

KASHMIR IS NOT FOR SALE



The main bazar of Chheharta, after the Pak bombing

AMERICAN FOOD BLACKMAIL

TO HELL WITH THIS PL 480!

This is a moment when the Government of India must take the people into confidence regarding a matter of the utmost importance, which may well have far-reaching consequences for the nation. The US imperialists have chosen this moment of trial for our nation, to intensify their blackmail against India, in the most naked and unashamed manner. The blackmail concerns a vital need of our people.... FOOD.

NOT satisfied with the humiliating terms imposed already on us by the PL-480 food agreement, the butchers of Washington have turned the screw still tighter on our Motherland.

The present agreement authorises the shipment of only half a million tons—less than a month's supply. India had asked for an agreement for five million tons. This the US government has refused to accept.

And the meaning of this deliberate refusal to come to a long term agreement, as had been the practice earlier, is to force us to go, begging bowl in hand, begging every few weeks, for the crumbs thrown from the Yankee lords' table.

The HINDUSTAN TIMES Washington Correspondent has put it sharply and clearly:

"The purpose of this manoeuvre is not kept secret. US officials privately

concede that while they intend to keep PL 480 shipments flowing, the administration is now anxious to demonstrate its ability to cut off supplies at short notice, if required, for purposes of LEVERAGE.

POLITICAL STRINGS

"It is also admitted that this policy of tying political strings to PL 480 took shape before the Indo-Pakistan conflict erupted. Long term commitments have not been made after July, on the reported instructions of President Johnson who at that time was more concerned with criticism of US policies in Vietnam than Indo-Pakistani friction"

As for the present use of PL 480, it is, says the correspondent, "to apply continu-

ing pressure... to reach a settlement on Kashmir".

The blackmail is for Kashmir. Give up Kashmir to Pakistan, and through Pakistan, to the CENTO and SEATO and through them, to the American Pentagon for its war bases.... OR.... STARVE, do without the precious American food.

TO HELL WITH THIS POISONED FOOD. Our people are ready to face death, if need be, for the defence of this country's honour and dignity. We refuse to be blackmailed, even if it means doing without the doubtful benefits of the American PL 480 "aid".

It is time to tell the Americans that their pressures can never brow beat the people of this land into surrender. All that has happened in these days is that the hatred in this country for the American imperialists has grown with every day.

The Pattons, the Sabres... they could not destroy this nation.

Neither shall the PL 480 blackmail... it will be blown to bits by the courage and patriotism of our people, just as were the Pattons and the Sabres....

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THE Aynb dictatorship must be branded before all mankind as a violator of solemn promises and undertakings given by it to the United Nations.

It refuses to cease fire; there have been unlimited cases of attacks on our forces and on our cities and villages on the border, after the cease fire.

On this page are pictures of the abominable destruction of Chheharta by Pakistan's American bombers on the afternoon of September 22, after Ayub had announced Pakistan's acceptance of the ceasefire.

Now has come news of the setting on fire of Khem Karan and of other Punjabi villages on the border.

IMPERIALIST BACKING

The real purpose of the Pakistani aggressors is clear. They have openly stated now that they are not prepared to withdraw their aggressive forces unless they are assured that the question of Kashmir will be taken up according to their will by the Security Council.

The defiance which the Pakistani dictatorship is hurling at international public opinion comes from its confidence that it can count on the imperialists for full support.

It also feels it can secure whenever it wants, assistance from the Chinese government which hovers menacingly on India's borders, ready to fan the flames again when the occasion arises.

The Indian people must remain on guard. No slackening in our efforts to defend the nation can be permitted.

Recent attempts by those who speak on behalf of the UN to interpret the Security Council resolutions in an anti-Indian manner are portentous, which we can ignore only at our peril.

NOT SO INNOCENT

The attempt by the Secretary General's office to substitute the words "armed personnel" in the Security Council resolution by "troops" is not as "innocent" as its perpetrators would have us believe.

