

MAMMOTH RALLY TO CELEBRATE NOVEMBER REVOLUTION

Comrade Nihar Mukherjee's
Call To Grasp The Revolutionary
Teachings of
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A mammoth meeting of more than a lakh of people constituted by different sections of the toiling masses—workers, peasants, lower-middle class employees, teachers, students, youths, women assembled at the Saheed Minar Maidan, Calcutta, on the 17th November, at the call of the West Bengal State Committee of our party. It was the culmination of the fortnight-long programme of the party for the observance of the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Great November Socialist Revolution.

When a genuine revolutionary party observes the anniversary of this world-shaking, epoch-making revolution and the establishment of the first working class state, it is distinctly different from the ritualistic observance by other petty-bourgeois social-democratic pseudo-Marxist parties. This distinction was marked in every respect in the enthusiastic response from the people, in the zeal and resolute will of the toiling people who came in thousands from distant places in streaming processions as also in the entire spirit of the meeting—in the revolutionary message that it conveyed.

At the call of the Central Committee of our Party, the 60th Anniversary of the Great November Revolution was observed throughout the country through a fortnight-long programme between 3rd and 17th November. The programme included ideological campaign through selling of party organs, booklets containing the revolutionary

teachings of our beloved departed leader, teacher and guide, the great leader of the proletariat Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, covering all aspects of life. The programme also included holding of group sittings, street corner meetings as well as mass meetings down to village and mahalla levels to carry the lessons of the Great

November Revolution as taught by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh to the peasants, workers, students, youths and the down-trodden people throughout the country. The 7th of November was observed as the Pin-Flag Collection Day and on this day all the members, supporters and sympathisers of our party wore the

G. S. Badge', containing the portrait of the great departed leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Great response and enthusiasm was observed among the general members of the public who of their own accord came in greater numbers and took active part in all these programme.

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On the dais are standing the members of the Central Committee (from left) Comrade Shankar Singh, General Secretary Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, Comrade Pritish Chanda, Comrade Hiren Sarkar and Comrade Sachin Banerjee when the Internationale was being presented.

November Revolution gave a powerful rebuff to the Revisionist Line of Economic Determinism

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The whole programme of the observance of the 60th Anniversary of the Great November Revolution was crowned by the Quotation Exhibition at the foot of the Saheed Minar. The Exhibition was opened by Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta, Secretary, West Bengal State Committee of our party on 15th November which continued till the evening of the 17th and displayed some of the quotations taken from the various writings and teachings of the great leader of the proletariat **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** not only on national and international questions but covering all aspects of life, so far published, that too only a very little portion of the vast treasury of knowledge he has left to the posterity to draw upon in advancing their struggles for the establishment of a classless society.

On 17th November at ten in the morning in a solemn ceremony, wreaths were placed at the statue of Lenin, the great architect of November Revolution, at Lenin Sarani by Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary of our party. Others who also placed wreaths were Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta, Secretary, West Bengal State Committee, Comrade Ashutosh Banerjee, Secretary, Calcutta District Committee, Comrade Fatick Ghosh, General Secretary, West Bengal State Committee UTUC (Lenin Sarani), Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee Secretary, AIDS O, Comrade Amir Ali Halder (KKMF), Comrade Gopal Kanjilal, Secretary, West Bengal State Committee DYO, Comrade Badal Mukherjee, Mahila Sanskritik Sangha, Comrade Subir Basu Roy, Pathikrit, Comrade Anjan Das Das of Komsomol and other Mass organisations led by our party.

On 17th November, all roads of Calcutta led to the Maidan for the streaming processions with waves of red banner that were trekking through different

routes to join the central rally—the processions of poor peasants from distant villages even during the harvesting season, workers and employees from factories and establishments, students, teachers, women carrying babies in their arms, toiling people from different walks of life. They were coming with great enthusiasm and in determined steps to celebrate the Sixtieth Anniversary of their first glorious victory in the globe and carry back the revolutionary teachings and guidance of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** and the party founded by him, to bring this glory in their own land.

The rostrum was a beauty with revolutionary sense of artistic fineness. At the top, the portraits of Marx and Engels—the pioneer and teacher, of Lenin—the architect, of Stalin—the organiser, and of Mao Tse-tung and Shibdas Ghosh—the most worthy successors of the Great November Revolution were projected. Above it stood the Hammer-Sickle-Star, the emblem of the party—signifying international fraternity of workers and peasants and World Revolution. Before the meeting started the DYO music squad presented mass songs on November Revolution. With the Internationale presented by the music squad, the meeting started. The space of the maidan was filled to its capacity but still people and processions were coming. The vast humanity assembled overflowed to adjoining spaces beyond the maidan area.

Comrade Shankar Singh, member of the Central Committee of our Party and the respected mass leader took the chair.

In a brief introductory speech, Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta, Secretary, West Bengal State Committee thanked the people for their all-round support, enthusiastic participation in the fortnight-long programme and conveyed his revolutionary greetings to

the toiling people, particularly the poor peasants who defying the threats and conspiracies of the jotedars and vested interest during this harvesting season, have come in so large number from distant places despite the attended hardships.

Comrade Shankar Singh addressed first. Some of the salient points of his long speech are being touched upon:

Sixty years back in 1917, the exploited toiling people of Russia under the leadership of Comrade Lenin successfully accomplished their revolution overthrowing the bourgeoisie from state power and establishing the dictatorship of the proletariat there. The November revolution, once for all, cleared the mist of doubts and confusions and vindicated the truth that proletarian revolution was not a mere fantasy, a figment of imagination of the communist revolutionaries and that Marxism was not a myth, rather, the path of scientific socialism that Marx showed, was a path based on logic and science for the emancipation of the exploited people provided it was correctly grasped and integrated with the concrete conditions of a country.

