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Whoever declares that the capitalist mode of production, the "iron laws" of present-day bourgeois society, are inviolable, and yet at the same time would like to abolish their unpleasant but necessary consequences, has no other resource but to deliver moral sermons to the capitalists....The gospel of harmony between labour and capital has been preached now for almost fifty years, and bourgeois philanthropy has expended large sums of money to prove this harmony of interests by building model institutions, and, as we shall see later, we are today exactly where we were fifty years ago. (The Housing Question)

Long Live Thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh

SUCI, our party is set to observe yet another day of August 5 that marks the 32nd death anniversary of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our leader, teacher and guide, founder General Secretary, SUCI and one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of the era in whom was epitomized Indian revolution and worthy succession of Marx-Engels-Lenin-Stalin-Mao Zedong whose thoughts based on consummate grasp of the scientifically determined course of social progress have been the guiding spirit of the cause of proletarian revolution. On this day, we recollect the invaluable teachings of Comrade Ghosh, rededicate ourselves to the struggle for spreading his illuminating thoughts among the toiling people both in our country and abroad and renew our pledge to unwaveringly carry forward the task of Indian revolution he had bequeathed to us. This year, the day of August 5 is being observed when both at national and international spheres, history is negotiating a twist in its course. Following setback of socialism due to worst revisionist conspiracy, world imperialism-capitalism is on rampage making living a nightmare for the common masses. Pressed under the grinding wheel of most fierce and escalating

capitalist oppression in every walk of life, the people are desperately seeking emancipation. But the moot question is, how would this desired emancipation come about? In order to seek an answer let us first focus on the prevailing international-national situations and then proceed to find correct remedial course.

International Economic Scenario

We first focus on the international situation obtaining today. The emergence of the socialist camp after the Second World War had freed socialism from within the bounds of a single country of Soviet Russia and transformed it into a world system which distinguished the post-war era from the pre-war era. Its economic consequence had been that the single, all-embracing world capitalist market had disintegrated and two parallel world markets, the capitalist and the socialist, emerged to confront each other. The general crisis of the world capitalist economy that led to Second World War between two imperialist camps over capture of market, deepened further when the law of relative stability of markets in the period of the general crisis of capitalism had lost their validity owing to the new economic conditions.

Finding it difficult to continue their economic and political exploitation through holding colonies and semi-colonies in the post-War world scenario, the imperialist camp led by US imperialists began its most fierce attack of neo-colonialism which is nothing but ensuring a strangulating hold over the relatively weaker countries without any territorial occupation but by dint of economic domination through liberal export of finance capital in the forms of aids, loans and grants with a host of strings attached. With the dismantling of socialist camp that hitherto, notwithstanding limitations and shortcomings, was acting as deterrent to the machination of world imperialism-capitalism the imperialist camp headed by the US imperialists

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SUCI expresses shock at serial blasts in different states and castigates central and state governments for utter callousness to secure people's life and property

Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary, SUCI, in course of a statement issued on 28 July, 2008 expressed deep shock and anguish at the successive serial blasts in different states since Friday last killing as per official report published so far, 3 in Bangalore and 49 in Ahmedabad besides causing grievous injuries to over hundreds of innocent people. Comrade Mukherjee castigated the central and the state governments for their utter lack of concern for minimal security of the common citizens and criminal neglect in evolving a full-proof safety mechanism to guarantee complete protection of the people from being soft targets of such frequent sporadic mindless violence notwithstanding expenditure on account of

police-military-administration soaring sky-high. Comrade Mukherjee called upon all sections of the people to maintain peace and harmony as well as zealously guard their unity and solidarity without falling prey to any kind of provocation from the quarters of vested interest. Comrade Mukherjee also made an appeal to all concerned to realize that such wanton killing of common people serves no worthy purpose nor helps in bringing any succour to any section of the toiling masses. On the contrary, it seriously hinders the process of development of the desired class and mass struggles involving all sections of the people irrespective of caste, creed, religion or region which alone can in the given situation bring some relief to the suffering populace.

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Tyranny of world imperialism-capitalism unbridled in absence of socialist camp

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were euphoric as they thought they would now be able to reign supreme in an unipolar world and bring back 'stability' of the imperialist-capitalist economic system that was thoroughly shaken in the post-war period when one third of the world turned socialist. So alongside brazen overlordism, the imperialist-capitalist superpowers headed by US imperialism which was hitherto pursuing the policy of neo-colonialism came out with a newer form of economic exploitation in the name of 'globalization' and tried to project it as a new social order in the post cold war era that was poised to trigger economic development, inclusive growth and prosperity for all.

But it is now glaringly manifest that this strategy of institutionalized globalization that sought for integration of world capitalist market freed from any tariff as well as non-tariff barriers could not salvage the position for capitalists-imperialists and hence proved itself a mirage. In fact, the policy of globalization adopted in the context of a sagging world capitalist market is caught in its own web. Already, concomitant to intensifying capitalist exploitation, the purchasing power of the common people was plummeting. So world imperialism-capitalism was finding its market ever shrinking. Globalization worsened the situation. In order to cut production cost to be competitive in the market and maximize profit, the capitalist owners began introducing modern sophisticated technology and reducing manpower massively through lay off, retrenchment, forced retirement and so on. These jobless people are now added to the mounting number of unemployed to further drop purchasing potential of the market. To give an idea, more than 5 million people will lose their jobs in 2008 as the world economy slows down, an official at the U.N. labour agency said. Concomitantly, there is recession and stagnation throughout the capitalist world. On the other hand, inflation is soaring. So it is stagflation denoting a situation where despite increased supply of money, goods are getting stockpiled because there are no takers. This is bound to happen when the bulk of the wealth gets concentrated in the hands of a few rich and affluent and the myriads of

poor are wretched and pauperized every hour under the grind wheel of ruthless capitalist exploitation. 40 per cent of world's population living on less than \$ 2 a day accounts for 5 per cent of global income while the richest 20 per cent accounts for three quarters of world income. More than 80 per cent of the world's population lives in countries where income differentials are widening. An estimated 487 million workers – or 16.4 per cent of the global workers – still don't earn enough to lift themselves and their families above the US\$1 per person per day poverty line while 1.3 billion workers – 43.5 per cent – still live below the US\$2 per day threshold. This number, according to the observers, will increase dramatically. Worldwide, more than 1 billion of the world's 6 billion people subsist on less than one dollar a day — less than the cost of a cup of coffee in many U.S. cities. On average, food prices have risen by 83 per cent in the past three years entailing further accentuation of acute problems of hunger and malnutrition in poorer countries. It is feared that unusual spurt in food prices would plunge over 1,000 million people in abject poverty.