Neither is the attempt to divide the Kashmir hostilities from those in the rest of the country for the purpose of attention by UN cease-fire observers' teams.

Let the answer go out as the united will of our 470 millions:

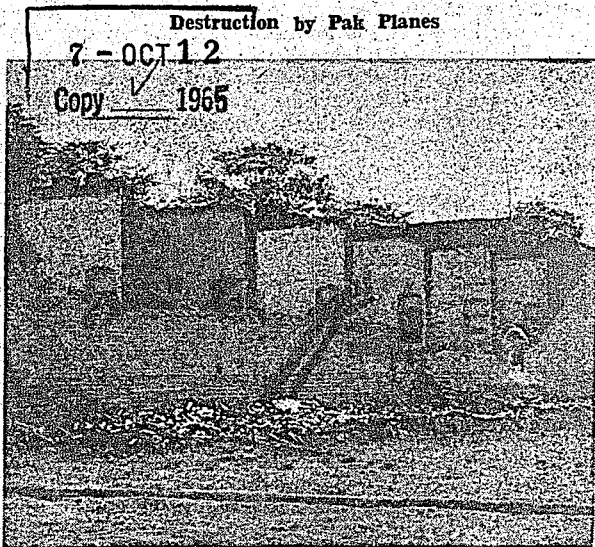
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The democratic forces of the world, who sincerely seek peace, must throw their weight behind the pressures which are being applied to Pakistan dictatorship, to comply with the demand that they carry out the cease-fire sincerely, and withdraw their "cession, open and veiled, their troops and their armed infiltrators, without delay.

That is the way to peace, which the Indian people deeply desire.

But if the Pakistani dictatorship and its allies refuse to heed the voice of reason, there will be no other course for our nation, but to defend the Motherland with all the strength which our united people possess.

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QUIT COMMONWEALTH

Hostility And Treachery Is Traditional British Attitude

Observe Oct. 10 Quit Commonwealth Day

All over the country preparations are afoot to observe Quit Commonwealth Day on Sunday October 10. Where this day for any reason is not suitable, meetings and demonstrations are planned a day earlier or a day later.

The call for the Day was given first by the All-India Peace Council. It has since been supported by a large number of other organisations, trade unions, youth and student bodies, women's organisations.

The Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party of India has also extended support and called on all its members and units to join in making the day a great success.

Quit Commonwealth Day will mark the beginning of a non-stop campaign, on the very widest scale, to impress on the Government of India the urgent necessity for taking action in India's own interest to pull out of the Commonwealth.

Self respect demands that India answer the treacherous attacks made on it by British imperialism, by quitting the Commonwealth.

The All India Peace Council, in a statement calling for meetings and demonstrations on this day, has called for vigilance against imperialist intrigues in the coming days. The statement says:

"The bitter experience of the recent events has convincingly proved that the membership of the Commonwealth has served no useful purpose whatsoever, so far as India is concerned.

At critical moments in the history of our nation the British imperialists backed by their senior partner, the US imperialism, have let us down and stabbed us at the back.

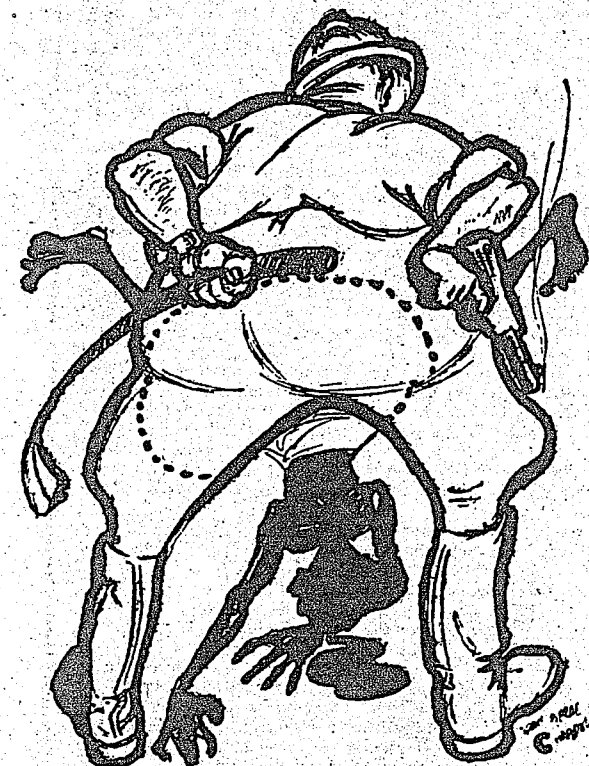
"The attitude of the British and US governments as reflected in their action during

