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Country observes Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day



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5th August last marked the 32nd Memorial Day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, founder General Secretary of the SUCI, our leader, teacher and guide and one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of the era. Like previous years this day was observed throughout the country with due solemnity. Leaders, cadres, supporters and sympathizers of the party as well as innumerable toiling people of the land recollected with reverence the invaluable teachings of Comrade Ghosh and rededicated themselves to the tasks of accomplishing anti-capitalist proletarian revolution on the soil and of playing due role in intensifying the international communist movement and bringing it back to its glory.

In a solemn observation at the party's Salt Lake commune in **Calcutta** in the morning, Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, our beloved General Secretary and a revolutionary compatriot of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, offered floral tribute to the departed leader and teacher of the Party. Comrades Sukomal Dasgupta and Sitesh Dasgupta, veteran members of the Central Committee, also placed floral wreaths at the portrait of Comrade Ghosh. In his brief address to the comrades who attended the programme, Comrade Nihar Mukherjee said: we do not observe the

Memorial Day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, founder of the SUCI and one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of the era, as a ritual. We observe this day with due solemnity to ascertain as to how far have we been able to grasp his teachings and apply the same in every walk of our life to carry forward our life struggle as revolutionaries. During his life-long arduous revolutionary struggle, Comrade Ghosh tried to educate every leader and cadre of the party with Marxism-Leninism and dialectical materialism in such a way that they could correctly apply the same in their life and thereby acquire the ability to easily analyze and understand the various complex to yet more complex problems appearing in the national and international arena. The most important lesson he provided us was that we ought to realize the inherent revolutionary significance of every incident or phenomenon we come across and equip ourselves to act accordingly.

You are aware of the history of his exemplary struggle in building up the party right from the inception. I would not enter into that today. The moment he realized, in course of his relentless pursuit of truth, the historical necessity of building up a genuine revolutionary party

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Mammoth gathering at the Memorial Meeting in Calcutta on 5th August

Move ahead with Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought – Nihar Mukherjee

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of the proletariat based on Marxism-Leninism in the country, he took it upon himself the task to give it a concrete shape with resolute determination and in defiance of all odds and uncertainties. Nothing could dissuade him from this revolutionary mission. He waded through all obstacles, all storms and rough weather. He could achieve that because to him testimony of true realization was in conducting action. We must understand that and apply in our life. The only yardstick to ascertain whether we have correctly understood anything is whether we are spurred to action necessitated out of it. And it is not enough to just act. We must act in the correct process. The proof of my realization of whatever knowledge and lesson I have received from Comrade Ghosh lies in my acting along the correct course derived out of it.

I have been fortunate enough to come to his close contact right from the very inception of building up the party. I got the opportunity to follow every step of his. How far I have been able to imbibe his thoughts, correctly apply his teachings and build up myself step by step in accordance with his teachings — all this would testify as to whether I have been able to become his true disciple, apt follower of his thoughts. I would exhort upon all of you desiring to be followers of his illuminating thoughts to correctly apply his teachings in your life, correctly act in accordance with his teachings. If you do that, you might go ahead of me in the revolutionary struggle, place yourself in much more responsible positions in discharging revolutionary obligations. Every leader and cadre of the party must be dawned upon by this consciousness. Then only it will be possible in this class-divided society to organize the exploited people from all sections of the society in their revolutionary struggle against the oppressor class based on the edifice of revolutionary ideology, politics, ethics, morality and way of life. And they will be able to properly act in every situation; take every necessary step one by one towards appropriate alignment of forces for correct execution of the proper task. In doing so, no work should be viewed as small or less important. May be one task is different from the other, ranking differently in order of priority, immediacy or

arduousness. We are to only view and judge from that perspective as to which work needs to be emphasized or given priority in a given context so as to create proper balance in handling diverse activities. But importance of every work or activity should never be underestimated. It is extremely important to maintain this balance and determine which particular work or activities should receive priority or relatively more emphasis in a particular situation. However, in every situation, the base political line and strategy of revolution as well as alignment of forces must be on a clear focus. For that, we must build up ourselves as well as others, as Comrade Ghosh had developed himself and the others through struggle.

