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Fists, clasped in resolve, mark observance of 61st Party Foundation Day round the country

Through long difficult years, braving unthinkable odds, our party SUCI has stepped into its 61st year on its foundation day, the 24th April, last. Founded by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat, our party, through relentless sustained class and mass struggles, at the face of batons and bullets, slanders and black-outs, has reached far and wide of our country, in 22 states altogether. And beyond our country, the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh has reached different corners of the world, deeply stirring the minds of the revolutionaries and democratic-minded people there. Our party's consistent battle against heinous attacks of capitalism-imperialism, particularly against globalisation, liberalisation and privatization policies of the present, as well as the high ethics and culture that our party reflects through these battles and even day to day conduct, have won respect, love and overwhelming support of the people. So 24th April, that released a great movement back in 1948, has developed into the symbol of revolution and uncompromising

battle against capitalism-imperialism.

We observe the historic day every year to take oath anew to make deeper commitment to the call of anti-capitalist socialist revolution. This year too the foundation day has been observed with all solemnity and pledge. Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary, SUCI paid tribute to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh with flowers at his portrait and inaugurated Third Volume of the Selected Works of the Great Leader in Bengali at Salt Lake Commune, Calcutta. Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta, veteran Central Committee member, also paid floral tribute to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh at the Salt Lake Commune.

At the Central Party office in Calcutta Red Flag was hoisted by Comrade Provash Ghosh, Central Committee member. All the comrades wore GS badge, where was depicted the portrait of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Mass meetings were held throughout India. The meetings started with the song composed on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and ended with the rendition of *the Internationale*.

Exhibitions on class and mass struggles were organized, group readings of Comrade GS literature were organised. Group meetings, wall writings, poster pasting along with other programmes were also taken. We give below the brief reports of the foundation day observance in different corners of our country, as received as yet :

In Andhra Pradesh

The State Organizing Committee observed the foundation day on April 27 through public meeting at Hyderabad. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Ch. Murahari, Secretary, Hyderabad District Organizing Committee, while Comrade Krishna Chakrabarti, Member, Central Committee, SUCI was the main speaker. It was also addressed by Comrade K. Sridhar, Secretary, AP State Organizing Committee and was attended by the State Organizing Committee members.

In his comprehensive address,



Comrade Nihar Mukherjee paying tribute to the great leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh at the Salt Lake Commune, Calcutta

Comrade Chakrabarti drew attention to the fact that in this rule of capitalism in India, with problems of people aggravating every day, the social life in our country today is engulfed into insurmountable crisis in every sphere. Unemployment problem is haunting the youth; about 20 crore educated unemployed youths are there in the country, as even the government statistics admit. Industries close down, lakhs of workers are thrown out of job. In the name of industrialization and accompanying efforts to create special economic zones, the central and state governments of different parties are grabbing lakhs of acres of land belonging to poor peasants, forcing them to commit suicides, making them paupers and handing over the land to foreign and domestic capitalists. Whereas, in these SEZs, capitalists enjoy all sorts of privileges to reap maximum profits, workers are denied all hard-won trade union rights, including minimum security of jobs.

Comrade Chakrabarti severely criticized the role of so-called



A part of the huge gathering at Thiruvalla Town in Kerala on 24th April to observe Party Foundation Day

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KARNATAKA POLLS**Two coalition governments make merry while people suffer :
Inflict crushing defeat on Congress, BJP & JD(S)**

Stage is set for yet another "thamasha" of elections to the Karnataka Assembly – with no issue of people's concern being seriously discussed – to decide as to which of the contending bourgeois parties or combinations, is best suited to run the government for the capitalist masters. This is nothing but a cruel joke on the people. The rule of two coalition governments ended in November, 2007 after high drama, finally leading to imposition of President's rule in the State. As the six month term of President's rule is set to end by May 2008, the current election was declared after a lot of speculations about its being held immediately or the President's rule being continued for another 6 month term. But finally the Election Commission, after having "satisfied" itself that the process of delimitations of constituencies was completed, as also all "anomalies" in the hurriedly prepared voters' list was corrected, announced polls to be held in three phases viz., on 10th, 16th & 22nd of May, 2008 and counting of votes to be held on 25th May, 2008.

Even before polls were declared, people witnessed innumerable defections from one party to another, without any scruple. This has taken newer dimensions after declaration of polls. Yesterday's sworn enemies became today's bosom friends and vice versa! Charges and countercharges, mudslinging, backstabbing – have become the order of the day. Real estate barons, rowdy sheeters, mafias are all entering the fray in a big way on 'reputed national' party tickets. Money and undoubtedly black money rule the roost everywhere.

The Background

It is known to all that a hung Assembly resulted in the last Assembly polls held in 2004 returned a fractured verdict with Congress, JD(S) and BJP sharing most of the seats. Two coalition governments, one of Congress-JD(S) and another of JD(S)-BJP, thus involving apparently mutually exclusive components Congress and BJP, were formed successively in the last 4 years with neither of them completing its full term. In both the cases, people were witness to all sorts of bickering and squabbles among the partners to share the ministerial gaddis, throwing people's interest to the winds. Soon after Dharam Singh led Congress-JD(S) combine came to power following the elections in 2004, Congress, the most trusted representative of the ruling capitalists, took charge of implementing anti-people pro-monopolist policies. In fact, H. D. Devegowda, the JD(S) supremo, preferred Dharam Singh over the erstwhile Chief Minister of Congress S.M.Krishna, since he

wanted somebody through whom he could control power from behind. Congress readily obliged and hence Krishna was shunted out of Karnataka being designated as the governor of Maharashtra!

A point regarding the Congress-led rule is worth mentioning. Due to the rising cost of health, education and in general, cost of living, many people were forced to take to gambling. When this government failed to check the menace of online lottery that was driving many people to death and thousands to destitution, our party launched an intense movement for banning online lottery that ultimately became victorious. Criminalisation of politics and wanton corruption are gifts of Congress party which has ruled the state for nearly 45 years since independence. No difference is noticed in the present regime too.