the Pakistani aggression against India can never be forgotten. There should be no illusion that this attitude will ever be changed.

"One should only recollect the atrocious statement made by the British delegate Sir Patrick Dean in the Security Council last year and the stand taken by the British delegates in the recent meetings of the UN Security Council on the question of Kashmir to be convinced that the British government is determined to side with Pakistan as against India.

"One should also recall that during the Chinese aggression of 1962, the British government indicated that they would supply arms to India virtually on condition that India surrenders Kashmir to Pakistan and reverses her policy of non-alignment.

"It is, therefore, high time that India reconsiders her attitude to the Commonwealth in the best interest of our country and in the interest of world peace."



IN COMMONWEALTH SOUTHERN RHODESIA

LOK SABHA'S ANGER

Lok Sabha resounded with deafening cheers as Bhagwat Jha Azad, Congress MP, backed his Quit Commonwealth resolution with the demand for nationalising British assets in India.

AZAD appealed to the Prime Minister to act as President Nasser had done many years ago in regard to the Suez Canal—to nationalise all British undertakings in India, the tea plantations and jute mills, their industrial empire in India, and, and above all the British-owned Burmah-Shell oil company.

Azad traced the pro-Pakistan and anti-India attitudes taken by the successive British Governments since 1947 irrespective of their party labels—Tory or Labour—to the antipathy of British imperialism for free India.

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But when India took defensive counter-measures, Wilson and his government became furious. They called it India's invasion of Pakistan.

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the US and British imperialists for their own sinister purposes.

These include, again, besides securing bases through direct or indirect control in the strategic Kashmir Valley, also the weakening of the Indian policy of non-alignment.

The Communist Party and other democratic forces have consistently demanded that the Government of India should quit the Commonwealth because of the imperialist, colonialist and neo-colonialist crimes of the British government and some of its white partners and their support of the Salazar dictatorship,

and of the racist regimes in South Africa and Southern Rhodesia.

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Colour Prejudice Abounds

WHEN in 1962 the Tories had introduced the hated Commonwealth Immigration Bill, most coloured immigrants in Britain and progressive people elsewhere believed that "The Labour Party will do something about it".

Since coming to power, however, the Labour government has not only extended the operation of the act but has been particularly active in rigorously implementing and preventing any evasions of the Act they had fought so vociferously only two years before.

Then in April 1965 Fenner Brockway's Race Relations Bill was introduced with no mention of the two most critical areas of discrimination—employment and housing.

Next came the question of education of the immigrants with the total evasion of any figures or statistics and with the arbitrary fixing of thirty per cent as the proper ratio of immigrant to non-immigrant children for schools in Britain with large number of immigrant children.

Finally, came the Labour white paper on immigration from the Commonwealth which marks the final capitulation of the Labour leadership to racialist pressures both within and outside its ranks.