US, known to be the engine of imperialist-capitalist economy in the post-Second World War period, is in the grip of a severe recession coupled with outbreak of a sub-prime loan crisis that has stirred the entire capitalist world. An impression was given as if US is in uncharted waters. It took no time to be discovered that the apparent boom in the imperialist economy of the US and the Western powers is indeed hollow, a big 'bubble' fuelled by artificial stimulation through increasing militarization, credit financing and massive speculation. And the bubble has eventually burst. US consumers have been hit by a combination of growing debt levels, rising unemployment and job loss, squeezed incomes and accelerating inflation.

Other countries bearing the brunt of a gasping capitalist economy are also not insulated. In Germany public debt hit 1.5 trillion Euro by the end of 2005 or 68% of the GDP; her GDP rose by a meager 1.4% annually over the last decade; her fiscal situation deteriorated so drastically that the federal coffers were short of \$22 billion and these

deficits came on top of already planned shortfalls of 29 billion Euro in 2004 and 21 billion Euro in 2005; her unemployment rate is 10.4%. Similarly, Japan's general government debt is equivalent to 170% of GDP with public finances being the darkest cloud hanging over the economy. The Japan government pays for 45% of all new spending for the public with borrowed money. Its debt service consumes 22% of its annual budget. With a very small population Japan has the gruelling unemployment of 4.5%.

The restoration of capitalism in the countries of the former Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and the massive penetration of foreign capital into capitalist China, it was claimed by the bourgeois ideologues, would not only prove the superiority of capitalism but play an important part in a worldwide capitalist renaissance. In reality, capitalist restoration has been a catastrophe for the people there. Imperialist Russia has suffered a drop in production of between 50% and 80% since 1989. Following the collapse of the rouble and the government's default on dollar loans, the peoples of the former USSR are facing the spectre of mass starvation. The rapacious antics of Russian bourgeoisie, former bureaucrats and mafia turned robber barons have provoked an economic and financial collapse which would inflict serious damage on international finance capital. Bad loans to Russia make up 20% to 25% of the loan portfolios of many US and European finance houses. Situation is equally sordid if not horrid in China where people find the price line soaring and wages as well as job opportunities on a steady dwindle. Food price jumped 15.4 percent over July last year. Grain prices rose 6.0 percent, meat and poultry 45.2 percent, and eggs 30.6 percent. LPG price rose by 50 percent this year. Rising prices are making life more difficult for working Chinese. News of slavery, torture, human trafficking and children imprisoned in conditions "worse than dog kennels" has exploded like a bomb in China. Perhaps the most shocking story to emerge from all this media exposure is of the freed slave labourers who did not want to leave their one-time prisons, arguing that at least there they got some food and shelter.

Millions of impoverished teenagers and young people are forced to leave their rural homes every year, never knowing exactly where they will end up or what type of work they will find.

International political scenario

As mentioned above, with the fall of socialism in Soviet Union and East European countries followed by counter-revolution in China brought about by deep-rooted revisionist conspiracy aided and abetted by the imperialist-capitalist camp, gone are the forces acting as deterrents to imperialist machination. The US imperialists and their allies are holding the world in ransom, aggressing and occupying foreign territories under fraudulent pretexts, resorting to nuclear blackmailing, perpetuating a war psychosis and precipitating escalated tension round the globe to bully anyone daring to raise a voice of dissent. Gleeefully they are claiming to have liquidated communism and in league with the native aspirant capitalists razing to ground any resistance to its global rampage. Imperialism, more particularly US imperialism is dangerously on the rise and offensive. Since the late forties, the US imperialists had been following a foreign policy palpably with the goal of fostering "seeds of destruction within the Soviet system...and hasten (its) decay." (US Government document NSC 68, 1950) US imperialist rulers had manipulated and engineered insurgency through notorious CIA and the Pentagon, its agents, in one country after another. This long chronicle of aggression, invasion, intervention, subversion, machination, horror, cruelty, bestiality and criminality reveals a singular design—the craving of US imperialism to create by relentless pursuit of overlordism, brigandage and gangsterism "a world environment in which the American system", that is, capitalism-imperialism, could "survive and flourish" (US Government document NSC 68, 1950)

The neck-deep economic crisis the US imperialist economy is enmeshed in is also getting reflected in the menacing flaunting of military might, aggressive posture, overlordism and carrying out brigandish acts with impunity by the

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Globalization has triggered worst economic assault on common people

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US ruling class. Through a set of noxious machinations, the US imperialists have been trying to assert their political domination to seize and appropriate all natural wealth of various countries, exploit their cheap labour and hold the world people in ransom to provide oxygen to their gasping economy. The US administration openly proclaimed in its 'National Security strategy of the United States of America' that the US has the right to use military force anywhere in the world, at any time it chooses, against any country that it believes to be a threat to US interests. This assertion in words was matched with action in the savage military attacks on Yugoslavia, overrunning Afghanistan, illegal occupation of Iraq under fraudulent pretext and in the continuous economic sanction and threat of military action against Iran, Syria, Libya, North Korea, and Cuba. Using Zionist Israel as the launch pad, it is mounting assault on Palestine people and Lebanese freedom fighters. US imperialists, the author of the doctrine of globalization had long back cracked down on the hapless people of Latin American countries trying to bully them under gunpoint and indirectly establish their hegemony by anointing some of their stooges in power. Since the '80s "Neo-liberalism" was a new catchword in Latin America to mean thereby 'structural adjustment', dismantling of social protections for toiling people, trade liberalization, financial deregulation, privatization of state-run enterprises and 'mercerization' of everything. Globalization made things yet more harrowing for Latin American populace. Nowhere in the world the policy of 'globalization has been so expansibly and rigidly implemented as in Latin America. US imperialists are now openly bragging that any country refusing to obey their dictates would be branded as 'enemy' authorizing suo moto the Pentagon rulers to take any 'punitive' measure against it as deemed fit by them. It seems the freedom and sovereignty of all the countries of the world is at the mercy of US imperialist tyrants.