But as this drama with Congress and JD(S) was unfolding, behind the scene overtures were going on between Opposition leader Yediyurappa of BJP and H.D.Kumaraswamy (son of Devegowda) of JD(S) for forming a JD(S)-BJP coalition government. At one stage, when the national leadership of BJP was unwilling for this coalition, Yediyurappa went whole hog to join JD(S) with his followers, bidding goodbye to his party! That this move was premature and hence got aborted is now a history.

On the other hand, Congress was very uncomfortable all through because Devegowda was calling the shots from behind proving JD(S) to be a synonym for opportunism. Claiming itself to be secular, it aligned with Congress, but it was always trying to throw its founding

principle away simply for the sake of power, dumping Congress and joining hands with BJP! Congress, on the other hand, was biding time to wriggle out of this quagmire. It got an opportunity when it made significant gains in the last panchayat polls held in 2006. Emboldened, the Congress started taking independent stands disregarding the JD(S) supremo. That was when Kumaraswamy and the BJP immediately and secretly closed the deal and the JD(S)-BJP coalition assumed office, dethroning Dharam Singh. It was agreed upon that Kumaraswamy would be the Chief Minister for the first 20 months and then Yediyurappa will be the Chief Minister for the remaining 20 months. To an extent BJP's dream to enter South India through Karnataka got fulfilled!

But here again, BJP too has proved to be a party with no difference when it comes to corruption, opportunism, power mongering and internal bickerings. It has proved to be as efficient as Congress when it comes to serving the capitalists and fooling the people. But, in provoking people on communal lines, they have outsmarted Congress. In Chikmagalur, a tranquil place where the Hindus and the Muslims lived harmoniously for decades, they raised the controversy of 'Datta Peeta' (a place revered by the Muslims as the Darga of Sufi saint Hayat Mir Khalandar and revered by Hindus as the sacred tomb of Sri Dattatreya Swamy) and sought to divide the Hindus and Muslims. In Hubli, this party again tried to pitch the Hindus against Muslims by attacking Idgah Maidan (property of a Muslim organisation, Anjuman-e-Islam) on the pretext of raising national flag. While BJP was aligned with JD(S), it accused JD(S) leaders including Chief Minister H. D. Kumaraswamy of taking bribes worth crores of rupees but yet they continued in power with JD(S)!

As the 20 months' period with a JD(S) Chief minister was drawing to its end, the JD(S) opportunism assumed yet more dimension ; it suddenly realized that BJP was communal and hence it should never be allowed to govern the state! Horrified at the prospects of losing power (so near and dear, yet so far!),

BJP started calling this as breaking of promise. To some extent, this found within the people. To cash in on this sympathy wave, Yediyurappa started a Yathra termed Dharma Yuddha. But when his Yathra was in Tumkur, a town about 72 km. from Bangalore, the JD(S) leaders requested him to come back and assume Chief Ministership. Thus Yediyurappa readily agreed to give up the Yathra half way through and rushed back to Bangalore. Unfortunately for him, once again he was denied the chair. But this somersault robbed Yediyurappa and his party BJP, of all the sympathies gathered in the hearts of the people. Drama did not end there. Even when the governor had kept the Assembly on suspended animation, once again the JD(S) announced full support to Yediyurappa to form the government. This was formed in November, 2007. But Yediyurappa's Chief Ministership lasted for 7 days! Within no time of formation, JD(S) pulled out of it, thus pushing the state to mid term polls, while in the mean time, completely exposing its corrupt practices and rotten political culture.

Hence this exorbitantly costly, premature election has been thrust on the people. The naked greed for power exhibited in the conduct and behaviour of leaders of these parties has undoubtedly created deep resentment and disgust among all sections of the people of the state.

No difference in policies pursued by both the coalition governments

But policies pursued by both the previous coalition governments have pushed people's life to ruin. Both the governments had no qualms about implementing the most hated liberalisation-privatisation-globalisation policies, introduced in the country, first by the Congress government and subsequently pursued more vigorously by the NDA government and now the CPI (M) backed UPA government at the Centre. These policies have gifted fortunes to a handful of corporate houses, while ensuring privation for the toiling millions. Statistics speak up for themselves: India now 'boasts' of being home to 54 dollar billionaires (worth

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Rs.4000cr and above), whose total wealth amounts to \$334 billion (Rs.13,50,000 crore)! 4 Indians find place among the 10 richest men in the world. India has a lakh dollar millionaires (Rs.4 crore and above). But what about 80% of the population? There are 80 crore people who survive on a shockingly low income of less than Rs. 20 per day!

Role of the so-called Marxists

It is very apt to discuss the role of the so-called Marxist forces like CPI(M), CPI etc. in the state. These parties had few MLAs on several occasions during the past decades and last time too, the CPI(M) bagged one seat. These parties are very rarely to be found building up people's movements; rather they are always found to be hobnobbing with non-BJP parties in the state for electoral gains. Most of the time they had been forced to go alone, not because they did not like to forge electoral alliance with Congress, JD(S), etc., but because the latter denied them any seat. This time, while the CPI has forged alliance with some regional forces, the CPI(M) has declared its decision to contest alone in 12 seats – from the sheer exigency of having failed to strike a deal with any other party.

Be that as it may, what is most obnoxious is the fact that even while claiming to be 'leftist', they have been successful in arresting people's movement within the ambit of reformism-legalism of parliamentary politics.

It is essential here to mention the rapid rise of parochial forces who have all through been trying their utmost to fan up regional-linguistic sentiments centring round employment, river water sharing, border dispute, etc. The role of the pseudo Marxists in shunning the path of democratic movement is helping these forces very much. What is more, the "left" parties' taking parochial stands on various issues like that of sharing river water, etc., have only added fuel to the fire of parochialism. Only our Party is consistently trying to unite all sections of the people on democratic basis, with all forces at our command, to hold aloft the banner of unity and united movement of all sections of exploited masses.

Peasants and workers in dire straits

No wonder that, as a result, there is no respite to farmers' suicides in the country, in the state in particular; rather they are on the rise. According to the figures supplied by the Union agriculture Ministry, during 2001-2006, Karnataka ranked first among states in number of farmer suicides with 8,600 deaths, much more than in Maharashtra or any other state in the country. It is to be noted that in Karnataka, 37 lakhs of people own just one acre of land, 27 lakhs own less than 2 hectares and more than 50% of the agricultural labourers are child labourers. Also not even 25% of the total cultivable land is irrigated. When such is the pathetic condition of the peasantry, the governments joined the ranks of other governments in implementing the diabolic SEZ scheme of snatching away fertile agricultural lands from farmers in Nandagudi, Mysore, Gulbarga, Bellary, Dharwar, Koppal, etc. and handing them over to real estate tycoons.

