the fundamental directions of our Party's political action.

We had always been actively in solidarity with the people of Goa, Diu and Daman and we were relentlessly fighting in our country against maintaining the colonial yoke in those territories. We also encouraged the resistance of soldiers and of democratic officers against the fascist politics of colonialism and war, showing that the interests of Portuguese people coincide with the interests of the Indian people. That is why we celebrated simultaneously as a victory of Indian people and as a victory of the Portuguese people the liberation of Goa, Diu and Daman in 1961.

By its politics of oppression and war the fascist and colonialist government of Salazar seeks to dig a gulf of enmity between the Portuguese people and the people of Portuguese colonies, and also between the Portuguese peo-

ple and the peoples who successfully follow the road of democracy, of national independence and that of socialism.

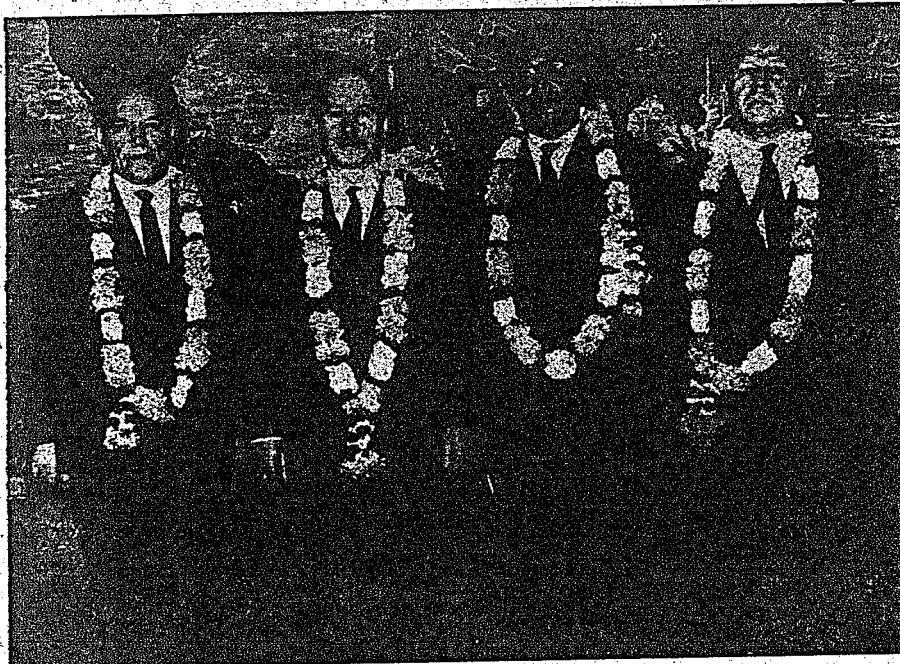
Salazar's government is displaying a peculiar hatred against the Union of India for the fact of the liberation of Goa. But by its fight against fascist dictatorship Portuguese people are strengthening the bonds of friendship and solidarity with other peoples. The fraternal relation of the Portuguese Communist Party with fraternal communist parties constitute a lofty expression. Nothing else can better translate the friendship and cooperation between our two peoples than the friendship and cooperation between our two Parties.

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CPSU Delegation to CPI Congress on arrival at Palam Airport, New Delhi. Second from left is Boris Ponomarev, Leader of the Delegation

CPI VII CONGRESS IN SESSION

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making a pointed mention of the need to study the situation in the rural countryside because "the agrarian question is the backbone of future revolution". The extent of the penetration of capitalism in agriculture and the degree of persistence of feudal relics should be thoroughly investigated.

While India may have developed capitalistically, compared to other developing countries, it can by no means be called a country of developed capitalism, Dange said.

He referred to the vacillating role of national bourgeoisies and pointed out that its class demand for building heavy industry to make itself stronger forces it to go to the socialist world for assistance. It is this which underlines the importance of aid from socialist countries which help to build heavy industries.

Securing Allies

Explaining the significance of the concept of national democracy, Dange pinpointed the urgency of securing new allies for social advance. The genius of a revolutionary leadership lies in bringing in more allies and thereby reduce the extent of suffering that faces the masses.

