

**STATEMENT FROM THE CENTRAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE,  
COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA (MARXIST-LENINIST)**

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The Central Organizing Committee of the CPI(ML) met in February, 1974, reviewed the experiences of the heroic armed struggle waged by our people under the leadership of the Party since 1967, made a concrete analysis of the present situation and defined the immediate tasks of the Party. The following statement was unanimously adopted by the Committee.

1. The Central Organizing Committee offers its sincere homage to the memory of the great martyrs who died to make the country free from the yoke of Soviet social-imperialism, U.S. imperialism, comprador-bureaucrat capital and feudalism – Comrades Charu Mazumdar, Vempatapu Satynarayan, Daya Singh, Sushital Rai Chowdhury, Appu, Raj Kishore, Saroj Dutta, Baba Bujha Singh, Panchadd Krishnamurthy, Babulal Biswakarmakar, Advitla Kailasam, Subbarao Panigrahi, Nirmala Krishnamurthy, Kailash and many hundreds of other comrades and sympathisers all over the country. The capture and subsequent murder of Comrade Charu Mazumdar, General Secretary and leader of the Party, by the reactionary Government was a great loss to the Party. No doubt the Party and the people will ever cherish their memory and resolutely carry forward the struggle in the course of which they laid down their lives.

2. The Central Organizing Committee also pays its sincere homage to the memory of all other martyrs who have been killed during these years by the reactionary Government for defending the interests of the people and waging struggle against the present social order.

3. The armed struggle that spread from Naxalbari to Srikakulam, Mushahari, Lakhimpur Kheri, Gopiballavpur-Debra, Punjab, Birbhum and other parts of India brought a thrill of hope to the much-oppressed people of our country. Millions came to realize that without the revolutionary violence of the people the counter-revolutionary violence of the ruling classes cannot be defeated and the oppressed and exploited people cannot smash their chains. Revisionism, which asks people to shun the path of armed struggle and promises change through the ballot-box, suffered a resounding defeat when the people took to the path of armed struggle in Naxalbari, Srikakulam and other parts of the country. The Indian people joined the tanks of the revolutionary people throughout the world, fighting arms in hand [o overthrow the common enemies – imperialism, social-imperialism and reaction. The Party unfurled the banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse-tung thought, the banner of proletarian internationalism, and waged resolute struggles against revisionism and social-chauvinism.

4. The people took up arms and tasted power in Naxalbari, Srikakulam and other parts of the country for the first time after Telengana. The devotion to the cause of the people, the spirit of self-sacrifice, and the revolutionary fervour that our

comrades and people displayed are truly great. They wrote a new, glorious chapter in the history of this ancient, beloved land of ours, which will never be the same as it was before 1967.

5. But, despite great achievements, the struggles have received a setback because the Party committed certain errors and all the people whom it is necessary to mobilize and organize for the triumph of revolution could not be mobilized and organized. The Party is learning from both its positive achievements and its mistakes and is resolved to serve the people better and not to rest until the enemies are overthrown. The Party has no other interests than the interests of the people and the interests of revolution at heart.

6. Today the imperialist capitalist system, riddled with contradictions, is in the throes of a mortal crisis. The great victories of the Indo-Chinese peoples, the advance of the national liberation wars in several countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America, the emergence of the Third World, the surging tide of struggles between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat in capitalist countries, the sharpening contradictions among imperialist countries, especially the rivalry between the two nuclear super-powers, the USA and the USSR, for world hegemony – all these are hastening the doom of the entire capitalist system. The economy of the USA and other imperialist and social-imperialist countries and of their colonies and semi-colonies is in the doldrums. Indeed, the enemy rots with every passing day. A broad worldwide united front against imperialism and social-imperialism, especially against the hegemonism of the two nuclear super-powers, is forming itself under the leadership of Socialist China.

7. Objectively, our country is ripe for revolution. From Assam to Gujarat, from Kashmir to Kerala our people are discontented and rebellious. They are rising in spontaneous, death-defying revolts against the system that oppresses and exploits them cruelly. The Central Organizing Committee of the CPI(ML) greets the people – the workers, peasants, students and different sections of the petty bourgeoisie – who refuse to endure any longer the present man-killing system under which the few enemies mint gold out of the blood, sweat and tears of the working class people and their children.