The list of sick industries is growing, dealing a death blow to employment and employment opportunities. Closure of labour intensive industries is continuing unabated and the number of industries shut down has touched the 88,000 mark in the last 7 years. Government departments are either being downsized or closed. The government is resorting to contractorisation of jobs not only in government departments, but also in public utility services and PSUs such as KPTCL, KSRTC, BWSSB, colleges, hospitals, etc. These contract employees are leading a life of sub-human existence, deprived of all benefits including social security measures such as pension, PF, gratuity, etc.

There is unrestricted price rise of all essential commodities; inflation has crossed all limits and stands at 7.41%. Undoubtedly this is the cumulative effect of the policies pursued by both the central and state governments. Big business is allowed to play havoc with the market after having been allowed to enter both wholesale and retail trades, with the amendment to the APMC Act. There is no attempt to rein in black marketeers and hoarders who are enjoying a field

day in fleecing people. Public Distribution System is systematically brought to naught. Food cropping is replaced by cash cropping; this coupled with transfer of fertile land for SEZ has created food insufficiency. Naturally it is the poor who are the hardest hit and hence driven to starvation.

Education and health – out of people's reach

In this state, health care system has completely collapsed. Health insurance is an evil design to fatten the pockets of the insurance companies. Even in many advanced capitalist countries health care is provided by government and not handed over to private profiteers. But in Karnataka health sector is in the hands of the profiteers and it is very quickly going out of the reach of common people. Government is laying greater stress on development of infrastructure, i.e., building huge corridors, roads connecting national highways, five star hotels, international airports, international educational institutions, etc., for the benefit of the native corporate houses and MNCs. What better can be expected of governments which have already taken recourse to privatization of even drinking water in some cities, which means, to say, only he who pays shall get water to drink?

Again, both the previous coalition governments have yielded to the demands of the business lobby that runs educational institutions, from primary to professional courses, just like all the erstwhile governments that have ruled the state for decades. This lobby also includes leaders of Congress, BJP and JD(S). How can any one expect to see the end of the menace of capitation fee then? Consequently education has gone out of the reach of even the middle class people, what to speak of the poor. It is highly agonizing to see so many parents going bankrupt, after selling their valuables like land, house, ornaments, etc., only to get their wards educated. Despite tall claims of having banned child labour, there are about 16 lakh child labourers in the state. Deprived of the light of education, most of them work in mines, incense factories, hotels, etc. No wonder that no less than 51% of the children drop out of the school by the 8th standard.

Deterioration in culture and increase in crimes

Growing incidents of rapes, murders, acid attacks on young women are all symptoms of the terminal cultural illness of dying capitalism. The governments have added their share of woes, by turning a blind eye to the spread of obscenity, pornography, etc., through various media. Needless to say, women are the worst victims of this all round cultural degradation. And paradoxically the governments went on enhancing police budget. There is rapid rise in the crime graph of all the major cities and towns of the state. Theft snatching, dacoities, assaults for stealing mobiles and cash, murders for robbery, all in broad daylight – are on the rise. There is a total breakdown of law and order creating insecurity in the lives of the people. The less said the better about corruption. Even if the Lok Ayuktha raids expose only tip of the iceberg, it speaks volumes about the massive corruption that has engulfed the administration, more particularly at the top. It is a common knowledge that neither a single official nor any political leader is ever prosecuted for this crime, even when evidences point towards their involvement, as seen in the case of Bellary mines, land grabs around cities, etc.

Building mighty people's movement – the only alternative

It has been the firm opinion of our Party, the Socialist Unity Centre of India (SUCI) that the moribund capitalist system has outlived itself and it is at the root of all evils plaguing the society – be it economic, political, cultural, educational, etc. And whosoever pursues the interests of the exploiters – be it of the national monopolies or of the foreign MNCs – is bound to become out and out anti-people. It is only by way of building up mighty united organized democratic movement against these pernicious policies and over burning problems of life that people can wrest some relief from this suffocating situation. And if these movements are developed and sustained under correct revolutionary leadership, the same will pave the way for accomplishing anti-capitalist revolution.

As has been discussed earlier, people of the state, groaning under the grinding wheel of capitalist exploitation need immediate relief

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Make SUCI candidates, tested in movements, victorious

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with regard to their burning problems. A vast number of poor people deprived of BPL cards and on account of weakened public distribution system require this problem to be addressed without a moment's delay. This alone can to some extent relieve the rural poor from hunger and ensure two square meals a day. People in one voice are demanding :

- reversal of all measures taken up by the government in tune with the policies of globalization, which have multiplied their miseries;
- stringent measures against blackmarketeers and hoarders and ensuring reduction in prices of essential commodities;
- withdrawal of ban on recruitment in government departments;
- shelving the policy of contractisation of labour in the government sector and PSUs to start with and regularization of contract employees appointed against permanent nature of jobs;
- giving up the policy of privatization of essential services viz., drinking water supply, transport, electricity, etc.;
- bringing down the costs of these services within the reach of common people;
- withdrawal of fee hikes effected in government hospitals and ensuring adequate supply of free medicines and availability of medical personnel;
- taking all measures to put an end to commercialisation of education from school upto the highest level;
- taking all measures including financing to complete all ongoing irrigation, road and railway projects;
- abandoning the SEZ scheme lock, stock and barrel;
- taking all steps to rein in the real estate mafia who are mushrooming around cities all over the state;
- withdrawal of the policy of regularly enhancing the municipal/corporation taxes on the residential premises of poor and middle class families;
- stringent measures against spread of obscenity through the media – both print and electronic;
- taxing all the rich and neo-rich

massively – including the IT sector giants, real estate dealers, mining operators particularly belonging to iron ore mining in and around Bellary, Chitradurga, Tumkur and other districts.