Much before Comrade Ghosh, people who initiated a cult of Marxism-Leninism and had good study of classics felt the necessity of a communist party on this soil to develop communist movement. So they built up the party known as Communist Party of India or CPI. They even came in contact with great Stalin. It is true that some of the founding leaders of the CPI had opportunity to meet Stalin. Once they went to Moscow and were waiting to meet Stalin. Instead of calling them for a formal meeting, Stalin himself alongwith Molotov went to see them and enquired why they wanted to meet him. The CPI leaders said that they had come to know two things from him. First of all, they said that on examination they had found the line of 'revolution' adopted by B T Randive, the then leader of the party was fraught with dangerous flaws. So they sought from Stalin what punishment should be meted out to Randive. In reply, Stalin said that no doubt Randive had committed serious mistake. But such punishment was no remedy for a mistake. Why would the question of impeachment arise if he was repentant for his mistake and agreed to rectify himself? That was enough. From this advice of Stalin, others should also draw lesson. I feel we should also traverse the same path. No punishment is called for. It is enough, if one rectifies himself by correctly understanding his mistake.

Next Stalin wanted to know their second question. They said they wanted him to formulate the strategy and tactics of Indian revolution. Stalin burst into laughter. He said that they



Comrade Nihar Mukherjee addressing at Salt lake Commune, Calcutta

themselves would have to deduce the stage and strategy of Indian revolution. India, he said, had a long history. So they must thoroughly study the history of their country, understand the prevailing economic-political-social-cultural scenario and get to know the culture, tradition and the ethical-moral construct. First they needed to determine who the main enemy was and who the main danger was before revolution? Both these forces had to be identified beforehand and it should be borne in mind that unless the main danger could be squarely defeated and isolated from the people, main enemy can not be overpowered. See how beautifully and lucidly Stalin explained the fundamental question.

Through innumerable classes, discourses and even informal discussions, Comrade Ghosh made relentless endeavour to make these aspects so clarified to the leaders and cadres that they could realize the same not formally but creatively. You must remember that it is of utmost importance to understand how have I drawn due lesson from his teachings, how have I internalized his thoughts. Because on this depends whether my grasp is proper and whether my work, my activities towards fulfillment of the revolutionary objective for which I have engaged myself in a revolutionary struggle are being channelized along the right track. If my grasp is correct, that would be absorbed in my flesh and blood, incarnate in my body and mind, my character, my behaviour and conduct, my life style, in every aspect of mine.

There are many other aspects of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's revolutionary life. I have only highlighted a few of such basic aspects, that too not all, before you

today. Much more have most of the comrades heard or learnt from Comrade Ghosh. This day beckons us to make strides ahead with those teachings of his. That would be our resolve. We must move ahead steadfast with this resolve. With that pledge, I am concluding today.

32nd Memorial Day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was observed throughout the country and everywhere the observance was marked by placing of floral tributes at the portrait of the departed leader, deliberations on his teachings and contributions, rendition of the song on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and *The Internationale*. Here we publish the reports we received so far.

West Bengal

At the Central Office in Calcutta, red flag was hoisted by Comrade Provash Ghosh, Central Committee member and West Bengal state secretary of the SUCI.

In the afternoon, a mass meeting of around 50,000 people was held at Rani Rashmoni Road at the nerve centre of Calcutta. The massive gathering proved the growing support of the oppressed people towards the SUCI as also their eagerness to be acquainted with the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and delineate their task.

The meeting was presided over by Comrade Protiva Mukherjee, veteran member of the West Bengal State Secretariat, and mass leader. Comrade Provash Ghosh, was the main speaker.

In her brief inaugural speech, Comrade Protiva Mukherjee pinpointed the significance of observing Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day in the given national-international situation and emphasized on being armed with the teachings of Comrade Shibdas

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Confidence motion to push ahead nefarious N-deal