The November Revolution has settled another very important question. Analysing the historic experiences of the November Revolution, **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** has shown that after the February Revolution in Russia, after the establishment of the bourgeois Kerensky Government, not much anti-feudal and anti-imperialist measures were taken other than removing the Tsar and even the Ministry of Defence was still at the hands of a member of the Tsar family. Feudalism had strong hold on the economy, foreign finance capital of Germany, France etc. were exploiting the Russian economy and the people. For this, the Mensheviks, the Social Revolutionaries and even some among the ranks of

the Bolshevik Party were advocating that unless the unaccomplished tasks of the Bourgeois Democratic Revolution were completed, the Russian society could not enter the stage of Socialist Revolution. Lenin gave a powerful rebuff to this theory of 'economic determinism' and showed that it was not Marxism. He pointed out that the fundamental question of every revolution was the question of seizure of state power, that is to say, which class or classes were to be overthrown by which class in alliance with which class or classes. In his April Thesis, Lenin showed that the state power in Russia, after the February revolution, had passed on from the old class i.e. Nicholas Tsar to a new class, the Russian bourgeoisie and as such *to this extent and in that sense*, the Bourgeois Democratic Revolution was completed and Russia had entered the stage of Socialist Revolution. So, the November Revolution in Russia under the leadership of Bolshevik Party and its great leader Lenin was the Socialist Revolution *insofar as and to the extent* it overthrew the bourgeoisie from the state power and incorporating all the unaccomplished anti-feudal, anti-imperialist tasks of the Bourgeois Democratic Revolution as the derivative tasks or by-products within the main programme of socialist revolution after the seizure of power by the proletariat.

Integrating this concrete lesson of the November Revolution with our problems, **Comrade Ghosh** has shown that today the bourgeoisie is in the state power of our country. Indian capitalism has given birth to monopoly finance capital and is showing distinct imperialist trend and characteristics. Under the circumstances, the base political line of the proletariat can not be anything other than anti-capitalist Socialist Revolution. On the success of this anti-capitalist Socialist

Revolution depends the solution of three major socio-economic problems of our country e.g. uninterrupted industrial revolution, modernisation and mechanisation of agriculture and acute unemployment problem. Moribund capitalism cannot solve all these problems particularly in today's concrete perspective and the society is bound to rot under its rule.

In the light of this reality, whoever confuses the basic question goes against the fundamental teachings of November Revolution and inevitably sinks to revisionist deviation. In our country, there are parties and persons who accept the November Revolution as Socialist Revolution but fail to concretise this important lesson in the concrete conditions of our country. So, these parties who are still in search of feudalism in the economy, who are in search of so-called 'progressive section' of the bourgeoisie and on the basis of their fanciful ideas formulate the strategy of of People's Democratic Revolution having this so-called 'progressive' section of the bourgeoisie as an ally, are in reality, renouncing Marxism-Leninism, following the revisionist line of economic determinism and practising nothing but bourgeois parliamentary reformism about which **Comrade Ghosh** cautioned us long ago.

So, we must remember what **Comrade Ghosh** taught us that without integration of universal truth of Marxism with the concrete conditions of the soil, nowhere did revolution succeed. **Comrade Ghosh's** analysis on the lessons of the November Revolution in integration with our problems is the concretised knowledge about this revolution which the toiling people of our country will have to grasp and assimilate to decide the course of their revolutionary struggle for emancipation. And herein lies the true significance of our observance of the anniversary

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Integration of Universal Truth of Marxism-Leninism with Concrete Situation is the Essential Prerequisite for Revolution

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of the November Socialist Revolution.

Coming straight to the political situation in the country, Comrade Singh said:

Today what we see in our country? Pseudo-Marxist social-democratic parties and forces are striving their best—resorting to all means and devices to divert and mislead the oppressed people under cover of Marxist vocabularies and vague talks of socialism. But people must be on the alert. They must take lessons from history. In Germany and Italy, social-democrats even personalities once associated with communist movement, foisted fascist rule in those countries behind radical slogans and vague talks of socialism. Today, if the conspiracy of these forces cannot be defeated, in time, the same experience may befall on our country behind the talks and slogans of democratic socialism or national communism.

Fact of history is unflinching pointing out and concrete experiences daily vindicate that our party, the party founded by the great Marxist genius, **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**, is the only revolutionary party of the proletariat in our soil. It alone is providing the revolutionary base political line on every occasion and in every problem, the toiling people face in their life. In this party lies the great hope and expectation of the exploited masses.

Carry the revolutionary banner of SUCI to every village, deep down to the masses and hasten the day of liberation!

**Long Live
November Revolution!**

Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, the General Secretary of our party gave a long speech analysing in detail, the political complexities of the present moment, the great hurdle that is being put up by the opportunist-revisionist

forces in the path of development of militant united mass movement against the bourgeois class rule, bankrupt policies and line being pursued by international revisionist trend and along with it the danger of fascism in our country under the new deceptive garb of two-party system. **Comrade Mukherjee** integrated all these concrete experiences of contemporary time with the lessons of Great November Socialist Revolution as has been concretely put by our great departed leader, **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**. Only a few points from **Comrade Mukherjee's** speech are being paraphrased here:

Not only to recall the great lessons but also to judge, realise and prepare ourselves so as to accomplish anti-capitalist socialist revolution in our country in the perspective of prevailing national and international situation we have come here to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Great November Socialist Revolution—the revolution through which the working class, for the first time in history, established their dictatorship overthrowing that of the bourgeoisie and other vested class. The revolution testified the great revolutionary lesson that the dictatorship of the proletariat, its consolidation was the most essential requirement to smash the counter-revolutionary conspiracies of the bourgeoisie. So, those revisionists who in tune with the bourgeoisie take exception to the term 'dictatorship', are forgetting the great lesson of Lenin that what the bourgeoisie call 'democracy' is nothing but the dictatorship of the bourgeois class. The basic question, Lenin pointed out, which cannot be lost sight of for a single moment is: Could it be possible that 'democracy' was above classes, that is to say, was it anything other than a class concept? History and social science



A section of the enthusiastic visitors in the Quotation Exhibition from the thoughts of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**

testify that in a class divided society a definite political system serves a particular class and those who deny this truth serve actually the ruling class whom this system serves. The revisionists-opportunists distort this important Marxist teaching and deliberately spread confusion amongst the exploited masses. They also distort and vulgarise the revolutionary teachings of Marxism-Leninism by quoting Marxian classics and the authority of the great teachers of the working class, out of context and in stray references. By all this, they cover up their opportunism, their heinous crime to the cause of the working class and serve as the last prop of capitalism. Because of this, revisionism-opportunism is the main danger in the revolutionary struggle for emancipation of the proletariat and toiling people.

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our departed leader and teacher taught us that Marxism is not a dogma, not *mantras* but it is a science of sciences, correlating and integrating all the branches of knowledge. The philosophy of Marxism, based as it is on the science of dialectical materialism becomes the revolutionary force in history, an invin-

cible weapon at the hands of the proletariat when its universal truth is properly and correctly integrated and correlated with the concrete conditions of any society. Unless this is done, no revolutionary transformation of that society is possible. Here a note of caution is to be struck. Some people in the working class movement often say that all roads lead to communism. They hide by this vague utterances the essence of the truth. What do they mean by "all roads"? Do they mean that even following an incorrect or opportunist line under the leadership of pseudo-Marxist and social democratic parties the proletariat can attain revolution or communism? In fact this is a gospel, the revisionists preach, to confuse and mislead the toiling people. We must get at the essence of the truth that all roads lead to communism only when the base political line for the proletarian revolution is correctly formulated by correct application of the general principles of Marxism to concrete conditions of a country. This is the truth, the whole truth.

Comrade Ghosh, has for this reason, taught us that all the great teachers of the proletariat—Marx, Engels, Lenin and others,

all were the historic products of struggle within the society and all of them have played their memorable role in history by formulating and correctly applying this scientific law of development. The study of Marxism means not memorising what these great teachers said or wrote in particular context and to deal a particular situation but to grasp how they did it, how they applied the Marxian approach and angularity, the dialectical methodology in a concrete situation, to a specific question. Our party, guided and taught by **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** has always adhered to this scientific principle of integration and concretisation of Marxism. Lenin did this and in that process brought development and enrichment of Marxian science.

Comrade Stalin, was the able continuator of the revolutionary teachings of Marxism-Leninism in the transition period of socialism and was the respected leader and authority in the international communist movement after Lenin. Without understanding Stalin it is not possible to understand Lenin. If we fail to appreciate this role and contribution of Stalin, we will also fail to understand as

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to why Khrushchev and his revisionist clique in the CPSU wanted to dethrone Stalin. For, without dethroning the authority of Stalin, it was not possible for them to dethrone the authority of Lenin and his teachings.

The fate of Russia today, shows how the revisionist leadership there in the name of decrowning Stalin has actually decrowned Marxism-Leninism and unless the Russian working class can check this degeneration, a catastrophic end will be waiting for them.

The present revisionist leadership has brought incalculable harm to the revolutionary movement of the proletariat all over the globe and under its leadership, modern revisionism is the main danger today in the world proletarian movement.

In the perspective of this development in the international proletarian movement, it is all the more urgent for us here, to grasp concretely the revolutionary teachings of the November Revolution.

Comrade Mao Tse-tung concretised the general teachings of Marxism to the concrete conditions of China and for this, he could lead the victorious march of the proletariat there. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh by concretisation of Marxism-Leninism in our soil has not only elaborated and developed but enriched the treasure

house of Marxism. He has brought the understanding of Marxian science to a new height. Without a proper understanding of Comrade Ghosh's great contributions, none can have today an adequate and proper grasp of Marxism-Leninism, in this post-Lenin period of history.

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat has taught us: When we are to take lessons from Lenin's teachings, that for the success of revolution are essential (i) a genuine revolutionary party and (ii) a revolutionary theory i.e. the correct base political line of the proletariat, we must judge them concretely on the basis of concrete situation of our country. By revolutionary theory, we must understand not merely political programme only, although that is no doubt important, but a comprehensive and integrated theory covering all aspects of life—ethics, morals, culture, aesthetics including even sex life. Only a genuine revolutionary party can provide this integrated knowledge about life and its varied problems to the toiling people. And this alone can give birth to genuine revolutionary characters who can organise and lead the oppressed masses to victories, one after another and in the establishment of a society free from all

sorts of exploitation.