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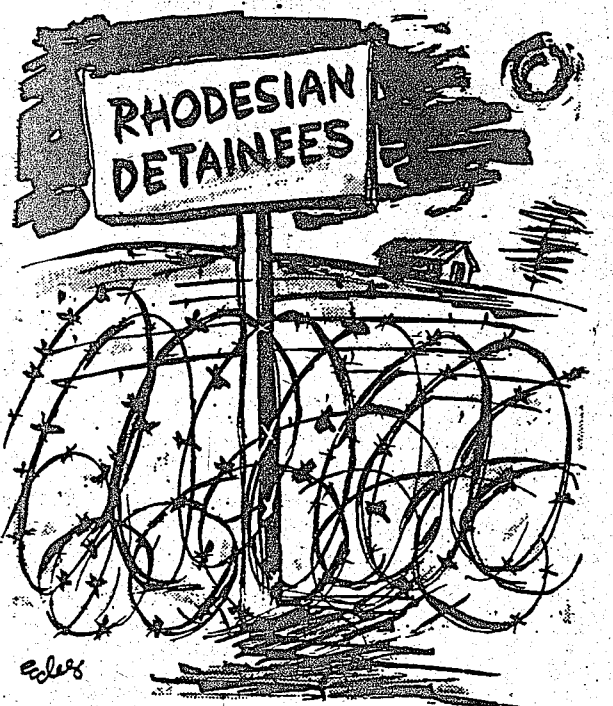
Bias, prejudice and open hostility against India has marked the attitude of the British government towards the Indo-Pakistan conflict. The British government has not only thrown its own weight behind the Pakistani aggression. It deliberately attempted to strike at India's defence capacity, taking advantage of our dependence on Britain for certain essential materials.

THE British government was instrumental in encouraging the CENTO powers—Iran and Turkey—to support the Ayub dictatorship with vital armaments and oil.

The British government deliberately refused to supply India with submarines, which were vital for India's defence. Later, when India was able to secure submarines from the USSR, the same British government raised an unseemly outcry, suggesting that Britain's "defence" would be endangered!

British oil companies played a dastardly role with American companies, in attempting to sabotage our defence needs during the Pakistani aggression.

The role of the British press and the BBC has been particularly reprehensible. They have slandered not only our people, but also our armed forces through a scurrilous campaign of lies and distortions. Tendentious propaganda has been the



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"Quit Commonwealth" Calls From All Over Asia and Africa!

Why This Shame After That

Glory ?

Yes, there is no other name by which I can call it, for it IS shame, and nothing but shame. Some people are trying desperately to blow hard to dim the torch of India's pride, which our jawans and our working people have lit by their courage and their unity.

LET me list the facts. Note them carefully. They are NOT the dominant picture of today. But those who are behind them would like to make them the prevailing feature of tomorrow.

The Uttar Pradesh Government has pushed through the UP Emergency Surcharge on Land Revenue Bill and other taxation measures, in the face of the vehement attack of every single opposition party. These taxation measures strike at the working masses, heap burdens on them.

The plain fact has to be faced: defence needs cannot be met by increasing the burdens on the masses; defence needs can and must be met by applying the axe on bureaucratic top-heavy administration, wastage and extravagance, by increasing taxation on the rich and well-to-do, and by taking other vital economic steps of nationalisation etc.

IS THE UTTAR PRADESH EXAMPLE GOING TO BE FOLLOWED IN OTHER STATES?

The days of the Pakistani aggression have proved again and again that it is the working masses of our land—our workers, peasants and middle classes—who have given freely and generously out of their limited means for the defence funds, for the jawans.

It is they who have laboured and sacrificed. They are ready to do so in the coming days with even greater zeal.

But the rich owners, who ran away and closed their factories in Amritsar are typical of the unpatriotic vested interests of the coun-

try. They seek to sacrifice nothing, but only to make more profits out of the emergency, while others give their lives.

In Bihar, the state government not only refuses to release the thousands of detenus still imprisoned by it for their part in the recent food movement.

It has gone further after the cease-fire, to make fresh arrests, to prepare new lists

THE WEEK

by Romesh Chandra

of students, trade unionists, NGOs and workers and leaders of the CPI and other left parties... who are to be jailed in the coming days.