Bourgeois politics nosedives into bottomless pit of degeneration

Bourgeois parliamentary democracy of India unveils one more chapter, in fact one of its filthiest chapters in July 2008. The Indian ruling capitalists and their trusted representative Congress had decided to accomplish a nefarious nuclear deal with the US imperialists and thereby, to emerge as a nuclear power, as well as, be roped in as a military partner of the world's most dreaded and hated war-monger. With that end in view, they were bent upon earning sanction for their anti-people, anti-national design from the members of the Parliament. Apparently centring round this issue, CPI(M)-led left parties withdrew their support to the Congress-led UPA government, which was really under the compulsion of regaining their anti-Congress leftist image lost to people and even their ranks during these past four years when they acted virtually as oxygen masks to the utterly anti-people UPA government, whenever it gasped for life. It must be added here notwithstanding this 'withdrawal of support', CPI(M) and its allies did not make any serious attempt to develop a countrywide movement against the nuclear deal, though they did not fail to spend strong words to keep their ranks alive. In any case, their 'withdrawal of support' on July 8 precipitated a twist of events. SP, led by Mulayam Singh Yadav, in whom CPI(M) had so far been finding a natural ally in the fight for secularism, confirmed their support to the UPA government. Gaining a substantial ally in SP, the UPA government immediately announced that they would seek confidence in the Parliament and before the confidence motion was placed, they declared that they would win the motion. However, they did not seek the confidence in any hot haste. Rather they met the President, absolutely partisan and in their fold; they recommended to her to convene a special session of Parliament for the confidence motion. They got the date fixed on 22 July.

As soon as the date was announced, hectic, yet orchestrated activities sprang loose. On one side, to ensure the magic figure of 271 for 'confidence' the UPA set out for fishing MPs particularly from

among the vacillating and smaller parties or so-called 'independents' with attractive baits, at the same time threatening them a fall of government would mean fresh election and thus uncertainty, even doom, for many of them. On the other, the opposition too, now having CPI(M) and its associates in their ranks, got busy with their own tricks and steps to enter the arena. Advertisements from the Union Ministry of petroleum and natural gas were issued in leading dailies of the capital to garner support for the Nuclear deal. The Union government dusted and revived a long forgotten proposal to rename Lucknow Airport as Chaudhary Charan Singh Airport. It meant the government had started a fresh spell of misusing its power and position as well as public exchequer to create opinion in its favour and meet the end of winning confidence. Further, judged in this background, in a gross misuse of CBI, the government prompted it to file a fresh affidavit against Mayawati, the leader of BSP and the chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh and the arch rival of Mulayam Singh Yadav of SP. With SP now in the UPA lap, CPI(M) with its allies, in their turn, ran up to none other than Mayawati, whom they have always criticized for practicing worst kind of caste politics: a CPI(M) leader was reportedly found to comment that while traveling in a train, you cannot complain about your companions. More such unprincipled alliances kept springing up or lying dormant, as the D-day drew close. While the bigger players, like BJP or CPI(M) and its allies, really waited in the lurch, posing a fake war with the UPA without putting up any real fight inside or outside the Parliament, and thus allowing the UPA a free ground to cover, individuals and parties, however small, tainted or insignificant in politics they might have been, were throwing out their 'wishlist' for their support. 'Poaching' into opponents' 'fort', a new coinage for the country itself and bare and nonchalantly shameless horse-trading kept on mounting. Price for support sky-rocketed to the tunes of tens of crores of rupees even 50 crore for each MP. In the land with

overwhelming bulk of people reeling under poverty-unemployment, the figures were not just fabulous, they were vulgarly beyond any perception. The PMO (Prime Minister's Office) was termed the biggest "bargaining counter" and "patent promoter of horse trading". Mayawati, too, from her Office as the UP Chief Minister, reportedly attempted 'poaching' dishing out privileges to rival MPs, for instance of SP, Mulayam's party. The sacrosanct Parliament became a 'house of auction-bidders', an auction centre. Reportedly, parties also deployed private detectives to keep a tab on their MPs. Even the dreaded convict MPs of different recognized parties, who were already serving life terms for murder or similar charges and who deserved to be hanged, were also finding grand treatment for their precious votes, on what terms not always known. Among such 'celebrities', Siby Soren, the JMM chief and the notorious figure charged with murder, apparently asked for the Coal Ministry in the Union Cabinet, along with shifting of headquarters of the DVC and the CIL even severing a few districts from West Bengal to Jharkhand. It was astonishing that the judiciary, too, remained quite indifferent to such immoral grand treatment of legally condemned and convicted characters. But definitely these branded criminals ridiculed the flamboyant campaign against criminalization of politics and criminals finding entry into politics. Long debates inside the house, or verbose sermonizing speeches on this or that occasions by the PM or other leaders as well as the persons of eminence in the judiciary, elaborately worded resolutions and instructions of the omni-powerful Election Commission all seemed to have vanished into thin air. There was hardly anybody from among them to raise the vexing question: how could such characters find entry into what the capitalists themselves once called 'high temple of democracy', not to speak of their emergence as key factors in nation's politics on such a crucial question as the confidence motion was.