We can claim with all humility that our Party along with its frontal organizations has been completely engrossed in building up class and mass struggles all over the state on these very demands and people's response has been hearty and extremely encouraging. It is clear that people indeed are waiting for proper leadership. Again at the same time we are aware of our historic limitation that even if we desire, we will not be able to – rather no single force can alone today – develop a state wide movement at the desired scale. Need of the hour is forging a left and democratic alliance which can be a people's alternative. Unfortunately all our appeals to the so-called Marxist parties like the CPI(M) and others have fallen on deaf ears. What to speak of stepping forward to develop movements, these parties have sold themselves out to the national monopolies and the MNCs, as is witnessed glaringly in their fascistic attacks on the peasants and women in Singur and Nandigram in West Bengal. While our Party has been demanding outright rejection of out and out anti-people policies of globalization, SEZ, electricity Act, etc., CPI(M) is demanding for "review" of the same! It is clear as to whom they are siding with. Naturally task of building people's struggles relentlessly had to be taken up by our Party all alone. It is to be recorded here that people in greater numbers are more and more being drawn towards our Party shunning CPI(M) and CPI, particularly in the aftermath of historic Nandigram struggle in which our party played a significant role.

When our Party with its mass organisations is engaged in building such struggles all over the state, the Assembly election has come knocking. Our Party is contesting the elections on the firm line of reflecting the voice of these struggles on the floor of the Assembly. The SUCI claims with pride that all the 12 candidates put up by the Party have been tempered in mass struggles and hence qualify as true representatives of people's will. Each one of them has led

innumerable struggles – many of them successful too – taken up by the Party or frontals of the Party. Significant among them are: Movements demanding ban on online lottery, repairs of roads, drinking water, BPL cards, crop insurance, waiver of farmers' loans, etc., and against SEZ policy, introduction of so-called sex education in schools, hike in fees of medical students, extension of

internship for D.ed students, unjust retrenchment of hostel cooks, contract employees working in KPTCL & ESCOMs, rapes and attacks on women, obscenity, etc.

We urge upon the people to make the SUCI candidates victorious and strengthen SUCI, the only ray of hope before the exploited people, when all other parties are standing in defense of the exploiters.

SUCI candidates in the ensuing Karnataka Assembly Elections

BANGALORE District

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| 1. | Malleswaram | – | Comrade M.S.Prakash |
| 2. | Vijayanagara | – | Comrade M.N.Sriram |
| 3. | Basavanagudi | – | Comrade V.N.R.Shekar |
| 4. | Rajajinagar | – | Comrade B.S.Prathibhakumari |

MYSORE Dt.

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| 5. | Chamaraja | – | Comrade M.Shashidhar |
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BELLARY Dt.

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| 6. | Bellary City | – | Comrade M.N.Manjula |
| 7. | Bellary Rural | – | Comrade A.Devadas |

RAICHUR Dt.

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| 8. | Raichur City | – | Comrade Aparna.B.R |
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GULBARGA Dt.

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| 9. | Gulbarga South | – | Comrade V.Nagammal |
| 10. | Gulbarga North | – | Comrade K.Somashekar |

DHARWAD Dt.

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| 11. | Dharwar West | – | Comrade A.Ramanjinappa |
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BIJAPUR Dt.

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| 12. | Bijapur City | – | Comrade B.Bhagawan Reddy |
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SUCI pays tribute to martyrs at Goalpara of Assam and vows for further movement

On January 2 last, at Lakshmiपुर town in Goalpara district of Assam, police brutally fired upon a peaceful demonstration of thousands of unarmed people, killing at least nine and injuring more than fifty. The demonstration was being held in demand of holding Panchayat election in non-Rava community dominated areas, that had been illegally declared postponed. SUCI Assam State Committee called for observing a statewide protest day on January 3 and a bandh in Goalpara district on the same date which was successively and spontaneously observed by people. The party declared those killed by police firing 'martyrs' and demanded a compensation of rupees five lakh each, for their families as well as adequate compensation and proper treatment for the injured; at the same time, the State Committee called upon people to stand by the families of martyrs with all their mite. On 31

March last, the Goalpara District Committee held a public meeting at Lakshmiपुर where the collected money to the tune of rupees ninety nine thousand was handed over to the relatives of the nine martyrs by the state and district leaders of the party. On the same date Comrade Kantimoy Deb, Member Assam State Secretariat, unveiled a dignified martyr column erected at the spot of firing in memory of the martyrs, by placing wreaths on the column. Different other state and district leaders of the party, AIDYO, AIDSO, AIMSS, AIUTUC, AIKKMSS and other eminent people of different communities also paid floral tributes. Comrade Nazmul Haque presided over the meeting. Comrades Minhar Ali Mondal and Chandralekha Das urged upon developing massive and strong movements, uniting all sections of people, irrespective of caste, creed, community or religion or the likes.

“My name will also be slandered; it is being slandered even now To me they shall attribute many a crime”

Right before the war, Stalin thus commented to Kollontai in November 1939

[Immediately before the second world war started, major imperialist powers like England, France and USA had taken to giving the Nazi army of Hitler a free hand to occupy foreign lands, only with a view to allowing them gather strength for ultimately crushing the socialist Soviet Union. Stalin correctly assessed that occupation of Czechoslovakia and Poland by the Nazis was merely a preparation for and prelude to attacking Soviet Union. To protect and preserve the first socialist state of the world from the attacks of rabid anti-Semitic Nazi army, Stalin adopted a few historic and wise steps, aimed at strengthening the northern and western borders of the Soviet Union. Imperialists and revisionists, quite in tune with Hitler, launched a vicious slanderous campaign against Stalin presenting these steps taken by him in totally distorted way; they continue that slander till today. With their unrelenting campaign they could virtually brush off the truths from the memory of many a person. The younger generation, in their turn, are unaware of those historical facts of that time; it is still more difficult for them to see through the slanders in the anti-Stalin propaganda. Among the most significant targets of these imperialist slanders are the Finland policy of the Soviet Union and the non- aggression pact between Russia and Germany. It thus devolves upon the present generation to reiterate under what circumstances and why, Stalin took these historic steps. The experience of a contemporary character may help in this respect. With this objective here we include in our organ, a part of the diary of A M Kollontai, the Soviet ambassador to Sweden. With this, we also pay our tribute to the great leader of the proletariat on his fifty-fifth death anniversary on March 5 last.— Ed. Board, P.Era]

In March 1938, Fascist Germany unceremoniously occupied Austria; Anschluss did not lead to any protest either from England or from France. Even the League of Nations did not react. In September, Chamberlain and Daladier had a meeting with Hitler, the outcome of which was the betrayal of Czechoslovakia on their part. The Sudeten region was also annexed to Germany.