So also, when we are to draw the real meaning of Lenin's teachings that politics *always* supersedes economics to which Comrade Ghosh added the scientific precision by holding *in most of the cases* politics supersedes economics, we are to judge concretely which party, in the name of marxism, is actually negating this teaching by practising 'economic determinism' which Lenin had to fight and defeat for the success of the November Revolution. Those who forget that the principal question of revolution is the question of seizure of state power—which class is in state power and which class in alliance with which class or classes are to overthrow it, those who determine the strategy of revolution on the basis of economic development only, do in practice, negate one of the most important lessons of November Revolution. They are shutting their eyes to concrete facts. Today, the bourgeoisie is in the state power of our country. Indian capital has given birth to monopoly finance and financial oligarchy by merger of industrial capital with bank capital and is exporting capital as distinguished from export of commodities. It is a clear indication of imperialist characteristic feature. It is also showing expansionist

trend. In this third phase of intense general crisis of capitalism which has become overall crisis, daily, hourly crisis in the world capitalist market and more so in a country like ours, those who still fancy that the 'progressive role' of the bourgeoisie in our country, has not been exhausted, it is still there, and are in frantic search of it in either of the ruling bourgeois parties as also draw their strategy of revolution having the alliance of an imaginary 'progressive section' of the bourgeoisie in it, are in reality, preaching 'economic determinism', practising revisionism and sinking in parliamentary reformism.

Can they lead the exploited masses to revolution, howsoever they swear their allegiance to Marxism?

No. They cannot. They can only create confusion in the minds of the oppressed people for some time by diverting their attention from the ruling bourgeois class, which is the main enemy, to an imaginary enemy and thus set obstacles in the path of developing united mass movement of the exploited people against the rule of moribund capitalism.

Comrade Mukherjee then reminded the meeting how the CPI(M) pointed to the rightist parties as the main danger and fascist force when they were seeing "a healthy trend"

"in tune with the democratic aspirations of the people" in Indira Gandhi and her Congress. And this stand, CPI(M) leadership maintained even during the Emergency, when its Polit Bureau members met Indira Gandhi to remind her of this stand of their party. But with the change of wind, with the majority of monopoly houses coming in support of these rightist parties, combining them into one party, the Janata Party, in its new deceptive design of foisting two-party system and through it to consolidate fascism behind the facade of parliamentary system, the CPI(M) also switched over their allegiance to this party. They started finding 'progressive section' of the bourgeoisie in the Janata Party by calling it a 'friendly' party. How can this opportunist line in parliamentary politics, this subservience to bourgeois class interest and class design lead the exploited masses to develop their own political power alternate to bourgeois power?

That is why, the Chinese Party in their 10th Congress rightly pointed out that it is the correctness or incorrectness of the base political line that determines everything. It is in tune with the first lesson that we got from our great departed leader and founder General Secretary of our party,



COMRADE SHIBDAS GHOSH DEEP DOWN TO THE MASSES

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, and on the foundation of this great teaching we, under his leadership, took the venture of founding this only revolutionary party of the proletariat in our soil when parties professing Marxism verbally were not wanting. This is a very important teaching. Unless the toiling people can grasp it they will continue to be deceived by the pseudo-Marxist parties.

Turning his attention to the 'Left Front' Government in the state Comrade Mukherjee posed the question: What should be the basic difference between a genuine left government and the government run by a bourgeois party like the Congress within this bourgeois set up? Applying concretely the revolutionary teachings of Marxism-Leninism to this specific situation, for the first time in history, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh our great teacher and guide set down that the guiding principle of administration of a genuine left government should be in its unequivocal declaration and strict observance of the policy that "police shall not interfere in the legitimate democratic mass movement". This policy was applied at our party's insistence, in the first UF ministry in the state in 1967 through the Labour portfolio. This created

an upsurge in the working class movement. The bourgeoisie got panicky and did not allow the government to last long. But the point at issue is that let alone the Marxists, even those having consistent leftist stand cannot be in a bourgeois caretaker government just to practise bourgeois legalism-reformism and perpetuate the rule of the bourgeoisie. They should go there with the definite purpose of utilising the situation to develop militant mass struggle from an approach of legitimacy of the issues as distinguished from an approach of bourgeois legalism. So, the first and foremost duty of a genuine left government should be to restrain the police and bureaucracy, free the democratic mass struggles from their interferences and relying on people's instruments of struggle and mass initiative, patronise and encourage every legitimate struggle of the people.

This is also the expectation of the exploited people from a government that calls itself 'Leftist'. But what do they find? Do they find an iota of change in regard to attitude and approach of this 'Left' Government from those of the previous Congress Government? Fact is that they find absolutely no difference. In fact, the 'Left Front' both before and after the election

declared that their government would be different from the previous UF Government. True, there is lot of difference and material difference, too. It has not made any categorical declaration that police shall not interfere in the legitimate democratic mass movement and in fact such interferences are on the increase. This government in its first budget, increased the expenditure on police over that of the Congress regime, even over what was during the Emergency. In the same budget it has increased tax burden on common people so much as was not done even by the Congress. Its approach to mass movement, its insistence on so-called 'law and order', its attitude to monopoly houses both native and foreign, are not only not a shade different from those of the Congress or Janata Party but its ministers are boastfully claiming that under this government, the 'law and order' situation, industrial peace have been achieved so much as have not been possible in other states! The Chief Minister who is also the Polit Bureau member of a 'Marxist' Party, is daily exhorting the workers to refrain from strikes and movement to maintain 'peace' and 'discipline' and imploring the monopolists both national and foreign to look to the workers with 'a bit sympathy'.

That is to say, he is preaching to the people not to intensify class struggle but cultivate class harmony between the exploiter and the exploited "to build up a New Bengal". What is the difference of this approach with the Gandhian concept of 'trusteeship' according to which the capitalists are the 'trustees' of social wealth and under their benign patronage the society and working people can prosper! Will the 'Left' leaders who also call themselves 'Marxist' explain where lies the difference in their approach from this class collaborationist approach of this Gandhian concept?