IS THIS THE LESSON OF THE GLORIOUS DAYS OF AUGUST-SEPTEMBER?

Repeated deputations to the Prime Minister and Home Minister in the capital have failed to produce results. The Sahay Ministry is evidently more concerned with its narrow party interests than with the defence of this country.

In several states and particularly in West Bengal and Assam, many Indian Muslims have been arrested on suspicion of being potential Pakistani agents or for allegedly harbouring pro-Pakistani sentiments.

The reports received from the states indicate that these arrests have very often been carried out in an indiscriminate manner, in many cases on the basis of prejudiced reports by local officials and even by communally-motivated persons and organisations.

I know from the facts at my disposal that, amongst those arrested and detained, are Muslims of unquestionable patriotic past, including some active members of the Communist Party, whose records of opposition to communalism and to Pakistani aggression are second to none.

It is essential at a time like the present, to maintain strict vigilance against spies and saboteurs. But every one knows that treachery to the nation is by no means confined to one religious community: Pakistani spies have been caught red-handed belonging to the majority community, and the number of these is not less than those in other communities.

In regard to foreign policy, there is a sinister attempt to revive the demand for a nuclear "umbrella" or "shield". There have been unseemly supplications for military aid from the USA and Britain.

This bid for the "umbrella" is being prepared for, by a new campaign for an Indian atom-bomb. This demand appears now to have the support even of some Ministers—witness the outpourings of Mehr Chand Khanna reported in the New Delhi press.

The make-the-bomb lobby has grown, basing itself on the legitimate desire of our people to be strong enough to defend the country.

But the lobby has among its spokesmen also many from among the right imperialists, who seek to whip up the pro-bomb feelings, only to use them later to bring in the "umbrella" or "shield" by the back door. Since you want the bomb, they will say, why not the free bomb!

Don't forget that even during the most critical days of the Pakistani aggression, the right reactionary gangs had begun their clamour for a shift away from India's basic policies, towards the right.

This was combined with a whispering, sneaking smear campaign against the man, whose name is associated in the public mind with so much that is positive in those policies—Jawahar Lal Nehru.

If we fought with tenacity and valour, the little men would slyly grimace and say: This would not have happened if Nehru had been alive.

The Jan Sangh's Organiser, in its issue dated September 12, at the height of the struggle against aggression—wrote quite unashamedly:

"In homes, in the streets, in buses—everywhere they have been talking with ad-

miration about the Shastri Government's manly reaction to the Pak invasion. And almost invariably they say: Nehru wouldn't have done it".

You may say—and not without reason—that the Jan Sangh and other reactionaries have failed, their policies have been proved to be wrong. Yes, that is true. And I would go further.

The lessons of the August-September days have demonstrated decisively that the basic policies must be strengthened, shifted to the LEFT, if this nation is to live in honour and dignity.

But the facts I have quoted above cannot be ignored either. They are a call to the people for action in defence of our glory, and against those who would destroy it.

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Whispering Gallery

Double-Think

IF anybody, judging by the depth of popular sentiment, thinks that we are packing up to leave the Commonwealth club, he is mistaken.

I am afraid that all the current steam-letting even by Congress MPs not excluding the Prime Minister is designed for a hard bargain with Her Majesty's Government.

This was clear even from last week's debate in the Lok Sabha on Bhagwat Jha Azad's resolution demanding severance of Commonwealth connection. Chagla spoke on everything under the sun: concept of power, reorientation of India's foreign policy and all that.

But on the Commonwealth connection he kept mum. Followed the Prime Minister. He also chose to remain dumb on the facile plea that the discussion was inconclusive.

What does it all mean? I understand that a powerful section in the cabinet and the entire ICS crowd is against any severance of connection.

TTK, though quiet, is foremost against any divorce. He even did the dirty trick of announcing the offer of a so-called interest-free sterling loan, lying in his pocket for months, just on the eve of the debate in the Lok Sabha, obviously to mollify the feelings.