On the other hand, the imperialist camp is also not a united family per se. From their basic class instinct and interest, all these capitalist-imperialist powers, the

US, or the European are united in their opposition to the working class and proletarian revolution. Yet contradictions within contradictions drove the European imperialists to seek for unity among themselves against the US imperialist domination and in their common interest of regaining market formed first EEC and then EU. Though from their class position the US imperialism could compel and drag the European capitalists-imperialists to join NATO with a view to containing the Soviet Union and communism, yet the European capitalists-imperialists strove to free themselves from the US domination. Even in their so called 'unipolar' world, the contradiction between the US imperialists on one hand, and the European powers on the other was apparent in different global issues, like that of the naked aggression on Iraq by the US-UK imperialist combine being opposed by the French or German imperialists. Attempts to consolidate the EU further, with adoption of a constitution and giving it a shape of state, are also indicative of the hectic move of European powers to consolidate their strength obviously against the domination of the US imperialists in the present world of globalized economy. The contradictions particularly between the British imperialists and the French, German and other imperialists, remain, amply demonstrated even of late on questions of the Constitution or the EU budget or 'subsidies to farmers' issue. It will depend on an ever-varying complex set of factors as to which of these contradictions will assume determining role at a particular historical moment in the international politics. Thus Europe may come closer at a moment against the US; at another it may show clearer signs of mutual strife. At one moment, one imperialist power may succumb to the pressure of a mightier another; but that does never mean that it won't come up as a viable contender for prominence or hegemony at another suitable moment.

But the fact is every capitalist-imperialist country as well as the world imperialism-capitalism are sparing no efforts, manoeuvres, ploys and sleights, plots and intrigues to come out of this grip of accentuating market crisis. Starting from building up industrial-

bureaucratic-military complexes, precipitating local, regional and partial wars in relatively weaker countries, escalating tension and strife among the world populace and full-fledged implementation of the much-trumpeted globalization to annexing foreign land — US imperialists tried everything to artificially stimulate their crisis-ridden economy. Yet neither the US imperialists nor their capitalist-imperialist friends throughout the world have not been able to rid themselves from this aggravating market crisis and cannot do so because this predicament of theirs is endemic of the very capitalist system itself. More they are failing to stave off the crisis, more despotic and ruthless they are becoming in their approach to the suffering humanity. As the ruling imperialists-capitalists by dint of their being the controller of the economic system and in command of the state power are controlling every sphere of life — be it economic, political, social or cultural, a total opacity is enshrouding life to make living a dreadful experience. It is also true that the oppressed masses round the globe are not taking such menacing attack lying low. Protests and agitations are growing everyday. Even within the US and other powerful imperialist countries people are taking to the streets voicing opposition against war, aggression of foreign lands, progressive curtailment of various welfare measures, job loss, wage freeze, infringement on democratic and civil rights and so forth. Communists are also trying to regroup and resurrect proletarian movement.

Brilliant analysis of Comrade Ghosh

When people round the globe are earnestly desiring to free themselves from this stranglehold of imperialist-capitalist rule and the thinking people are searching for appropriate political direction for shaping out the world anti-imperialist struggle, the brilliant analysis of international situation that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh provided 32 years back based on Marxist methodology is proving to be so penetrating and revealing. After the proletariats had got hold of the invincible science of Marxism-Leninism as a glittering weapon to win emancipation of

mankind as a whole from exploitation of all sorts and after it sparked off fire in the prairie, kindled revolution first in Soviet Russia and eventually in one third of the world and brought to height the revolutionary struggles of the downtrodden in the rest of the earth, was such a stifling situation inevitable? To seek the correct answer and chart out the correct course of action, one needs to have the thoughts of Comrade Ghosh as the beacon. On the testimony of history at the present phase, his thoughts would provide the guidelines in the struggle against imperialism-capitalism-fascism, modern revisionism, private property mental complex, and a host of intriguing questions the bourgeois propaganda machine, bourgeois intellectuals and modern revisionists are raising to confuse and misguide people.

Dwelling on the post-second world war economic situation, he said way back in 1962 that with advent of a parallel socialist market, the world imperialism-capitalism could sense that total collapse of capitalist system was in the offing. So instead of pursuing old colonial policy, they switched over to neo-colonial policy which is colonial exploitation without direct rule over the colony. Though the political power was vested with the respective national bourgeoisie of the former colonies, they were bound by so many onerous terms and treaties so as to ensure that the economic interests of these big imperialist colonial powers were maintained. At the same time, handing down power to the national bourgeoisie, could also frustrate the possibility of the national liberation struggles culminating straight into anti-capitalist revolution through establishment of working class leadership (as happened in China) on them. Comrade Ghosh also in course of his penetrating analysis, he brought to the fore the fact that the crisis of capitalism had become so accentuated that it virtually became not only a daily but hourly one. The bourgeoisie was trying to somehow stave off a particular crisis through manipulation only to be mired in a still graver crisis. He also explained that "in the changed situation, distinguished by absence of relative stability of capitalist market and faced with ever-increasing internal and external antagonistic contradictions, the powerful capitalist countries find it impossible to get over their crisis

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Current world situation corroborates Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's analysis

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otherwise than by an all-out concentration of capital, enhancing thereby their power of competition in the field of international trade. As such centralization of capital is gaining unprecedented dimensions, the development of monopoly capital into state monopoly capitalism is being accelerated; the interests of the monopolists are, more commonly, being identified with the interests of the state. But all this exactly constitutes the rock-bottom foundation of fascism."