The CPI (M) leaders are now openly telling the people that they want to form ministry at the centre and change the Constitution to bring radical transformation of the society. This is Khrushchevite revisionism pure and simple. That is why the entire bourgeois press stands in solid defence of the government and they are blacking out our views as a matter of policy. We have brought out a booklet containing a few articles, analysing threadbare the policies, attitude and approach of this 'Left' Government so that people can judge for themselves how much 'Left' is there other than the signboard they use to the delight of the bourgeoisie and the vested interest. This signboard creates confusion among the toiling people for sometime and this helps the bourgeoisie as they have nothing to fear about militant mass resistance even though they go on with freer, more ruthless and open exploitation of the people. That, in fact was their calculation and this has now come true.

Our Party unequivocally declared that we will stand in resistance to any conspiratorial move, of the rightist forces to remove or topple this government in their contention for governmental power and position in bourgeois parliamentary politics. But at the

sametime, we, on no consideration, on no pretext, fail to discharge our historic role, in unmasking and isolating the pseudo-revolutionary social-democratic forces who are the most dangerous social support of the bourgeoisie and stand as the principal obstacle in establishing the correct base political line over the united mass struggles in our country. This is the reason for which, the direction of the main blow of the revolutionaries will always be against the main danger, against the most dangerous social support of the enemy, in a particular phase of struggle. This too, is one of the most important lessons of the November Revolution being the fundamental strategic rule of Leninism as explained by Stalin.

Summing up his speech, Comrade Nihar Mukherjee gave rousing call to the comrades and the toiling people:

Grasp and assimilate the revolutionary teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and carry the revolutionary message of these teachings deep down to the masses.

Practise in your life the revolutionary teachings and emulate the noble example of a true revolutionary life as Comrade Shibdas Ghosh has taught us by his own life.

Fight and defeat wholly and thoroughly revisionism. For, on its success hinges the fate of revolutionary struggle of the proletariat and accomplishment of the task of anti-capitalist Socialist Revolution in our country.

Build up united front of left and democratic forces on the basis of definite programme and code of conduct as it is historically still very important and urgent.

Build up people's own instruments of struggle while conducting mass struggles and through this, develop peoples' alternate political power down from the village level upwards.

Carry the banner of the revolutionary teachings

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Only a portion, the camera lens could cover, of the vast rally on 17th November at Shaheed Minar Maidan on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of November Revolution. (Inset) Comrade Nihar Mukherjee General Secretary, delivering his speech.

Why they are so Afraid?

As a part of fortnight-long observance of 60th Anniversary of the Great November Revolution in our country, the Calcutta District of our party SUCI applied to the West Bengal 'Left Front' government headed by CPI(M) for erection of temporary Book-stalls in different parts of Calcutta for propagation of and acquaintance with the revolutionary thoughts and teachings of Comrade **Shibdas Ghosh**, the great leader and teacher of the proletariat. Curiously enough, the 'Left Front' government refused permission to us to hold the Book-stalls in many places like Gariahat, Rashbehari Av., Hazra and Chakraberia. This apart, permission sought for to install temporary Book-stall at Lake Market Area from 3rd November '77 reached us only on 4th November to our great disadvantage. And in case of Maulali area, not even a reply to our application for the Book-stall ever reached us. Though the police in such places did threaten the organisers of these Book-stalls to feel the consequences and also of dismantling them but ultimately the people's massive active support could foil the sinister design of the vested interest. Not only that, reports from other districts are pouring in to the effect that in many places, particularly in North Bengal and North 24 Parganas, the CPI(M) workers had created deliberate obstructions and having failed to dampen the spirit of our comrades from carrying the revolutionary thoughts of Comrade **Shibdas Ghosh** in every nook and corner of the country, they resorted to hurling abusive and filthy languages and even went to the extent of assaulting them in order to anyhow stop and frustrate our ideological-political campaign throughout the country. And in every such cases, the report reveals, the people of the respective locality, of their own accord came in defence of our comrades and foiled

these heinous attempts of the CPI(M) workers.

The most noteworthy feature in this whole game is that everywhere in cases of police refusal, to hold the Book-stalls and of intimidation to the organiser comrades, the CPI(M) workers invariably came in defence of the police action.

In the backdrop of this development, one pertinent question cannot but strike the minds of the democratic minded people as to why this peculiar coincidence of the attitude of the police, the defence of police action as also physical onslaughts on SUCI workers by CPI(M) workers in the matter of forestalling the ideological political campaign of our Party? Is it because of the fact that SUCI's political ideological ethical stands and behaviour in the midst of the most unprincipled and opportunist politics of both right and left parties as also the great revolutionary teachings of Comrade **Shibdas Ghosh**, are attracting the common people and drawing them closer to our party and this makes the CPI(M) leadership panicky? Is it because of this that they out of their apprehension are trying their utmost even with the help of police and administration to obstruct the spread of ideological political campaign of our party to the people? Otherwise how is it that the party that was crying hoarse, the other day, against the undemocratic and 'semi-fascist' terror tactics of the Congress, and were posing themselves as great champion of democratic rights are themselves denying that democratic right to our party and even not maintaining the minimum democratic norm and relative neutrality of the administration when in the government?

Incidentally, it may be mentioned that this is not the first instance of large-scale police interferences in our political campaign after the 'Left Front' Government's coming to power. Even during the

Pujas in the last October, the police forcibly dismantled our Book-stall at Southern Avenue in Calcutta and as usual the CPI(M) workers stood in defence of the police action. But here too, they had to retreat at the mounting public pressure and an open air stall was run with the help of the local people.