And, of course, there was the 'million dollar' question. Where

was the fabulous amount of money coming from? Obviously, the capitalist class was in the fray with all heart and purse. The corporates, the monopolists, the powerful lobbies and barons of industry, mines, agriculture and other economic sectors, had thrown their weight into this nationwide spate of worst kind of rat race for power and pelf. It was such a murky scene that even the 'bookies' were uncertain; the bourgeois media, too, could not but comment that "the run-up to the latest head count in the Lok Sabha is raising so much stink that it is unlikely to leave the ruling UPA unscathed, even if it emerges from the test with pass marks. The Nuclear deal, which was the reason why the current floor test was necessitated, has since receded to the background.". There were "...allegations of unholy deals for the deal, charges of corporate rivalries being settled through political bargains and bit players trying to make capital out of the situation". The feud between the two leading corporates of the country was pushed right into the PMO, seeking its intervention and meaning its favour, obviously against a bargain for the PMO, in turn. Many leading politicians hinted at this rampant corruption, including horse trading, rather casually, in passing. But nobody, not even the so-called leftist leaders seemed to be interested in going beyond ending their crusade with a chuckle or a wry smile, without caring for developing a strong popular opinion against these immoral acts with a view to preventing them. Nobody, particularly the bigger contestants, raised any voice against such politics bereft of any and every kind of values, that simply demanded outright condemnation in absolute unambiguous terms. It appeared that since none of them was prepared to face a fresh election and people's verdict, they preferred to give the UPA government its lease of life and thus a free stage to win required support by any means whatsoever. So the things went on unabated.

The session started on 21 July. While the country was seething with anger against these immoral frantic activities, this totally unethical,

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Parliamentary democracy proves itself exhausted

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valueless politics, the honourable members of the Parliament, the main players of all these activities, maintained scrupulous silence about these inside the house without any prick of their conscience. There, business went on with usual dins and bustles, though behind those shows, there ran the last-moment behind-the-curtain deals. Finally, only a few hour before the vote, three BJP MPs barged into the Parliament with fat bundles of currency notes to the tune of crores of rupees and claimed they were offered those amounts by a leader of the UPA-SP combination, with a view to abstaining from themselves from the confidence-motion. The Parliament enacted all scenes of a drama for or against those three MPs, called for police, cried for investigation, its members issued volumes of statements and reactions and so on. But while the situation demanded that all other business be stopped to settle and investigate the serious allegations of bribery, true or false, and to take proper steps against people responsible, the Parliament under the leadership of the Speaker, who used to clamour leftist jargons the other day preferred to hush up the incident and thus save the UPA side, at least for the time being, convened an all party meeting and allowed the business to continue with a breathing gap of about an hour for the dust to settle. Nobody, not even from among the CPI(M) and its associates, demanded that had the government any semblance of respect for democratic norms, it must condemn this act all-out and in unequivocal terms and must immediately resign, since members of the ruling combination itself had been openly accused of being involved. Nothing of the kind happened, the whole incident was shoved under carpet and the UPA won the motion by a margin of about 19 votes, with 10 abstentions; 14 opposition MPs voted for the government, while 7 UPA-SP MPs voted against the government. Everything passed off normally as if there has not been anything so serious as to demand consideration and condemnation. However, even with the voting, the margin was not as big as it looked. It was reported that at least 28 MPs switched loyalties. 18 MPs, including the Speaker himself were expelled or were on the verge of being expelled

from their respective parties for flouting their party whips and voting otherwise or for abstaining themselves. And the UPA government sailed through smilingly on this chariot of limitless corruption, shameless treachery and sordid valuelessness. It may be recalled here that, by Constitutional provisions (Article 102(2)), legislators going against party whips stood disqualified and in this case too, the errant MPs were liable to lose their MP seats. But it has been already indicated that even if they are declared disqualified now, the stand they took on July 22 will not be affected in any way. Besides, notwithstanding the rules, whether they are to lose their seats or not, will rest on the Speaker, who has already sided with the government side.