He then went on articulating the exact nature of fascism as a "historically conditioned form of counter-revolution in which capitalism seeks to stave off revolution by an anticipatory move" and "designed to save the crisis-ridden, chaos-discredited capitalist order from collapse in the face of mounting dissatisfaction of the people against the existing system." Comrade Ghosh explained that in anticipation and fear of the masses in the imperialist countries as well being dragged on the path of struggle because of unbearable onslaught on their job, wage, security and standard of living, the imperialist rulers had for long been systematically injecting the poison of individualistic, egoistic, careerist mentality as also perversion, sex and violence for slowly killing rationality and sensitivity of the people, emasculate them from within. This is the last resort of imperialism-capitalism to fascisise society. This is why fascist tendencies are today more vivid in all imperialist and capitalist countries. He observed that once fascism would set in, the very process of development of MAN would be ruptured. Elaborating further, he showed that fascism always and everywhere adopts a dual policy of suppression and persuasion or deception" so that it could deceive people with radical slogans and at the same time advocate "its own fascistic culture, a queer admixture of social-democratism, national jingoism and mysticism in its crusade against communism... in the field of philosophy and culture, fascism is a peculiar fusion of technical science and spiritualism." And today the bourgeois outfits would assume a radical cloak and mouth progressive slogans to bring fascism. And in this regard, the social-democrats would

serve the ruling bourgeoisie better because with revolutionary vocabulary and apparent militant posture, they would be able to deceive the people much easily. So he commented that in history once "fascism came out from the womb of social-democratism, now social-democratism is the last prop of fascism."

Reflecting on the US economy, he showed that the whole structure of US economy was standing on quicksand. The US imperialists had no market but huge surplus capital which, if remained idle, would increase inflationary pressure. So they are investing capital in continual augmentation of armaments through militarization of the industries, termed such military brigandage in other countries as fight for peace and under the garb of maintaining peace, stoked and prolonged localized and partial wars to release stockpile of arms and thereby avert sinking into yet deeper crisis.

Returning to the question as to what enabled the imperialists-capitalists headed by US imperialists to regain control of world affairs, it is quite obvious that weakening of international communist movement reversed the current and paved way for the maniacal superpowers to be unbridled in their overlordism, machinations and felony with a self-righteous gusto. It was Comrade Ghosh who as far back as in 1948 raised first voice of concern when commenting upon the way Cominform handled the issue of Tito's deviation, he alerted of a mechanical process of thinking as against dialectical thought process in the leadership of the then international communist movement. He found this to be an indication of serious shortcomings in the ideological and political fields of activities in the world communist movement and hence drew attention of all to the fact that unless this problem of non-Marxist mechanical outlook was not resolved in right earnest, a far deeper crisis might creep in the international working class struggle and a possible rift within the socialist camp. The correctness of his forewarning took no time to be reaffirmed by turn of events. After Stalin's death, the leadership of the Soviet Communist Party fell in the hands of modern revisionists led by Khrushchev and

it was manifest in the report of the 20th Congress of the party. It was Comrade Ghosh who was the first to observe that if the defects in the report were not removed in time, it would open 'the floodgate of revisionism'. Severely criticizing the way the Krushchevite leadership unleashed a malicious propaganda against Stalin and sought to reverse the socialist policies adopted by him, Comrade Ghosh in a brilliant analysis of each and every step of this revisionist clique conclude that such an attempt to black out Stalin, disown his authority and reject his interpretation of Leninism, which is the present-day understanding of Marxism-Leninism, meant invitation to all sorts of counter-revolutionary ideas to pass off as Marxism-Leninism and 'objectively uncrown Lenin himself'. Subsequently when serious ideological differences developed within the communist camp in general and between the Soviet and Chinese parties in particular over the questions concerning war, peace, peaceful transition to socialism and such other issues of substance, it was again Comrade Ghosh who in his appeal to the international communist leaders provided the scientific process of resolving the differences so that they did not snowball into a kind of recrimination within the socialist camp much to the delight of the imperialists-capitalists and detriment of the revolutionary working class movement. Tracing the root of modern revisionism, he said: "Soviet leadership has been treading the revisionist path. What do we mean by this? We mean that, by disregarding the law of socialist economic development in their bid to anyhow increase production, they are virtually fostering the capitalist trend and tendency and have thereby not only given the scope of revival to the social force which sustains capitalism, but have actually walked into its trap, although this social force had not totally died out there but had diminished almost to the stage of elimination... Lenin has repeatedly cautioned that even after the socialist revolution and establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat, so long as small production is not totally eliminated, so long as private property exists in any form without complete transformation into social ownership, and commodity