In the perspective of these glaring instances of anti-people undemocratic attitude, we would like to appeal to the people to judge for themselves whether this peculiar behaviour of the 'Left Front' Government headed by CPI(M) bear any semblance of minimum democratic norm and principle notwithstanding CPI(M)'s clamourings for democratic norm, rights and liberties. Is it not the same anti-democratic and hypocritical as was the political behaviour of the Congress? Can this attitude and approach of the 'Left Front' Government at all be called pro-people, left-oriented or it is the same anti-people non-left outlook wedded to subserve the interests and cause of the capitalist class? One cannot afford to bypass these serious problems and must pause, ponder and now come in resolute defence of the democratic norm, principle and rights.

LONG LIVE NOVEMBER REVOLUTION

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of the November Socialist Revolution to the masses!

**Long Live the
revolutionary teachings
of Marx-Engels-Lenin-
Stalin-Mao Tse tung and
Shibdas Ghosh!**

Long Live SUCI!

Long Live Revolution!

After the DYO music squad presented the song on our great departed leader and teacher Comrade **Shibdas Ghosh**, the meeting came to a close amidst thunderous slogans:

**Long Live the great
teacher of the proletariat
Comrade Shibdas Ghosh!**

**Long Live
November Revolution!**

Long Live SUCI!

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ORISSA—

Rourkela

A big mass meeting was held at Rourkela on 15th November, under the auspices of Orissa State Committee, SUCI, to observe the 60th Anniversary of the Great November Revolution. Comrade Tapas Dutta, Secretary, SUCI Orissa State Committee, was the main speaker and Comrade N.R. Singh member of the Bihar State Committee, SUCI was the Chief Guest. Comrade B. Jena, Secretary, UTUC (Lenin Sarani) Orissa State Committee presided over the meeting. Thousands of workers, students and youths from different districts of Western Orissa attended the meeting. A big procession of steel workers passed through different roads and streets of Old Rourkela and thereafter joined the meeting. 'Kishalay' a local 'pioneers' organisation march-passed with their colourful banners.

The meeting started with the 'Internationale' sung by local DYO music squad. Comrade Tapas Dutta, the main speaker said that the Great November Revolution is the first victory of working class in their struggle against all sorts of oppression. He said, the workers of our country should take this lesson from November Revolution that the oppressed people under the leadership of a working class revolutionary party with a correct base political line become organised, the so-called all mighty police, military and armed forces become useless and it cannot save the existing exploitative state from its inevitable destruction. Comrade Dutta said that working class has shown the world that not only they can capture power but also they can retain it and develop it to a prosperous socialist (Contd. to Page 7)

ASSAM—

Gauhati

Under the auspices of the Assam State Committee of SUCI, a public meeting was held at Gauhati at Nabin Bardalai Hall on 14th November 1977 as a part of the fortnight long programme observed through selling of pin flags, literature campaign, holding of group sittings in different parts of the State of Assam to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Great November Revolution.

Comrade Prabhat khataniar, Secretary Assam State Committee of UTUC (Lenin Sarani) presided over the meeting. Comrade Probhas Ghosh, member of the West Bengal State Secretariat, SUCI was the main speaker of the meeting. In his long speech Comrade Ghosh discussed the significance of the Great November Revolution and stressed upon the necessity of understanding the thoughts laid down by the great leader of the proletariat of this era, Comrade **Shibdas Ghosh** not only on national and international questions but also on questions covering all aspects of life to accomplish the socialist revolution in Indian soil and also to lead the international communist movement today to its cherished goal.

Comrade Ashit Bhattacharyya, Secretary, Assam State Committee of SUCI while addressing the gathering urged upon the toiling people of India in general and of Assam in particular to educate themselves with the lessons of the Great November Revolution as taught by the great leader of the proletariat Comrade **Shibdas Ghosh** to accelerate the process of socialist revolution in our soil in order to emancipate the Indian society from exploitation and oppression.

Campaign Against Price Rise and other Pressing Problems in different States

Protest Demonstration Of Ten Thousand People at Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar 15th Oct. 77:

In accordance with the call of the Central Committee to organise people's movement against all the pressing problems confronting people's life, Orissa State Committee of SUCI organised a demonstration of more than ten thousand people on 15th October 1977. Peasants, workers, students, youths from different parts of Orissa, mainly the coastal districts, joined the demonstration carrying flags and festoons of the Party and the mass organisations led by the Party KKMS, UTUC (Lenin Sarani), AIDS0 etc. The disciplined demonstration traversing different roads of Bhubaneswar protesting the unprecedented price rise and demanding the curbing of the rising price and bringing it within people's easy reach, demanding all out state trading in food-grains and all essential commodities, employment to all, restoration, preservation and extension of democratic rights and civil liberties, repeal of all anti-democratic draconian acts like MISA, DIR etc., repeal of 42nd Amendment, non-interference of police in legitimate democratic movements, land to the landless, re-fixation of minimum wage for the agricultural and industrial workers, free and compulsory education to all etc.

On behalf of the demonstrators Comrades Banipada Das, Dwarika Nath Ratha, Balam Sahoo, Mayadhar Nayak, Binapani Das, Chittaranjan Behera, Raghunath Das, Dhurjati Das and Uddhab Jena met the Chief Minister of Orissa and submitted a memorandum along with mass signatures on the above demands.