People of the entire country was stunned with pain and anger. So, this was the real face of those who were supposed to be their representatives to raise their voice inside the Parliament and who enjoyed all sorts of privileges by virtue of that position. It was a total demolition of democracy that they perpetrated. If such acts go on unabated what else could be more helpful and catalytic to usher in fascism on this soil at any opportune moment. But something more waited for people to hear and bear. The Prime Minister who had lead this band of corrupt, valueless, treacherous MPs showing no respect for democracy, nonchalantly spoke out in his victory speech: Whatever I have done in this high office of PM I have done with a clear conscience and the best interests of my country and our people at heart. I have no other claims to make. His countrymen should feel temporarily relieved at those last words; it was quite fortunate that he did not have any 'other claims to make'; the magnitude and character of what happened with him in his 'high office' and what he clearly endorsed with 'a clear conscience' was enough for 'his country and their people'. The country was already shocked with what had happened; people were at a loss to find right word for how they should term this whole scene of absolutely valueless politics. Anything more would have been still more disastrous and shameful, no doubt, for the nation, for the country and for its people.

But, at the same time, democratic-minded saner section of people must see through the scenes. They need to realize that it does not suffice with only condemning these incidents. They must find out why such things could happen all before the wide-open eyes of the nation and without any compunction from the doers. It is becoming high time to realize that there is nothing more to expect from the bourgeois parliamentary democracy prevalent in the capitalist system of the country. It must also be recalled that multi-party parliamentary democracy arose in history with the advent of the bourgeois, that is, the capitalist society and the accompanying capitalist rule. It came as the political superstructure of the bourgeois society that stood for individual's right to chose his representative for governance of his country, his democratic right to form association and party; his freedom expression to give vent to individual and collective opinions. It is true that ever since the early days of the bourgeois parliamentary system, it has acted as a prop in the hands of the ruling capitalist class to chose parties or forces for governance; legislative forum has always been an appendage of the class rule. Yet, in the days when the parliamentary system was upcoming, it nourished democratic rights and norms and values that the rising bourgeoisie upheld. Corruption and treachery were condemned; people's representatives recognized their responsibilities and accountabilities to the people. However, the more the capitalist system slid into its inherent crisis, the faster and to greater extent the ruling class, as well as their representatives at the helm parliamentary governments became alienated from people on account of their pro-capitalist, anti-people policies. This led to degeneration of the parliamentary system itself. The soul concern of the ruling capitalists became to ensure some such party or alliance to power that would help maintain the capitalist rule in the best possible way at any particular moment and would divert the burden of the crisis of the system on to the people. The bourgeois-petty bourgeois political parties in power or aspiring to rise to power, in their turn, could not but take recourse to not just anti-people measures with a view to serving the ruling capitalist class, but also unethical

undemocratic means to survive in power in whatever way it was possible. All norms and values, all commitments, accountabilities or responsibilities to the people were thrown into the air. Nothing seemed to be unfair and unjust for remaining in or rising to power. Democracy lost all its soul; it reigned only with its bare frame. Parliament too exhausted itself. Rules were there, not for anybody to go by; values were only to be found in void speeches; corruption, treachery became the order of the day.

This has been the experience in one and all capitalist countries, be it Bush's USA, Brown's UK or elsewhere in any underdeveloped country, in the present days when the world capitalist-imperialist order has slid into an unassailable intense crisis. In face of this crisis, the capitalist rulers of each and every capitalist country have given birth to not only huge financial capital, but also a military-industry complex with a view to keeping their tottering economy and squeezing market artificially stimulated feeding them with demands from the military. At the same time, with a view to preventing growth of revolutionary force and to saving its crisis-ridden economy, the capitalists-monopolists are taking to consolidation of power leading to administrative fascism, even keeping the façade of parliamentary democracy in tact. Thus everywhere, the government is found to be going against the very basic tenets of democracy, flouting every norm and value on any pretext, raising any bogie, be it national jingoism or terrorism or any such. Everywhere, it is the financial world, the monopolists-industrialists, the corporates, which are using their money power aided and abetted by muscle or military power to get the government take measures to their interest. It is that all powerful financial world that waves the green flag to a so-called elected government for perpetrating wanton military attack on a sovereign country, as was the case with the US aggression on Iraq or elsewhere; it is that same financial power that monitors coupes or rigged elections to bring down any popular government and place a government of their choice and confidence. There is no more any