The leadership of the USSR had big hopes from the Anglo-French-Soviet negotiations (May-August, 1939), where we introduced our proposal for the conclusion of a defensive pact between the three powers. However, because of the objections raised by Poland – an ally of England and France, and the boycott from the side of the West, the negotiations broke down and the military collaboration of participating countries became impossible. The USSR was left with no alternative to fend off the threat of war away from itself other than to accept the offer of Germany to conclude a non-aggression pact that was eventually signed in Moscow on the 23rd of August.

On the 1st of September 1939, Germany attacked Poland. World War II became a fact. On September 28, an agreement was signed in Moscow between the Soviet Union and Germany, which established the western border of the USSR roughly along the ‘Curzon Line’ that was

proposed as early as in 1919 and approved by England, France and the USA as the border between us and Poland. Debates started around the Soviet-German talks. These talks were interpreted in very different and often contradictory ways.

Under war conditions in Europe the security interests of the Soviet Union required strengthening of its boundary with the Finland. At that time, the negotiations of Soviet government with the Finnish delegation were going on in Moscow. These negotiations were difficult and progressed slowly. The Press depended on guesses and on tendentious rumours. The Soviet Ambassador to Sweden, A.M. Kollontai also did not have sufficient information available to her and, in order to orient herself better, decided to go to Moscow to consult the People’s Commissariat, to clarify the position of the USSR.

After settling down in the hotel ‘Moskva’, Aleksandra Mikhailovna rang up V.M. Molotov.

‘I,- recalls Kollontai – sat and waited in the lounge for Molotov to call me. I waited for hours. Secretaries coming out from his room would tersely say :

- No, no, they are still busy, please wait. Finally a secretary to Molotov opened the door of his office for me to go in.

- Please go in, Vyacheslav

Mikhailovich is waiting for you.

Molotov started the conversation with the question:

- You have come to petition for your Finns?

- I have come to orally inform you how our broken negotiations with Finland are reflected in the public opinion abroad. I have come to personally meet you in order to make an objective and comprehensive report. It seems to me that in Moscow they do not realise what the consequences of a conflict between Finland and Soviet Union can be.

- Going by the case of Poland, the Scandinavians are convinced that we shall not give any concessions to the Nazi.

- All the progressive forces of Europe will be on the side of Finland.

- Thus you praise the imperialists of England and France by describing them as progressive forces ? Their intrigues are known to us. But what about your Swedes? Will they be sticking to their proclaimed neutrality?

I tried briefly, but precisely, to clarify to Molotov the inevitable consequences that the war shall entail. Not only Scandinavians, but also other countries will come out in support of Finland.

On this, Molotov cut me short.

- You once again have in mind the ‘progressive forces’ – the imperialists of England and France? We have taken all this into account.

My information was decisively set aside by Molotov. Molotov repeatedly and decisively told me that there is no possibility whatever of agreeing with the Finns. He explained the basic ideas of the draft of the agreement with Finland, all of which were meant to protect our boundaries and, without encroaching on the sovereignty of Finland, compensated the Finns for the shifting of the boundary line more to the north. To all the proposals of the USSR, the Finnish delegation had only one answer. ‘No, we cannot accept.’

Since none of the explanations were taken into consideration, this created an impression that the Finnish government has decided for itself the question regarding the inevitability of war against the USSR. However, the Soviet

agreement, the minister said, is interested in the neutrality of the Scandinavian countries.

- It is necessary to do all that is possible to stop them from entering the war. In that case it will be one front less against us, Molotov told A.M. Kollontai on parting.

With some feeling of dissatisfaction, of fatigue and a sense of increasing heavy responsibility, I slowly went back to the hotel, all the while examining the details of the encounter with Molotov, wrote Aleksandra Mikhailovna. She tried to complete as fast as possible all the official matters related to the Foreign Ministry and the foreign trade department and return to Stockholm. I wanted, especially after the encounter with Molotov, to ring up Stalin. Mentally I strived to do so. However, realising the entire prevailing situation and all the existing tensions and responsibility that Stalin had to deal with, I decided: I could not disturb him...

Several busy days passed by. I completed almost all my work and already wanted to leave when suddenly the telephone rang.

- Comrade Aleksandra Mikhailovna Kollontai ?

- Yes, I am listening to you.

- You are invited by Comrade Stalin. Could you meet him? And what time would be convenient to you?

I answered: any time that is convenient to Comrade Stalin. For some time there was silence. Apparently, the secretary reported this to Stalin.

- Can you come just now ?

- Certainly, I can.

- In seven minutes the car shall be in the main entrance of hotel ‘Moskva’. Good bye, Aleksandra Mikhailovna.

I was again in the Kremlin office of Stalin. Stalin got up from his working table to meet me and smilingly shook my hand for long. He asked about my health and requested me to sit down.

Outwardly Stalin appeared tired and concerned, but calm and confident. However, it was apparent that the enormity of the situation was weighing on him. This I became acutely aware of. I could feel it, when Stalin began to walk to and fro

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communist parties like CPI, CPI(M) in their openly supporting Congress-led UPA government, the trusted representative of the ruling Indian capitalists, in the name of keeping communal party BJP away from power. He branded this as only a trick to confuse their cadre and people. These parties not being real communists have always sided with the exploiters. Today they are nakedly playing subservient to the rulers. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the founder General Secretary of SUCI realized this truth long ago and, with a handful of compatriots started building up SUCI, the only genuine communist party of the Indian soil. For the last sixty years SUCI party is working and developing movements on the burning issues of the people and has spread throughout the country. Comrade Chakraborty appealed to the people to strengthen this party, as the only real force to lead them towards solving their burning problems.

Tripura state Organizing Committee, organised a public meeting on 24th April at Agartala, **Tripura**. Comrade Arun Bhowmik, Secretary, State Organising Committee and President of the meeting highlighted the role of the party in building up movements on burning problems of life.