Discussing the perspective of national democracy Dange showed how it will take the country forward to socialism. "It is a small halting station on the way to socialism."

Dange elaborated why the Communist Party lays stress on the growth of the public sector. "Because the public sector, battles against the reactionary features of pri-

vate monopoly capital. That is why we support the extension of this public sector."

Reviewing certain features of current development in India, Dange noted the widespread support for the demand of bank nationalisation and state trading in food-grains. "These are no longer demands confined to the Left elements in the country, they are being raised by more and more circles, including sections of ruling class, who are realising the danger of the growth of monopoly. It is in this context that the task of isolating the Right reaction comes to the forefront in forging a National Democratic Front."

The Tuesday afternoon session was devoted to the resolution on Ideological Differences in the International Communist Movement and the Political Resolution, moved by S. G. Sardesai and S. A. Dange respectively.

Twenty delegations of brother Parties are already present at the Congress and more are arriving. On Tuesday arrived the fraternal delegates from the Communist Parties of Ceylon and Sudan. Now, the Congress is being attended by fraternal delegates from all the six continents of the globe. No previous Congress of the CPI has had such a large number of delegations from abroad attending it.

Many of the fraternal delegates addressed the Congress, among them a delegate from the Yugoslav League of Communists who was present at the CPI Congress after a gap of 16 years.

The speeches of the fraternal delegates from the Communist Party of United States of America and the

Communist Party of Iraq met a tremendous response today.

After Mustafa Abdul Majeed, First Secretary of the CP of Iraq, greeted the Congress, two delegates from Punjab rendered a moving song they had composed expressing solidarity with the Communist Party of Iraq and paying homage to martyrs who were murdered in the Baathist coup last year.

Tuesday's plenary session adopted resolutions of solidarity with peoples of South Africa and Southern Rhodesia and another entitled "India and the Atom Bomb"

Several condolence resolutions were also passed by the

PRIME MINISTER REPLIES DANGE ON CONGO ISSUE

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri has, in a letter to S. A. Dange, chairman of the Communist Party of India, reiterated India's opposition to all forms of foreign interference in the Congo.

The letter is in reply to Dange's communication to the Prime Minister, dated November 28, urging the Government of India to take a firm stand against the imperialist aggression in the Congo. The Prime Minister's letter, dated December 9, says:

DEAR Dangeji,
I am in receipt of your letter of November 28 regarding the Congo. Our policy towards that country has been clear and unequivocal ever since it gained its independence in 1960. We would like to see this young Republic stand up on its feet without any outside interference and take its due place in the comity of nations. We gave our full support to the efforts made by the United Nations towards this end, and we have wished success to the Organisation of African Unity in its efforts to bring to an end the present senseless slaughter, to expel the foreign mercenaries and to help in the process of national reconciliation.

2. These have been the considerations which we have consistently upheld in relation to the ever-changing Congolese scene.

3. As regards the recent unfortunate events in Stanleyville, our official spokesman has expressed our strong reactions, which you must have seen in the newspapers. You may rest assured that our stand against imperialism and colonialism, in all forms and manifestations, continues as firm and inflexible as ever.

Yours sincerely,
LAL BAHADUR

Congress on Sunday evening and Monday morning.

The proceedings of the Congress are controlled by a presidium consisting of S. A. Dange, Sohan Singh Josh, C. Achutha Menon, Renu Chakravarty and Makhdoom Mohiuddin.

The Steering Committee, elected by the Congress on Sunday, consists of thirteen members: G. Adhikari, P. C.

Joshi, Romesh Chandra, Yogindra Sharma, M. N. Govindan Nair, Z. A. Ahmed, C. Rajeswar Rao, Bhupesh Gupta, Bhowani Sen, Avtar Singh Malhotra, N. K. Krishnan, S. G. Sardesai and Indrajit Gupta.

The Credentials Committee consists of Jagannath Sarkar, Kalishankar Shukla, B. V. Kakkilaya, Manali Kandaswamy, Phani Bora, Bira Singh and Balkrishna Gupta.



A view of the Delegates Session

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