production and circulation are also there, the seeds of capitalism remain embedded within society. And as long as these remain, the tendency of restoration of capitalism remains.... revisionism came about in the Soviet Union all of a sudden just (not) because the seeds of capitalism were there.... revisionism could appear because the economic ingredients conducive to breeding of revisionism were there. Had there been no such economic elements in the society, this phenomenon could not have appeared there. But just the economic ingredients by themselves could not have brought it about automatically; revisionism did not have the ability to come about this way. It is the low level of consciousness that increased this tendency.... By referring to the prevailing mechanical process of thinking and the low standard of consciousness in the communist movement, we have been repeatedly sounding notes of caution for long". Deducing the reason behind such serious fall in standard, he observed that, "The lowering of the general standard of consciousness of the communists was, according to us, mainly due to two factors. Firstly, the philosophical development of Marxism-Leninism which ought to have been made in the face of multiplicity of newer problems of life and class struggles and in keeping with the spectacular progress of natural sciences that marked the post-Lenin period was not made. There might be so many reasons for this deficiency, but it is, no doubt, a fact the truth of which can be proved by a simple example. Nobody would, perhaps, deny that at present the phenomenon of individualism and the bourgeois sense of liberty are in the ideological sphere stiff obstacles in the path of development of class struggles in advanced countries. The situation calls for a critical discussion of the sense of humanist moral values vis-à-vis proletarian moral values. But not a single work that can claim to have dealt with the problem authoritatively and comprehensively has come out in the post-Lenin period. Secondly, like the proverbial one-eyed deer, the communist leaders in general, to a very large extent, neglected the important task of conducting ideological struggles inside the party to raise the ideological standard of thousands and thousands of young communists who were drawn into the vortex of

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Ruling capitalism wreaking havoc in Indian people's life

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communist movements and kept themselves busy mostly in organizational activities."

Elaborating further in his discussion on the Chinese Cultural Revolution which he termed 'magnificent' as an attempt to weed out bourgeois class-thought in the realm of mind and culture, he drew attention to two very important issues, the features of a new type of 'economism' of hankering for 'material incentive' and 'benefit' growing among the common workers and a new type of 'individualism' which he termed 'socialist individualism' appearing in socialist societies. Such a mentality, in his words, breeds a typical individualistic and opportunistic trend among the workers and obstructs the process of conducting the essential "intense and arduous struggle for complete identification of the self-interest with the interest of (socialist) society through unflinching dedication and constant vigil." This was the "new standard of ethics and human values" he set before the proletarian revolutionaries as against hitherto considered highest standard of communist moral values which called for surrendering individual interest to social interest or in other words, subordinate individual interest to the cause of revolution and revolutionary party. He exhorted to develop a powerful movement centering round this new concept of communist morality. Otherwise, he forewarned that, "apprehension of the reappearance of the trend of individualism in future ... will remain...it would give birth to revisionism and that would only let in the restoration of capitalism."

So it is clear that dismantling of the socialist camp has not been auto-generated but caused by deliberate distortion of time-tested Marxist principles and subversion of socialist programmes by the modern revisionists. It indicates no demolition of scientific socialism but only reconfirms the correctness of its postulates which the modern revisionists as agents of the imperialists-capitalists within working class movement have given a decent burial to to buttress their ulterior agenda of restoring capitalism.

It is only by inflicting a crushing defeat to modern revisionism that world communist movement could be resurrected and brought back to

its glory and in the process the imperialist tyranny could be combated as well as accomplishment of proletarian revolution in the different countries expedited.

National Economic Scenario

Alongside grave international situation, national scenario obtaining today is equally grim and horrid with ruling Indian monopolists, as inalienable part of decadent moribund world imperialism-capitalism, wreaking havoc in people's life. While the rich is becoming richer, poor is being doomed to yet more penury and impoverishment. A cursory glance at bare facts will be revealing. While the number of Indian billionaires rose from 9 in 2004 to 40 in 2007, more than 3 in 4 Indians do not have a daily income of 2 U.S dollars. Nearly 77 per cent of the people i.e. 836 million live on less than Rs 20 per day. A quarter of them spend less than Rs 9 per day. On the contrary, since 2000-01 to date, each additional per cent growth of GDP has led on an average to some 2.5 per cent growth in corporate profits. India's FDI abroad (investment by Indian monopolists overseas) shot up to \$8.68 billion in the first three quarters of 2006-07, four-and-a-half times of \$1.94 billion in this period a year ago.

Economic globalization which was heralded two decade ago as "a rising tide that will raise all boats" is now rocking the boat for the poor and have-nots. Prices of essential commodities are soaring. Inflation has broken all records to reach 12% as per official declaration. Consumers are currently paying as much as 60 per cent more than the wholesale price of essential commodities, which marks a threefold increase over the normal average difference between retail and wholesale prices. On the other hand, peasants are not getting fair price for their produces. The middlemen and traders are minting money by inflating retail price. Rising cost of seeds, pesticides and diesel used for running shallow pumps coupled with non-availability of irrigation facility are

making life hell for the peasantry. Lack of cold storage facilities reportedly leads to wastage of about 40% of the farm produces causing an annual loss of Rs 50, 000. Middle and marginal peasants are losing land. Number of agricultural labour is on a galloping rise. Unable to get work in the villages, there is mass exodus of rural poor to the cities to die as beggars on the roadside. With globalization extending its paws to agriculture by way of subsidy withdrawal, opening up the sector to MNCs, introduction of contract farming, export orientation in crop selection and increased cultivation of so-called cash crop, things are turning worse for the poor peasants. With no access to institutional credit and deprived of any support from the corrupt government administration, the peasants are getting increasingly enmeshed in debt trap. More than a hundred thousand suicides by farmers over the last decade bears testimony to the harrowing condition of rural India pursuant to the policy of pampering the rich who use their growing economic power to dominate increasingly the multitude of poor.

Globalization has also had an adverse effect on our food security. Our per capita food availability (taking cereals and pulses together) has declined from 510 gm to 445 gm between 1996 and 2006. Black-marketing and hoarding of food articles is rampant. Pilferage from the nearly defunct public distribution system in connivance with corrupt officials is a common feature. India's retail sector is facing the onslaught of national and multinational corporations which will lead to the destruction of livelihoods of over 40 million people in the country. Multinational chains have started selling vegetables at predatory prices, threatening the livelihoods of hundreds of thousands of hawkers who make a subsistence income on this work.