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Comrade Manik Mukherjee in Lebanon

Comrade Manik Mukherjee, SUCI Central Staff and General Secretary of the International Anti-Imperialist and People's Solidarity Committee, recently paid a visit to Lebanon at the invitation of the Hizbullah, the major anti-imperialist organization of that country. He reached Beirut, the capital, on July 14.

After they had devastated Iraq, the US imperialists aided by the Zionist Israel have made Lebanon one of their principal targets. Lebanon has provided shelter to the Palestinian refugees uprooted by the cruel attacks of Israel, militarily and politically backed by the US rulers. Making it a plea that the relief camps of Lebanon have become the centres of anti-imperialist 'terrorist' forces, Israel is bringing down incessant missile and air strikes on civilian targets and residential areas, at the beckoning of the US imperialists. Not only the Israeli brigand has devastated this land, one of the richest instance of ancient human civilization, it had set up military prisons of the sort of the Hitlerite concentration camps and infamous Guantanamo run by the US imperialists, with a view to torturing the Lebanese. The Hizbullah leadership have preserved the areas devastated by Israel as also



Comrade Manik Mukherjee meets Hizbullah and Lebanese leaders. (Top Right) Comrade Mukherjee, Md. Tai and Md. Qassem placing wreaths at the tomb of Hizbullah Vice-President late Imad Mughnia. (Bottom Right) Comrade Mukherjee with Naim Qassem, Hizbullah Vice-President.



these prisons; they showed these to Comrade Manik Mukherjee as marks of inhuman imperialist destruction and torture.

But no amount of destruction or torture could frustrate the organized resistance put up by the Lebanese. The Israel army had to free five detainees, one held for the last 30 years and others kidnapped in 2006, under the pressure of the organized resistance of the Lebanese, as a part of which the Hizbullah held two Israeis and let them free only when the Israel army did release the unlawfully detained five Lebanese.

The country held a meeting on July 16 in observance of this victory. The Israeli army also were compelled to give back coffin-laid bodies of four hundred fifty Lebanese and Palestinian fighters, the victims of Israeli attack.

On July 14, Comrade Manik Mukherjee placed floral tributes at the tomb of the late Vice-President of the Hizbullah, Imad Mughnia. He was accompanied by Md. Tai and Md. Qassem, both members of the Secretariat of the International Anti-Imperialist and People's Solidarity Committee, who also placed their floral tributes. On July 16, as invited guest Comrade Manik Mukherjee participated in the mammoth gathering of a few lakhs of people. The Hizbullah chief Md. Nasirullah, who lived underground on being under constant threat from US-Israeli attack, made a brief appearance in the rally.

The Hizbullah leaders, including Naim Qassem, the Vice President of the organization, and the opposition leaders of Lebanon had talks, independently, with Comrade Manik Mukherjee. Dr. Ali Sayyad of Consultation Centre of Studies and Documentation, a research organization, was also present during discussions. The Lebanese leaders, including Naim Qassem, expressed that they were ready to hold the proposed international anti-imperialist conference at Beirut in November or first week of December next, after having the consent of Ramsay Clark, the President of the International Anti-Imperialist Committee. They also proposed to hold the conference united with the Cairo conference which is being held for years. They gave Comrade

Mukherjee submitted that on principle, there was no difficulty in holding a united conference, though it can be decided only after the declaration of the Cairo conference which the Lebanese leaders gave him, is read thoroughly. Comrade Mukherjee also had talks with Dr. Musid Kuteish, the Poilt Bureau member and Secretary International Wing of the Communist Party of Lebanon and gave him a copy of the works of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. At his proposal to build up party-to-party relation between the SUCI and the Communist Party of Lebanon, he assured that they would finally decide after discussion in their party, which, he believed, would not be in the negative.