Comrade Prativa Mukherjee, Central Staff, SUCI, addressed as the main speaker. She made an analysis of the national and international situations and highlighted the role of our party in developing international anti-imperialist movement involving different countries of the world and in developing movements inside the country against the fascistic onslaughts that capitalism is bringing down on people in collaboration with foreign capital.

Along with the branded bourgeois parties, the CPI-M, CPI leaders too are of the opinion that our country will advance following the capitalistic path. On account of this approach, there is unbridled price rise, collapsed rationing system, deplorable conditions at hospitals. Fertile farmland is being forcibly acquired and handed over to the native and foreign capitalists. For this the governments are resorting to state violence, gang rape and fascistic attacks with the help of their cadres, criminals and police.

From its very inception, SUCI,

under the leadership of the great leader of the proletariat Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, has repeatedly marked out the weaknesses in both the international communist movement and that in the Indian soil and has given timely warning against revisionism. The party today, led by our beloved General Secretary, Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, has developed in 22 states and is leading class and mass struggles in the interest of workers, peasants and other sections of the toiling people. To strengthen class and mass struggles, thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh is to be cultivated. Finally, Comrade Mukherjee called upon the people to take up responsibility to advance the party.

The Gujarat State Organizing Committee observed 60th anniversary of the foundation of SUCI in a meeting held in the heart of the city of Baroda in **Gujarat**. It was attended by people also from Ahmedabad, Surat, Bhiloda, Dang and other parts of the state. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Bharat Mehta. Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee, Central Staff, SUCI was the main speaker. It was also attended by the leaders and comrades of different party units and All India DYO, All India DSO and All India MSS at the district as well as city levels,

Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee pointed out that from the day of its inception, SUCI realized that people's movement could be developed only on the base of higher ethical and moral ground. The source of all problems of our country is the capitalist system and its economy, working in the interest of the few capitalists. The only solution to the problems of price rise, poverty, unemployment and cultural degradation lies in people's movement based on higher morality and ethics. Comrade Mukherjee spoke at length on the dastardly attack by the CPI(M) on the peasants of Singur and Nandigram and their shameless support to the anti-people UPA government. She emphasized that while people are faced with burning problems of price-rise, unemployment, rather all-out crisis and big political parties remain engaged in fight for power, SUCI has taken a lead to organize people's movement against burning problems of life. She appealed to the people of Gujarat to strengthen SUCI. Comrade Dwarikanath Rath, Secretary, Gujarat State Organizing

Committee SUCI, highlighted the particular miserable plight of people of the state under the Modi-led BJP rule.

In **West Bengal** because of the imminent Panchayat elections foundation day was observed through several meetings in the districts in a decentralized manner. We here cover the meeting held in **Calcutta** on 24 April at Esplanade. Party workers and supporting masses from all parts of the city thronged to the meeting place to hear the leaders' address. The meeting had Comrade Chirranjan Chakraborty, member, State Committee and Calcutta District Secretariat, presiding over and Comrade Soumen Bose, State Secretariat member as the main speaker. Comrade Sadhana Chowdhury, member, State Committee and Calcutta District Secretariat was present on the dais.

Comrade Soumen Bose, in his speech, referred to the historic unprecedented struggle of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh towards developing ideological centralism on the basis of Marxism-Leninism, covering all aspects of life, achieving which only the basis of forming a genuine communist party was truly laid. Only then SUCI was founded in 1948. Comrade Bose stressed the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh that in this era of the degraded decadent utterly exploitative capitalism, individualism must be fought out decisively, on ethical and cultural plane, by applying communist values in every aspect of life, failing which degradation in an organizer, even in a leader becomes inevitable. So it was a task to be fulfilled in the struggle of the party for revitalization and consolidation, as called upon by Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, our beloved General Secretary. Comrade Bose further said, under crisis-ridden capitalism today, India being no exception, capital is left idle, recession occurs, unemployment is aggravated. In the name of reform, hard earned democratic rights are snatched off. Longer working hours are imposed, provident fund, insurance etc., are denied.

Thus crisis mounts, exploitation and deprivation deepen. In the name of progress, health spa, shopping mall, real estate business flourish, whereas, the true aspects of progress like education, health, honour to women, people's rights

are indiscriminately sacrificed. This goes on all over the country. Just as in Kalinga Nagar 12 adivasi people were killed in the interest of the Tatas by the BJP government, so also in Maharashtra, the Congress government is sacrificing people's interest. In West Bengal too, in Singur and Nandigram the CPM government resorted to brute violence to forcibly acquire lands from the poor peasants. It even did not hesitate to resort to gang raping mothers and sisters. In fact, today CPM, CPI being in power in West Bengal, lending full support to the UPA have turned themselves into agents of capitalism. It is from the necessity of forging unity of all forces, other than Congress and BJP, ready to fight CPI(M) for democracy and rights, that in West Bengal our party has developed a combine with the Trinamul Congress to build up sustained movement against the burning problems of life. In the end Comrade Bose appealed to the people to strengthen the SUCI further.

The Kerala State Committee organized meeting at Thiruvalla town in **Kerala** to observe the day on April 24. The meeting was presided over by Comrade S Radhamoni, Member, Pathanamthitta District Committee, presided over the meeting. Comrade CK Lukose, State Secretary was the main speaker. Comrade Lukose was also the main speaker in the meeting held for observing the day at Theni in **Tamil Nadu** on April 27, which was organized by The Tamilnadu State Organizing Committee and was presided over by Comrade A Rengasamy, Member of the Tamilnadu State Organizing Committee. Comrade V Venugopal, State Secretariat Member also addressed the Kerala meeting, while Comrade A Anavarathan, Member of the Tamilnadu State Organizing Committee, also spoke at Theni.

Elaborating on different issues Comrade C K Lukose showed that the present unbearable situation in the life of people has cropped up from policies taken by parties in power, both at the Centre and in the states, that were out and out in favour of the monopolists and against the people. He showed how all parties betrayed the interests of the people and particularly highlighted how the state government in Kerala led by

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along the long table. His head was sunk into his shoulders as if under the enormous weight of the events. At this moment Stalin asked : "How are things going on with you and with your Scandinavian neutrals?"