Personally also the very thought of getting out of the club creates a wrench in TTK's heart. It is enough to glance at the balance sheet of T. T. Krishnamachari & Co. to know about it.

Would you believe that this company which specialises in distribution of British and other products has now an annual turn-over of Rs. 20 crores?

There is hardly any point in dissecting the feeling of the mindless ICS burra sahib. If he had one, he had mortgaged it long ago.

As pinjrapol for the old cattle, British companies are their asylum after retirement and a haven for their sons and sons-in-law.

Let me tell you what happened in Delhi during the recent crisis of diesel shortage. The IOC had stocks with them but not enough pumps in the Capital.

Months before that artificial scarcity, the IOC had applied for over 25 sites to instal pumps. But the concerned authority, two ICS chaps, would not do a thing to satisfy the demand of a national enterprise.

What's more shocking was that the IOC's request for some of the sites was rejected on the ground that they were part of the green belt of Delhi's long-talked-of master plan while the same were allotted to the foreign oil companies.

If anybody wants any proof, let him go and look at the two brand new stations near the race course. The IOC was denied those sites; now they are occupied by carts.

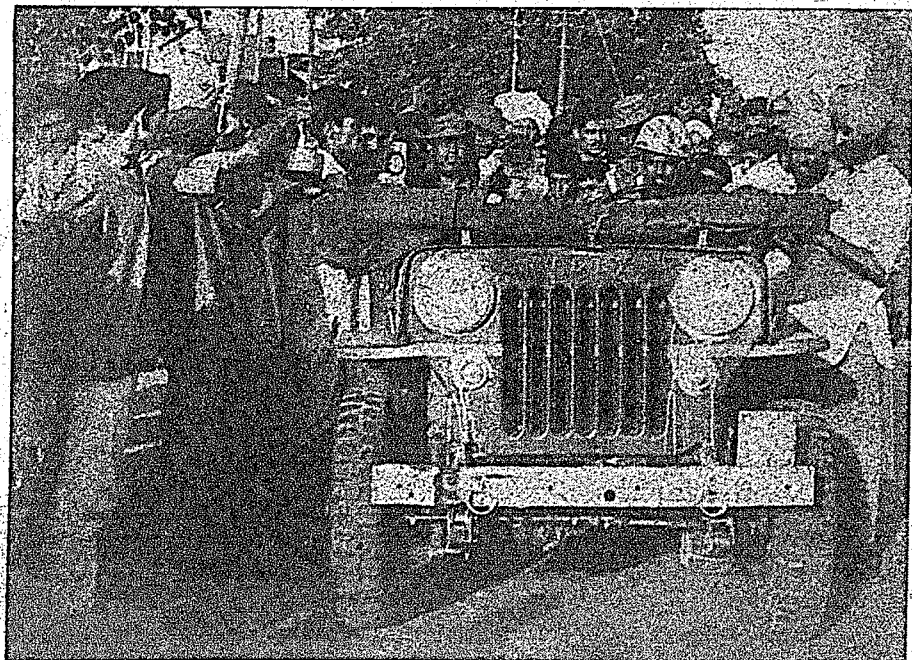
How did this happen? Somewhere at the bottom of it were two ICS chaps. The son of one of them and the son-in-law of the other have cushy jobs in the foreign oil companies.

Incidentally, one of them, some years ago, was allegedly shunted off from the centre to his parent state, for he was caught stealing embassy property while he was a diplomat abroad.

These are the characters who advise our ministers on policy matters, and all of them are collectively engaged these days to extinguish the fire of national sentiment against the 20th century anachronism of a Commonwealth.

Unless the anti-Commonwealth campaign is very much stepped up, the Patils, the TTKs and the denationalised ICS bunch will carry the day.

—Insider



Our Jawans and our People : at the Ekta Union's canteen in Pulligar, Amritsar