In a background when the Indian capitalists and the Union government is increasingly closing up with the US imperialists and the imperialist globalization is bringing disastrous effects on people's life, economically-socially-culturally, importance of militant anti-imperialist struggles is coming out in bold relief. Besides, when behind their anti-imperialist slogans, the so-called leftists of the country have turned themselves into virtual total subservience to the imperialists, the efforts of SUCI to build up anti-imperialist struggles in the country on a solid foundation and to coordinate such struggles coming up everyday in different countries of the world, have assumed great significance. The recent Lebanon visit of Comrade Manik Mukherjee and the fruitful exchanges he undertook there, will definitely add impetus to people's struggles in this country and elsewhere against US imperialism and US-Israel military nexus.

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place of people's aspiration or desire or even their simple liking. Like any other capitalist country, India, too, stands no exception to this.

Armed with the teachings of Marxism- Leninism- Comrade Shibdas Ghosh thought, our party SUCI has repeatedly presented this analysis on the present political-social crises, capitalist countries are facing these days. The present obnoxious political events that took place centring round the confidence-motion in the Parliament, are the filthy expressions of this phenomenon of total social-political- cultural degeneration of bourgeois politics. They are, thus, proving beyond doubt that the parliamentary democracy of the capitalist system has exhausted its role in history. No kind or amount of adjustments or alignments of political forces within the Parliament can prevent such deplorable incidents from recurring.

It must be realized that people will have to think afresh for newer roads to achieve democracy in its real essence, that is to be found in the proletarian democracy only. It can never be attained without overthrowing the prevailing capitalist system and state which breed all evils in increasingly menacing forms. So democracy-loving people find no choice left, but to develop class and mass struggles only to prepare for revolutionary struggle against capitalism-imperialism on the strength of correct ideological understanding and consciousness based on Marxism- Leninism and steeled with higher cultural-moral-ethical standards. Only with such struggles raised to a height, can people think of putting a check on such reprehensible incidents recur in future. We would appeal to all democratic-minded, well-meaning people to judge the deplorable incidents from this angularity.

Appeal of the International Anti-imperialist and People's Solidarity Coordinating Committee

U.S. military bases, economic sanctions and blockades pose a threat to peace, stability and development on every continent, even where they have not yet inflicted the enormous level of brutality and devastation that major U.S. wars have in Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan.

In Iraq over 1 million have died. More than five million are refugees. U.S. occupation has laid waste to the entire country.

In already impoverished Afghanistan, the U.S./NATO occupation has brought not progress and development but even greater destruction and chaos. NATO has expanded military strikes to Pakistan and militarized the entire region.

Mass opposition to these occupations must grow and grow stronger. But international attention is needed also to stem Washington's "silent" interventions, which inflict pain and promise chaos.

Foreign troops on a nation's soil force a surrender of sovereignty. Foreign bases mean constant intervention in a country's politics and policies, whether these are publicly acknowledged bases or the semi-secret "privatized" U.S. bases called Cooperative Security

Locations depending on "contractors."

The U.S. maintains an intrusive network of military bases in more than 70 countries. New Collective Security Locations are being established in up to 100 other countries.

Today there are U.S. bases and CSLs throughout South and Central Asia along with U.S. / NATO bases in almost every country of Europe – east and west. U.S. military presence and influence in Colombia is the greatest threat to peace and stability in the Western Hemisphere.

Countries that have resisted the basing of foreign troops and bases on their soil, attempted to pursue independent development or resisted the policies imposed by the IMF and international finance capital are increasingly targeted with severe forms of sanctions, economic dislocation and political sabotage.

In a world based on unequal and globalized trade, the threat of U.S. sanctions and blockades is a sentence of underdevelopment and hunger. Sanctions create wrenching economic dislocation and spiraling inflation that strikes the harshest blow on the most defenseless, the poorest, the oldest and the youngest

– bringing hunger, malnutrition, sickness and death.

The ever more hostile U.S. blockade of Cuba has continued for 50 years. U.S. sanctions — an act of war — hit Syria, Iran, Sudan, Somalia, Zimbabwe, North Korea, Serbia, and Myanmar among others. Washington's sanctions are also used to bludgeon others into submission — for fear of suffering the same fate as these U.S. targets.