While I thought how to briefly yet comprehensively answer his questions, Stalin started to talk about the negotiations with the Finnish delegation in Moscow and about the fact that these six month long negotiations came to naught. The Finnish delegation, in the middle of November, left Moscow and never returned with the 'new directives', as it promised. The agreement, which had to ensure peace and peaceful neighbourly relations between the USSR and Finland remained unsigned. One could see that Stalin was perturbed, but not anxious.

In essence our conversation moved around the situation that was prevailing with Finland. Stalin advised that we should concentrate the work of the Soviet embassy on the study of the situation in the Scandinavian countries in connection with the infiltration of Germany into the countries and to draw in the governments of Norway and Sweden as well as to influence Finland, in order not to allow a conflict. And, as if concluding, he said that 'if we do not succeed in preventing it, then it would be brief one and end with little bloodshed. The time for 'persuasions' and of 'negotiations' was over. It is necessary to practically start the preparations to repel; to be prepared for war with Hitler'.

I felt, as if I was hit by electric current. For the first time I realised how close the war was. So much so that my notebook fell down from my hands; I later picked it up, I had taken it into Kremlin to note down all that Stalin said.

This time the conversation continued for more than two hours. I did not notice how rapidly the time flew. Stalin, while he talked with me, it appeared as if he was at the same time discussing aloud with himself. He touched upon many questions; on the defeat of the People's Front in Spain; talked much about the heroes of this fight. On the whole he continued for several minutes. His main thoughts were concentrated on the position of our country in the world, its role and potential possibilities. 'In this plan,

he emphasised – the economy and policy are not at odds,' Speaking about the industry and the agriculture, he named several persons responsible for the matters and tens of names of the leaders of large enterprises, plants, factories and workers in the field of agriculture. He was especially anxious about the rearmament of the army, and also about the role of the rear in the war; about the need of strengthening vigilance on the border and also inside the country; and, as if concluding, he specially emphasised:

'All this shall rest on the shoulders of the Russian people, as the Russian people are a great people; Russian people are generous. Russians are enlightened people. The Russian people are born to help others. Courage is inherent in the Russian people, especially during difficult times, in the dangerous times. They have initiative and have a purpose. Therefore, they face more hardships than other nations. On them it is possible to rely during my misfortune. The Russian people — are invincible, they are indomitable and indefatigable.'

I tried not to miss even a single word, so rapidly I wrote that my pencil broke. I somehow clumsily attempted to pick up another one from the bunch on the table that the stand nearly fell down. Stalin glanced, chuckled and began to light his pipe...

Reflecting about the role of personality in history, on the past and future, Stalin mentioned many names – from Alexander the Great to Napoleon. I tried not to miss the order in which he listed the Russian names.

He began with the Kiev princes. Then came to Alexander Nevsky, Demetri Donskoi, to Ivan Kalita, Ivan Grozni, Peter the First, Alexander Suvorov, Mikhail Kutuzov. He finished on Marx and Lenin.

At this moment I butted in, I wanted to speak about Stalin's role in history, but I could just say: 'Your name will be inscribed...' that Stalin raised his hand and stopped me and I stopped. Stalin continued.

'Many matters of our party and people will be distorted and abused, above all in foreign countries and, yes, even in our country too. Zionism, in a tearing hurry for world supremacy, will be harsh on us, be vengeful on account of our

successes and achievements. They still consider Russia as a barbarous country, as a raw material adjunct. And my name will also be slandered; it is being slandered even now. To me they shall attribute many a crime.

International Zionism shall by all means attempt to destroy our union, so that Russia could never rise again. The strength of the USSR lies in the friendship of the peoples. The sharp edge of the struggles will be directed, first of all, towards the destruction of this friendship, to the severance of the periphery from Russia. On this count it has to be acknowledged that we have yet not done much. Here is yet a large field of work.

Nationalism shall raise its head with special force. For some time it will dominate internationalism and patriotism; however, only for some time. Groups of nationalities within the nations shall emerge and shall enter into conflicts. Many pygmy-leaders shall emerge in these nations.

On the whole, in the future the development process shall proceed in ways more complex and in ways even more rabid and furious and the turns and twists shall be extremely sharp. It shall come to pass that the Orient will be in violent turmoil. Sharp contradictions with the West shall arise.

And nevertheless, the events, no matter how were these to develop, a time shall come that the sight of the new generations will turn to the accomplishments and victories of our socialist fatherland. Year after year the new generations shall be born. They shall again think about the banner of their fathers and grandfathers and they will give to us full credit. They will build their

future on our past.'

'These conversations, Kollontai wrote, produced indelible impressions on me. I began to look differently at the peaceful world around me. I mentally returned to these talks many times during the war years and after it, repeatedly re-read the notes and always found in them something new, some nuance, and some new element. And now, as in reality, I see the office of Stalin in the Kremlin and in it a long table and Stalin ...

While departing from the office some melancholy enveloped me. Saying goodbye Joseph Vissarionovich said : 'Toughen yourself. They shall attack. At hand are arduous times. They must be overcome.' And, in a softer voice, he said : 'We shall overcome. We shall certainly overcome! Collect yourself. Strengthen your health, harden yourself in the struggle!'

Coming out of the Kremlin, I did not walk: I simply broke into a run, noticing none, repeating, in order not to forget what was said by Stalin. After entering the house, I took out the notebook with my notes : I clasped some paper and began to write. I looked at the clock. It was already deep night. The clock showed ten minutes to two...

Note : Extracts (Dialogue 1998, No. 8, p.92-94) from the diaries of AM Kollontai, located in the archives of the Ministry of External Affairs of the Russian Federation; reproduced by the historian M I. Prushe, available from the April 2007 issue of the journal Revolutionary Democracy from New Delhi; translated from the Russian by Jaweed Ashraf.

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CPI(M) already set an example in implementing the policies of globalizations in all fields ranging from DPEP-SSA, NRHM to SEZ and Sex Education. Comrade Lukose called on people to take the example of the people of Nandigram, to form people's committees under the leadership of the SUCI. He also showed that along with building up movements against the ruling capitalist class of our country, SUCI had taken initiative also to build up an international Anti-Imperialist Forum, which had the support of renowned anti-imperialist fighters

like Ramsay Clark and Sara Flounders.