8. Because of social-imperialism, imperialism, comprador-bureaucrat capitalism and feudalism the productive forces of our country are enchained. With its stagnant agriculture, declining industry, soaring inflation, sky-rocketing prices and scarcity of essential commodities, increasingly intolerable burdens of taxation on the common people, a corrupt bureaucracy, colossal unemployment and underemployment of tens of millions etc. the country is plunging deeper and deeper into an economic crisis which exposes the utter rottenness of the system itself. As a result, there is evidence of great disorder in every sphere of life. Politically, the enemies are isolated from the people and hated by them; the revisionists are getting more and more exposed. The rifts and contradictions among the enemies, themselves are growing wider and wider. Under the strain of an unprecedented economic crisis, the political crisis will get more intensified and the sharp contradictions within the ruling classes will shatter the facade of their unity and give rise to much greater political

instability than that of today. These contradictions will be further accentuated by the growing contention between the two nuclear super-powers. Objectively, the present situation – both international and internal – is very favourable to the cause of revolution and the people and quite unfavourable to the enemies.

9. It is for the Party and the revolutionary people to make the much-needed subjective preparations, to lead all the discontent and wrath, all the struggles and revolts of the people into a mighty torrent of revolution that will sweep away the rule of the monsters that prey upon them. Experience has taught us that the broad strategy our Party formulated for the seizure of political power by the people under the leadership of the proletariat is correct. The present stage of revolution is that of the New Democratic revolution, the main targets of which are two – one, feudalism and the other Soviet social-imperialism and U.S. imperialism. Our perspective, no doubt, is socialist revolution which can be carried out only after the completion of the New Democratic revolution. The New Democratic revolution can be led only by the working class and the other forces are the peasantry, the urban petty bourgeoisie and the national bourgeoisie. The peasantry, especially the poor peasants and agricultural workers, will constitute the main force and the urban petty bourgeoisie will be a dependable ally of the proletariat. As the contradiction between feudalism and the broad masses of the people is the principal one, the main centre of struggle will be the vast countryside. The main form of struggle will, no doubt, be the armed struggle of the peasantry led by the proletariat for creating and extending base areas in the countryside and for encircling cities and achieving nationwide victory at the end. The entire people must be mobilized and organized to wage people's war which will be a protracted one and pass through many twists and turns in view of the relative strength and weakness of the people and of the enemy. For the purpose of developing and organizing the subjective forces, the Central Committee undertakes the following immediate tasks:

### **IMMEDIATE TASKS**

- i. To propagate Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse-tung Thought among the people, to arm the whole Party with the basic theories of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse-tung Thought, and to carry on an uncompromising ideological-political struggle, chiefly against revisionism, which is the main danger;
- ii. To unite with all genuine Marxist-Leninists in the course of ideological-political struggle and revolutionary practice;
- iii. To participate in and lead mass struggles of the people on all fronts – economic, political and cultural – and establish the Party's political leadership over mass organisations with a view to organising armed struggles of the peasantry on the basis of an Agrarian Programme and for building up base areas in the countryside; and, in the process, to strengthen the Party by taking in the advanced elements of the proletariat and the semi-proletariat, to create political bases among the people and to build the people's armed forces;
- iv. To intensify class struggles of the working class and other working people with a view to co-ordinating them with the armed struggle of the peasantry in the rural areas.

10. The Central Organizing Committee rejoices at the great victories in socialist revolution and socialist construction achieved by the people of China under the leadership of the great Communist Party of China and Chairman Mao Tse-tung. It conveys to them its warm revolutionary greetings for the successful conclusion of the Tenth National Congress, which has consolidated the victory of the proletariat over the anti-Party clique led by Lin Piao, the bourgeois careerist, double-dealer, spy and traitor.

11. The Central Organizing Committee conveys its warm, revolutionary greetings to the militant people of 'Bangladesh', which the Soviet social-imperialists have reduced to a new type of colony with the help of their lackeys – the Indian expansionists – and assure them that our people will stand shoulder to shoulder with them in their armed struggle led by the Marxist-Leninists against the common enemies.

12. The Central Organizing Committee warmly greets the heroic Arab people and all other revolutionary peoples of the world whose revolutionary struggles against imperialism and social-imperialism are a considerable support to our own struggle.

13. Chairman Mao said:

"Revolution is the main trend in the world today".

The Indian revolution is a part of the world proletarian revolution. Our heroic people and Party will surely march shoulder to shoulder with the revolutionary peoples of the world, achieve victory in People's Democratic Revolution and usher in a new era in India's history.