Capitalist globalization has wrought havoc in the industrial front as well. One after another factories are closing down. In West Bengal alone, over 56 thousand industrial units have been shut

down throwing away 2.1 million out of job. Job loss is massive throughout the country. Jamshedpur steel plant of the Tatas originally employed 85000 workers to produce 1 million tons of steel worth 0.8 million U.S. dollars. In 2005, the production rose to 5 million tons, worth about 5 million U.S dollars, while employment fell to 44,000. Same is the case with their Pune factory. Haldia Petrochemicals in West Bengal promised employment of one lakh while fact is that only 923 persons are employed permanently and 1200 are casual workers. No new jobs are created as labour-intensive units have become a thing of the past. Few industries that are being set up here and there are all highly sophisticated technology-driven capital-intensive employing a handful of skilled labour. More than 90 per cent of the labour force is in the "unorganized sector", i.e. sectors which don't provide with the social security and other benefits of employment in the "organized sector."

Hence, unemployment is mounting. In our country, more than 70% people stay in the rural areas where besides millions of unemployed, there is a sizeable number of under-employed or half-employed. Considering that along with urban unemployment, more than half of the population is today either starved or semi-starved. To make the situation yet more harrowing, the governments both at Centre and in the states are now embarking on the agenda of creating Special Economic Zones, slaughterhouse of labour, by forcibly acquiring fertile agricultural lands evicting the peasants. Thus, the toiling masses have no means to eke out a bare living. They have no work, no money, no food, no shelter, not even an iota of security. It is only a tightening noose of savage economic assault that they experience everyday. The very survival of the toiling masses is under serious threat.

National political and cultural scenario

Nothing could be murkier than Indian political scene today. The stench of rotten bourgeois power politics, without least of scruples, morals or principles, is vitiating the air all around. In order to fulfil its aspiration to immediately emerge as a regional superpower and then gradually as an imperialist power of

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In a letter sent to the Communist Party of India (Marxist) on August 1, Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary, SUCI, expressed deep grief at the demise of Harkishan Singh Surjeet, former General Secretary of the CPI (M) and conveyed condolence to the CPI (M) and the bereaved family.

Pseudo-Marxists have joined bandwagon of murky bourgeois politics

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reckoning at the global arena, the ruling Indian bourgeoisie is blatantly aligning and conniving with the US imperialists as evident from strategic military cooperation, joint military exercises, Indo-US nuke deal, voting against Iran in IAEA and a host of such other incidents. Taking full advantage of the absence of democratic mass movement—thanks to the treachery of the pseudo-Marxists—the ruling bourgeoisie here also is snatching one after another the hard-earned democratic rights of the people, concentrating absolute power in the hands of the state, robbing the democratic institutions of their essence, crushing people's struggles ruthlessly and thus is on the threshold of establishing total fascism keeping a façade of parliamentary democracy.

The crisis of capitalism has brought the parliamentary system tottering on its legs, its servitor bourgeois and social-democratic parties reduced to vulgar outfits of rank self-seekers and tricksters. Elections have been reduced to farce with money, muscle and media power calling the shots. Open horse-trading, flashing of bribe money inside the parliament, criminals becoming legislators and law-makers, rampant misuse of government funds and so forth has turned the parliamentary system into a mockery. In order to ensure that genuine voice of the people does not get reflected inside the legislature, there is full-fledged attempt to incapacitate the true representatives of the people from even contesting in the polls. Alongside, efforts are being made to virtually replace the multi-party system by a two-party democracy on the models of US or UK so that people's choice in the hustling remains confined to two parties or two combinations propped up by the ruling class and thus governmental power alternates between these two only allowing the bourgeois class rule to continue unchallenged even on the floor of the house. On the other hand, whenever the people's wrath and ire against the rising onslaught is seeking to burst forth in agitation, the ruling class is either trying to diffuse the same through use of sheer force or divert the same towards casteist-communal-parochial-separatist line by covertly backing the divisive forces of different hues even to the extent of

fomenting communal disharmony and engineering fratricidal bloodbaths.

When the vaunted parliamentary democracy is giving out a stench of a cancerous wound, divisive parochial-regional-casteist-communal forces are let loose to disunite the masses and perpetuate decaying bourgeois class rule, a floodgate is opened alongside to an onrush of rotten degraded imperialist consumerist culture to emasculate the people particularly the youth lest they revolted against the bourgeois conspiracy. Permeation of crude individualism in every mind is glaringly manifest. On the other hand, age-old obsolete creeds, obscurantism, religious bigotry and such other backward thoughts are being tacitly fomented and nurtured to retrograde the mental process. An aimless desperateness, despair and frustration, impulsive disposition are devouring the youth. Excommunicated from the rich cultural heritage of the country and unable to grasp the emerging new progressive cultural outlook, the present generation is, so to say, swinging in a cultural vacuum. The awful economic assault and unspeakable misery stemming therefrom is also having its toll on the socio-cultural arena. Family suicides, female foeticide, dowry deaths, bride burning are galore. Debauchery, sex-slavery, rupture in marital life, drug addiction, vulgarism, teen-age murder and atrocities on women have overwhelmed the nation. Mother is selling new born baby for a pittance, father auctioning daughter in exchange for a trifle, husband forcing wife into prostitution, son hacking old mother to death for property—such is the grim spectacle of Indian society today.

It is disquieting to find that the pseudo-lefts and sham Marxists like the CPI (M), CPI in their avid pursuit of governmental power have also joined the bandwagon of stinking bourgeois vote politics and its associated vices throwing away the banner of democratic movement. Openly, they are appeasing and applauding the exploiting bourgeoisie, holding brief for capitalism, vending dream of 'industrialization, development and prosperity' in capitalist way, preaching hated theory of class collaboration and where in power with the blessings of the ruling class, butchering legitimate class

and mass struggles with the help of police-military and criminals. To stay afloat in the corridors of power, they are indulging in all kinds of undemocratic, unethical and opportunistic activities, entering into unscrupulous unholy alliances with reactionary forces, compromising with communal elements and spreading parliamentary illusions and pandering to all kinds of reactionary thoughts to intellectually and morally cripple people from within. Both in their actions and conduct, these sham Marxists not only lack politeness, modesty or decorum but indulge in arrogance, narrow mindedness, sectarian outlook, falsehood, doublespeak and do not feel ashamed in using vulgar and filthy language even in media glare. The states under rule of these pseudo-Marxists teem in bride burning, rape, woman and child trafficking, molestation, eve teasing, 'witch' hunting and obscene displays of various kinds. Thus they have bidden farewell to even to the vocabulary of social change and revolution and completely surrendered to the ruling class for securing berth in the corridor of power. And projecting them as Marxists-leftists, the ruling class is also unleashing a malicious campaign to vilify Marxism before the people.