In **Punjab**, the day was observed on 25 April at Budhladha, where the meeting was presided over by Comrade Aminderpal Singh, Incharge, Punjab State SUCI. Comrade Pratap Samal, Secretary, Delhi State Committee was the main speaker. Comrades Thanu Singh, Manjit Kotra, Kulwinder Singh and Inder Singh also spoke on the occasion. Comrade Pratap Samal highlighted the historical background on which the party reached its present position through intense struggle waged by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Message from Comrade Nihar Mukherjee to the 19th All India Conference of the UTUC-LS

We regret our failing towards including the message from Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, Advisor, UTUC-LS and General Secretary, Socialist Unity Centre of India to the 19th All India Conference of the UTUC-LS held in New Delhi from 27 to 29 March, 2008, in the report of the conference covered in our last issue. We publish it here.

Dear Comrade President and Delegates

I had a strong desire to be with you in your 19th All India Conference which is taking place in Delhi from 27th to 29th March, 2008. Unfortunately, being hospitalized due to my illness, I could not be with you physically, though I am very much with you.

Comrades, I am glad to know that delegates from all over the country are taking part in your Conference. It is also very encouraging to note that fraternal delegates from Russia, China, Spain, and Bangladesh as well as from WFTU are attending the Conference. Messages from some other countries have also reached you wishing success of your Conference. I take this opportunity to congratulate you comrade delegates from India and abroad and convey my revolutionary greetings to you all.

Comrades, you know in what a critical international and national situation this Conference of your revolutionary Trade Union is taking place. It is when the world working class movement has suffered a serious setback, temporarily though, after the counter revolution through which capitalism has been restored in the erstwhile socialist countries of Eastern Europe, particularly in Soviet Union and finally in China due to practice of modern revisionism for long after the death of Comrades Stalin and Mao Zedong.

Again, your Conference is taking place at a time when taking advantage of the dismantling of the mighty Socialist peace camp and its socialist economy, the imperialists-capitalists led by the USA have mounted an all out attack, both economic and military, on weaker nations to re-establish their domination that they lost during the Second World War due to the victory of the Soviet power under the great leader Comrade Stalin and the

Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

Comrades, though the imperialists are making a desperate bid to come out of the third phase of intense and general crisis of world capitalism that gripped it in the aftermath of the Second World War, world capitalism is passing through a period of deep recession deeper and more prolonged than the world has ever witnessed. Contradictions and conflicts between the imperialist-capitalist countries are getting more and more intensified and fierce trade wars are going on between them which may at any time, flare up into armed conflicts. The policy of imperialist capitalist globalisation was designed with a view to resolving these contradictions and coming out of the crisis. But, neither the contradictions between themselves could be resolved, nor could they come out of the crisis. At this dying stage of capitalism, such attempts are destined to fail. These cannot but land them in still deeper and insoluble crises and contradictions.

After the introduction of policy of globalisation, the problems from which the working class and other toiling masses have been suffering in capitalist-imperialist countries earlier, have aggravated still further making their lives unbearable and suffocating. As conscious proletariat, you comrades will have to deeply understand that the policy of capitalist-imperialist globalisation is not just an attack in economic and political spheres on the lives of the working class but more so an attack in the field of education and culture. Taking lessons from all the proletarian revolutions of the past and being mortally afraid of future proletarian revolution which is historically inevitable, the capitalists-imperialists have designed this policy as a comprehensive scheme to protect the system from its ultimate doom. This

is why they are patterning the education system in such a way that the scientific bent of mind and approach does not grow among the exploited and oppressed, with the help of which they can find out the root cause of the problems of their life and thereby find out the solution. Simultaneously, the capitalists-imperialists are launching attacks on the cultural life of the people with a view to destroying their moral backbone so that even if they can know the cause of their problems, they may not be able to boldly stand up and fight against it. Not only this, the imperialists-capitalists are setting one people against another, driving a wedge of disunity between the working class of one country and that of another, fomenting fundamentalist forces, aiding and abetting racialism, parochialism and communalism.

Naturally, comrades, you need to go to the working people, expose and explain to them the motive behind this most dangerous scheme of the exploiters and organize them in their invincible revolutionary organizations on a higher ethical-moral-cultural plane and build up countrywide powerful working class movements to frustrate their game.

Comrades, don't forget that in the past also many struggles, even powerful ones of the working class were organised in this country by different trade unions and in some cases, some demands were also achieved. But that could not transform our working class into a revolutionary army nor could achieve its emancipation. It is precisely because the leadership of all those struggles was in the hands of either bourgeois or petty bourgeois trade unions which practiced compromise and confined the working class movement within the bounds of economism, reformism, legalism and opportunism.

You all know that once in our country the entire working class was represented by one single trade union, but unfortunately later on because of the sectarian interests of the bourgeois and petty bourgeois parties, several trade unions were formed as pocket organizations of

these very parties, thereby greatly weakening the united struggle of the working class. However, despite these splits and the social democratic politics of these parties, once there was an atmosphere of democratic movement and militant trade union struggle. But now that democratic atmosphere has been vitiated and that spirit of struggle has been dampened. Even the minimum form of struggles, viz, gate meetings, group discussions, dharnas, etc are being mostly given up and instead trade union movement is being reduced to bipartite and tripartite meetings. On this occasion, I like to remind you that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat, tried to free working class movement of this vitiating reformist deviation and restore the revolutionary orientation of the trade union movement when he became the President of the UTUC-LS. Not only the known bourgeois Trade Unions but also the so called left trade unions are now helping implementation of the anti-working class anti-people policy of globalisation, overtly or covertly. It is, therefore, your historic responsibility to free the trade union movement from all these vices and transform it into a 'school of communism'. But for this, you will have to first free yourself from all the old ideas, thinking, habits and practices and elevate yourself ideologically, culturally in tune with Marxism-Leninism Shibdas Ghosh Thoughts.

This is the need of the hour, comrades. I believe that being armed with the thoughts of the great leader of the proletariat, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, you will make yourself equal to the task and lead the working class struggle of our country to its logical end.

I wish success of your Conference.

Long Live UTUC-Lenin Sarani!
Long live Anti-capitalist
Socialist Revolution!

Red Salute, Comrade Shibdas
Ghosh!

With revolutionary greetings,
Comradely yours
Nihar Mukherjee

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