The demonstration created great enthusiasm among the general members of the public who came and attended spontaneously

Ten Thousand People Demonstrate At Patna

At the call of the Central Committee of our party to develop people's movement demanding the curbing of price rise, total banning of private trade in food-grains and essential commodities and introduction of all out state trading either employment or unemployment allowance to the unemployed, preservation and extension of democratic rights, release of all political prisoners and withdrawal of all false cases against them, supply of drinking water and water for cultivation in the countryside etc. the Bihar State Committee, SUCI organised a mass signature campaign and a massive protest demonstration of more than ten thousand workers, peasants, students, youths and other sections of the toiling people from Chhapra, Mazaffarpur, Arah, Munghyr, Patna, Singhbhum, Pakur on 27th October 1977 at Patna. The demonstration, the biggest of the recent times here trekking the main thoroughfare of Patna went to the Chief Minister. On behalf of the demonstrators, Comrade Shankar Singh, member of the Central Committee and Secretary Bihar State Committee, Comrades Amar Kumar Pandey and N. R. Singh members of the State Committee and other state leaders met the Chief Minister and submitted a memorandum to him on the above demands.

the meeting held in front of the Secretariat when the delegation went to meet the Chief Minister. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Bishnupada Das where the memorandum submitted to the Chief Minister was also read out. Comrades Sk. Qasim, Bijoy Routray and many others addressed the gathering and appealed to all present to strengthen SUCI, the only genuine

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Massive Demonstration at Jamshedpur

A massive demonstration was organised by the Singhbhum District Committee of SUCI at Jamshedpur on 27.10.77. Workers, peasants, students, youths and all sections of the downtrodden people from Baharagora, Chakulia, Dhalbhumgarh, Ghatsilla, Mosabani, Dumuria, Patka, Patamda etc. joined the demonstration which started from Jamshedpur station and traversed through Jugsalai, Bistupur, and came in front of the SDO court at Sakchi at about 3 P. M.

In absence of the SDO, the second officer agreed to meet the delegation. Under the leadership of Comrades Durga Das, district secretary, Singhbhum District Committee of SUCI, Bijon Das (UTUC—Lenin Sarani), Jogen Mahato (KKMS), Dulal Sanyal (AIDS0), Sitaram Toodoo (Adibasi Youth Organisation) and Sarala Mahato went to meet the Second Officer and submitted a memorandum.

Apart from demanding,

1) Introduction of all-out state trading in food and essential commodities;

2) either Employment or unemployment allowance to unemployed;

3) Restoration, preservation and extension of democratic rights and civil liberties, the memorandum raised the following demands on local problems:

i) irrigation ii) repair of existing roads and building new ones iii) re-establishing the age-old rights of the people of Chhotanagpore on the jungles 4) duly implementing the minimum wage of agricultural workers, workers engaged in small private industries and industries owned by the government, workers engaged in house-building as well as in other government departments and the contract labourers. etc.

Deputationists were assured by the Second Officer that he would look into the matter and refer those to the higher authority.

Literary Campaign in Assam

The Assam State Committee, SUCI, organised and conducted ideological campaign in district head quarters and other important towns throughout the state for three days on 19th, 20th and 21st October '77. Innumerable numbers of book stalls were installed, decorated with red flags and portrait and quotations of the great leader of the proletariat **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**. Party workers with great enthusiasm sold party organs and different valuable booklets written by **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** during these days. Never before literary campaign was conducted in Assam in such a gigantic scale through the opening of book stalls—never the enthusiasm of the people of Assam was so remarkably high.

Great enthusiasm was observed among the general members of the public of Gauhati, who came to the book stalls of their own accord and purchased our party literatures and expressed their interest about our party. People were seen to be thronged in groups in front of the quotations comprising the teachings of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** displayed in the book stalls, gazing at those with wrapped attention.

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Marxist thinker of the day taking lesson from the Great November Revolution has proved that revolutionary movements are not against production and national interest, rather it opens the flood gate of uninterrupted production. November Revolution transferred one of the most backward country of the world to a most developed and powerful nation. In order to put an end to capitalist rule and establish socialism in our country **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**, a Great

Mass Meeting at Baharagora

A big mass meeting was held at village Digbanda, Baharagora P. S. under the auspices of our Party on 21st October, 1977. Comrade Durga Das, Secretary, Singhbhum District Committee SUCI presided over the meeting. Peasants and agricultural workers from Malua, Kendua and other adjacent areas came to attend the meeting.

Comrade Pritish Chanda Member of the Central Committee SUCI, a renowned mass leader, addressed the gathering as the main speaker. He urged upon the peasants, workers and the downtrodden people to organise and prepare themselves for the struggle of anti-capitalist socialist revolution in the light shown by the great leader of the proletariat **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** for their emancipation from capitalist exploitation and oppression and to strengthen SUCI, the only genuine communist party of our soil that can lead them to their cherished goal. The meeting created great enthusiasm.

Comrade Iswar Nayek, the local organiser of the Party and Comrade Rudra Das, Secretary of Singhbhum District KKMS also addressed the gathering.

Some were heard to comment—Yes, this is the correct line for the emancipation of the toiling people of India.

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Jammu and Kashmir Ordinance Condemned

Calcutta, November 11th :

Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary of the Socialist Unity Centre of India, in a statement, has expressed grave concern over the promulgation of the Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Ordinance, 1977 under which draconian measures like detention without trial, that too without disclosing the ground for detention, imposition of restrictions on the press like censorship and banning the entry from outside and circulation of papers and journals within the state have been incorporated. These are verbatim Emergency provisions. Comrade Mukherjee has strongly condemned the Janata Government at the Centre for its approval to this measure which hits at the very root of civil liberty and democratic rights of the people and demanded its forthwith repeal. Comrade Mukherjee has called upon the democratic minded people to resist this draconian measure.