Vindication of Comrade Ghosh's teachings

This unfolding national scenario shows how correctly Comrade Ghosh analyzed the post-independence era on the anvil of Marxian science and concluded that all miseries and malice were stemming from the capitalist order bestriding the country like deadweight. In the process of concretizing Marxism-Leninism on this soil, he pointed out that with transference of state power through compromise to the Indian bourgeoisie, the stage of Indian revolution became that of anti-capitalist socialist revolution with the objective of overthrowing ruling capitalism. With impeccable logic backed by facts, he showed that solutions to all problems—be it of unemployment, unfettered industrialization, rural economy, price rise, education and healthcare, women freedom or all-pervading cultural degradation—are intertwined with the question of overthrowing Indian capitalism. So he exhorted that all activities,

movements, agitations must conduce to this basic objective by intensifying the class struggles.

After a "thorough analysis of the history of the struggles of this party, namely the Communist Party of India, right from its very inception, its method of conduct and outlook governing all these struggles, its strategy and tactics of revolution formulated on different occasions, its analysis of the fundamental political situation of the country as also the characterization of the Indian state and, above all, the ethical-cultural standard reflected by its leaders and cadres in their day-to-day behaviour and outlook in every aspect of life", he concluded that despite the honesty, dedication and self-sacrifice of many of the founding leaders and following certain practices like writing a party constitution or holding periodic party congresses, the party known as the Communist Party of India (now disintegrated in so many factions), the said party failed to develop as a correct revolutionary party following correct Marxist methodology and hence emerged as a petty-bourgeois outfit. Realizing the need of Indian revolution marked by absence of a genuine communist party, he took upon himself the historic task of building up a correct revolutionary party of the proletariat. Integrating all the teachings of Marxist authorities and concrete experiences of history as also to cope with the need of the time when the working class movement was faced with completely exhausted bourgeois human moral values and ethics and as its consequence, dangerous degradation in moral-ethical life, giving birth to utterly reactionary individualism, Comrade Ghosh developed and enriched the Marxist-Leninist concept of proletarian party. In course of his historic struggle, he also enriched the understanding of Marxism-Leninism in the light of modern science and showed how the new inventions like the theory of relativity, space-time continuum, quantum mechanics and latest discoveries in genetics and life science were only confirming dialectical materialism as science of all sciences. There was not a single issue or problem related to the struggle for emancipation of the proletariat, not any branch of

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Emancipation lies in correct grasp and application of Comrade Ghosh's teachings

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epistemology which was not illumined by his profound wisdom acquired in the process of conducting a conscious painstaking socialist struggle covering all aspects of life. In course of handling the new and newer problems of life that appeared in the post-Lenin period, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh developed, elaborated and enriched the understanding of Marxism-Leninism, made definite contributions to its treasure-house and brought it to a new height.

He showed that due to definite historic reasons, the nation building process remained half-baked and truncated and despite such a great national upheaval, we could not accomplish in its stride the task of social revolution, of democratization of the society. Hence even after attainment of political independence, the people of our country has remained disunited over language, religion, culture and customs which, as we find today, are being used at will by the ruling bourgeoisie and its agents to spread disaffection among communities, cause fratricidal bloodbath and disrupt people's unity. The widespread casteist-communal conflagrations and divides as well as raising of ugly heads by parochial-chauvinist-separatist forces with the patronage of the ruling class which are disrupting the desired unity of the struggling masses today only go on corroborating his views. Refuting the false propositions of the pseudo-Marxists, he concretely proved that Indian capitalism had not only attained monopoly character but reflecting traits of imperial capital as well. Today, we find the imperialist features of Indian capital quite manifest in both economic and political spheres. He also said that as the days would roll by, capitalism would be more crisis-ridden and malice and misery of the people would increase several fold. Facts speak for themselves. The present utterly treacherous role of the CPI (M), CPI also confirm Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's characterization that these parties carrying a Marxist signboard were in fact compromising social-democrats vying for power and serving bourgeois class interest. They were not serious in organizing genuine people's movement and lead them to their logical culmination. Instead

their aim was to use people's grievances for riding to power and backstab the cause of struggle.

As true exponent of higher Marxist philosophy, he held that no amount of sacrifices and sporadic battles in numbers totally divorced from higher ethics and culture can bring about revolutionary transformation of the society. The nation can stand up with firm determination against all sorts of injustice only when the movements are conducted on the edifice of higher ethics, culture and morality as well as a correct base political line. "The essence, the living soul, the kernel of any great and revolutionary ideology of every age is ingrained in its higher cultural and ethical standard", said Comrade Ghosh. He further added: "Had these parties been really Marxist-Leninist, true to their assertion, it could well be expected then that as a sequel to their growing influence there would have been a corresponding and perceptible decline in the influence of the most rotten and vile bourgeois culture, at least among the masses, students and youths participating in the democratic movements, and they would have reflected a new higher cultural and ethical standard at the same time. But the reality underlines just the reverse.... So long as the left and democratic mass movements will be conducted under the leadership of these so-called Marxist-Leninist parties, it would not be possible to put a halt to this trend of continuous deterioration in cultural standard of the masses in general and of the youths in particular just by these day-to-day struggles on political and economic demands — however militant they might seem to be. And if the masses remain slaves to the low standard of bourgeois and feudal culture, they may fall victim to reaction at any moment when faced with utter failure of democratic mass movements and countrywide frustration, and may even turn into a counterrevolutionary reserve force in the hands of reaction." Viewed in the context of present day India, these words appear like prophecies. As an exponent of highest communist character in the present era, he believed that "politics call for a nobler heart... Nobler still is the feeling that spurs on to revolutionary politics." The apprehension he expressed about

increasing spread of degraded culture if these sham red flag waivers increased their strength is also proved to be correct today.

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh thought provides the beacon

It is true that people are desperately seeking relief from this all out strangulation. A whole lot of questions are agitating the minds of the thinking persons. What is the way to stem the rot? How can emancipation from all sorts of exploitation of man by man be brought about? Is it that reverses suffered by socialism in Soviet Union, China and other countries proved futility of communism? Was such bouncing back by imperialism-capitalism a foregone conclusion? Is captivity in the thrall of capital to be taken as perpetuity? It is also true that though pursuant to naked exposure of these aberrations and filth the people out of disgust are temporarily turning away from parliamentary system, the parliamentary illusion does persist. It is in this context that the illumining thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, his brilliant analysis of the national and international situations on the anvil of Marxist science and methodology assumes tremendous importance. So the need to study, cultivate and assimilate Comrade Shibdas Ghosh thought and use it as a guide to action in today's complex situation.

During his lifetime, his thoughts had made decisive impact on the various sections of toiling people including honest leaders and rank of other parties. The power of his thought was so decisive that it made dent into the bases of the pseudo-Marxists and caused fissures. It continues to be so after his sad untimely demise as well. In his absence, SUCI, the party he built up, reared and steered as the genuine revolutionary class organ of the proletariat on the Indian soil and a part and parcel of international communist movement, was vested with the historic responsibility to widely disseminate his thoughts and fulfil his unaccomplished task. Under the able leadership of Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, a revolutionary compatriot of Comrade Ghosh right from the beginning phase of his magnificent struggle, the Central Committee of the SUCI braving all odds and overcoming all obstacles, has been

consistently carrying out the struggle to organize the Indian proletariat for anti-capitalist revolution by imbuing them with the noble life philosophy of Marxism-Leninism-Comrade Shibdas Ghosh thought and involving them in united conscious class and mass struggles on the edifice of higher ethics, morality and culture. In the process, the thought of Comrade Ghosh has spread across the length and breadth of the country and iron-strong party organizations are developing in rapid strides and gaining strength with every passing day taking away sleep from the ruling class and its servitors. Nobility and invincibility of Marxist science is taking firm root in people's mind and the sham Marxists are getting isolated. Not only in the country, Comrade Ghosh's thought has transcended national boundary to inspire fighting people and proletariats in various countries. Authority of Comrade Ghosh as an outstanding Marxist thinker in the post-Lenin period and worthy disciple of Marx-Engels-Lenin-Stalin-Mao is getting decisively established. This is the sparkle in the pervading darkness.

Build up struggle based on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh thought

In his exhortation to the countrymen, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh said, "Out of the discontent of the workers and peasants in the society, time and again, revolutionary tide will try to surge forth in waves following waves—in waves after waves, it will burst out—the contradiction and conflicts brewed up within society will time and again seek to express and demand a fundamental change of this order, will make fervent appeal to human conscience, will urge upon the human consciousness and demand revolution. But there will be no revolution. Again and again the revolutionary tide will recede, will go astray. Time and again reaction will gain. Revolution will have to wait until a revolutionary party emerges with necessary strength to lead it." On the occasion of his 32nd death anniversary we take the firm resolve to carry the message to every nook and corner of the country as well round the globe to bring about the cherished emancipation of the mankind from the rule of capital.

SUCI indicts turning parliament into a MP trading centre

Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary, SUCI, in course of a statement issued on July 23, 2008 expressed shock and indignation over the reprehensible incidents of indulgence in worst form of horse trading and bribery by all major parliamentary parties to rustle up number of MP's in their favour centering round the confidence motion moved by the UPA government led by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to push ahead the nefarious Indo-US nuclear deal. The very incident of some MPs flashing bribe money on the floor of the parliament bore eloquent testimony as to what murky extent this game of MP purchasing went this time, added

Comrade Mukherjee. All these have once again brought to the fore the abysmal low depth Indian parliamentary democracy has stooped to where the democratic conscience of the Indian people is being trampled underfoot with alacrity by a handful of monopolists and their henchmen simply by flexing their money power. The parliament once hailed as sovereign by the exponents of bourgeois democracy and bearing footfalls of esteemed freedom fighters and revered nationalist leaders has now been turned into a shopping mall, if not auction centre, by the ruling monopolists and their hirelings for free trading of members elected on people's vote but up for sale and

floor-crossing against suitable price, added Comrade Mukherjee. People of the country, pointed out Comrade Mukherjee, have also been noting with consternation how the CPI(M) mouthing slogans against the pernicious nuke deal purported to turn India into a strategic partner of US imperialists, worst enemy of the mankind today, has been instead of developing powerful democratic movement to stall the treaty, indulging in all kinds of frivolous games and deceptive exercises to turn such serious an issue concerning people's interest into a nasty parliamentary game thereby allowing the ruling monopolists to manipulate and manoeuvre matters at their will. Such a blatant betrayal

to people's cause by the CPI(M) and its associates is to be condemned in unequivocal terms, said Comrade Mukherjee.

Calling upon the progressive-minded people to build up countrywide mighty mass movement in demand for annulment of the sinister deal, Comrade Mukherjee also urged upon them to take into cognizance the perfidious game the CPI(M) and its allies, true to their compromising social-democratic character, have been playing not only on this issue but on all other matters having serious repercussions on people's life and thus providing extra lease of life to decadent moribund capitalist system, the root of all evils.

SUCI protests against Nuclear Deal countrywide on July 18



Observe Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day on 5th August in solemn befitting manner

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