West Bengal State Committee Condemns the Harvesting Policy of the "Left Front" Government

Calcutta, November 11 : Com. Sukomal Dasgupta, Secretary, West Bengal State Committee, SUCI has issued the following statement to the Press :

The method adopted by the "Left Front" government to implement its harvesting policy and the manner in which it is going to form the "Block level committees" have naturally posed certain serious questions. It is known to all that in rural areas the jotedars and the vested interests in collusion with the police and the administration constitute a very powerful chain still today. It is also not unknown that unless this powerful chain is broken no word, however sweet, can protect the interest of the poor peasants and the bargadars. Had the 'Left Front' government been really pro-people and willing to safeguard the interest of the poor peasants, it would have (1) attempted to build up organised peasants' movements against this notorious chain and unite all those left and democratic parties and organisations that carry the tradition and have stood the test of democratic mass movements; (2) unequivocally declared that police shall not interfere in the legitimate democratic mass movements; (3) come forward to implement the decisions taken in favour of the poor peasants, bargadars and the lower-middle peasants depending not on police and bureaucracy but on peasants' organisations built up through mass movements. But the 'Left Front' government has completely given up the path of mass struggle and has taken recourse to depending on that very police and administration which move hand in glove with the jotedars and vested interests. This proves once again that under the cover of high sounding slogans it, in reality, is (1) trying to befool the people and pursuing a pro-jotedar policy at the cost of organised struggles of the poor peasants against the jotedars; (2) out to handle this powerful but hated chain of the jotedar-police-administration combine in their petty party interest just like the Congress; and (3) trying to muster strong the massive support of the jotedars behind the government.

Its decision to form 'Block level committees' in the manner recommended also confirms this point. Its

COMRADE NIHAR MUKHERJEE Urges the Central Government to Rush Immediate Relief, Rehabilitation and Compensation to the Cyclone affected people of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu

Calcutta, November 9th :

Com. Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary, SUCI has issued the following statement to the press :

The Central Committee of our Party expresses its deepest concern at the unprecedented devastation and the killing of thousands of people by the recent Cyclone that lashed the coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. Reports, sent by our party units, pouring in from different parts of the affected areas present a grim picture and it proves beyond doubt that the actual loss suffered by the people is far more than officially reported. The gravity of the situation has really assumed a gigantic proportion.

We urge upon the Central Government to come forward immediately with elaborate arrangement of relief, rehabilitations and compensation at this hour of greatest difficulty of the people and to tackle this problem on war footing.

earlier decision to form these committees only with representatives of the constituents of the 'Left Front' and their mass organisations had to be changed later on lest it were deprived of the total support of the jotedars. Simply on such apprehension and with a view to ensuring and mobilising the full support of the jotedars as a class it, on second thought, decided to take representatives of Congress and Janata Party as well in these committees. If the 'Left Front' government were really interested to protect the cause of the poor peasants and strike this notorious chain at its very root, it would not have surely excluded the SUCI despite all ideological differences with it, which has behind it a long tradition of organising militant movements of the poor peasants, bargadars and the lower-middle peasants in the rural areas and which has at its command strong organisational bases in different areas. But as they found it necessary to exclude SUCI from the 'Left Front' in the past with a view to serving the interest of the industrial monopoly capitalists at the cost of democratic mass movements so also they feel it very badly today to get rid of SUCI from these 'Block level committees' lest their goal of getting the support of the jotedars were gone. Simply being apprehensive, they have similarly raised the rotten logic of the 'recognised parties' just like the die-hard parliamentarians in their bid to deliberately and motivatedly keep SUCI out of these committees. This fact really proves to the hilt how much scared they have become about the glorious anti-jotedar role of the SUCI. So, however much they clamour that Congress is their main enemy—does it not once again give an indirect pointer as to whom they really consider their main enemy!

In such a situation, we urge upon the poor peasants, bargadar and lower-middle peasants to unite against this anti-people policy of the 'Left Front' government.

Assam Carbon Workers Win Their Struggle

The workers and employees of the Assam Carbon Products Limited under the leadership of the Assam Carbon Products Limited Workers' and Employees' Union affiliated to UTUC (Lenin Sarani) waged a strike struggle from 12th August 1977 on various legitimate demands of the workers particularly demanding the reinstatement of the workers retrenched during the time of Emergency. Despite many repressions and conspiracies by the employers and the Congress Government of Assam to break the strike struggle, the workers and employees stood united and fought resolutely and courageously under the leadership and guidance of UTUC (Lenin Sarani) and over all leadership of SUCI. The employers thus failing in their heinous attempt were forced to sign the agreement accepting all the demands of the workers including the demands for reinstatement of the retrenched workers. The workers have joined their work from 1st October 1977.

This victory of the workers and employees of the Assam Carbon Products Limited under the leadership of UTUC (Lenin Sarani) have inspired the working people of Assam and many unions have expressed their willingness to accept its leadership and some have already applied to get affiliated to UTUC (Lenin Sarani).

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communist party of our soil for the emancipation of the peasants, workers, students, youths and all sections of down-trodden people from the grip and tentacles of capitalist exploitation and oppression.

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Comrade N.R. Sing, the Chief Guest said that the CPI(M) and CPI are social democratic parties in our country, performing their

historical role as compromising forces between labour and capital. Comrade Singh referred some recent speeches of Sri Joyti Basu, the Chief Minister of West Bengal

where he is consistently appeasing the monopolists and is inviting multinational corporations in West Bengal. Comrade Sing said that unless this treacherous role of the social

democratic forces are exposed and unless they are isolated from the masses the proletariat of our country cannot put an end to capitalism—this is one of the lessons of the Great November Revolution.

Comrade Jena, the president of the meeting and Comrade Dhurjati Das an eminent Student Leader and Comrade Sunil Kabi, a leader of the steel workers also addressed the meeting.

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