U.S. military aid and technical assistance creates dangerous influence and causes aggression. U.S. military aid to Israel has fueled 60 years of aggression and suppression against the Palestinian people and neighboring countries that was not otherwise possible. It must be ended.

Washington also demands that the UN Security Council approve international strangulation of targeted countries. Similar U.S. pressure is placed on other countries, on international trade organizations, banks and lending institutions to participate in the economic sabotage.

It is past time to expose these policies before world opinion and mobilize the peoples of the world to combat these attacks on the sovereignty of nations. This task is

an urgent responsibility of the progressive movement world-wide.

Already, mass opposition to existing U.S. bases and the building of new bases and basing agreements is growing from Poland, the Czech Republic, to Philippines and Ecuador. Each of these separate movements deserves international support and solidarity.

All U.S. military presence must be removed from Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan and from the former Soviet Republics in Central Asia. The escalating threats of attack on Iran must end.

Each battle against sanctions deserves the same support. International solidarity is the best weapon against sanctions-enforced isolation.

Do you want to strengthen the international movement for peace, justice and solidarity? Do you want to help countries defend their sovereignty? Then take the first step.

Join the fight against U.S. bases and sanctions!

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Exhibition of select quotes from the works of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh

On the occasion of 32nd Memorial Day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, an exhibition of a few invaluable quotations from his published works was inaugurated at Metro channel in Calcutta on 3 August by Comrade Ranjit Dhar, veteran member of the West Bengal state secretariat and Central Staff. In

his brief inaugural speech, Comrade Dhar said that Comrade Ghosh's was a life of relentless all-embracing struggle in quest for truth. He held that pursuit of truth should not be guided by mechanical tendencies or blind acceptance of any subjective interpretation. Science is the only means to unravel

truth. Since dialectical materialism has developed as a comprehensive science through proper correlation, integration and generalization of the particular truths and knowledge culled from the different branches of science, it is the only philosophy that can fully open the vista of truth before man, seek truth, obtain a

comprehensive understanding of the world phenomena and correctly guide life in all its aspects. It is in realization of this truth that he in order to bring about the desired emancipation of the mankind from all exploitations took upon himself the task of building SUCI as the correct revolutionary party on the soil and said: "Simply to speak of revolution is no revolutionary consciousness. The correct revolutionary consciousness is the correct proletarian class consciousness and correct proletarian class consciousness is the correct proletarian party consciousness." Comrade Dhar called upon all to be dawned upon by the revolutionary teachings of Comrade Ghosh, engage themselves in pursuit of truth and thereby strengthen the party and revolution. Comrades Anil Sen, Provash Ghosh and Asit Bhattacharya, all central committee members were present on the occasion.



Comrade Ranjit Dhar, veteran member of the WB state secretariat and Central Staff inaugurating the quotation exhibition

Martyrdom Centenary of Shaheed Kshudiram remembered

Till his death, he was the resolute torch-bearer of the most progressive thoughts of his time, that of leading an uncompromising struggle against the imperialist ruler and free his motherland from the tentacle of alien rule. The only mission of his life was, therefore, to achieve freedom, not by begging or appeasement but by fighting like a soldier, firm in resolve and clear in vision. So much identified his self was with the mission that he remained calm and unperturbed even when the noose of the gallows was clamped on him. That was what inspired the countrymen at the need of the year. The fire was already kindled and it was only the time that took to spread it all around. Shaheed Kshudiram is thus remembered as the child of fire, a valiant soldier, a legend who sang the song of life at the pyre of death. He was not just an immortal martyr; he was one of the foremost revolutionaries of his time.

When there is a concerted attempt on the part of the power that

be to take the glorious past to the oblivion, obfuscate the legacy of the glowing characters that stood immortal as the epitome of cherished ideal, valour and values, it was only but natural that efforts would be made to erase Kshudiram from the minds of the countrymen. But the posterity dawned upon by the ideology befitting the time and seeking to take life to further heights inspired by him.

With the above purpose a Committee for Observation of Centenary of Martyrdom of Shaheed Kshudiram was formed with Shubhparasanna, a noted painter and sculptor as the Chairman. Under the auspices of the Committee, a series of programmes were taken to spread the message of Kshudiram. A few lakh photographs of the statue of Shaheed Kshudiram sculptured by Comrade Tapas Dutta, departed leader and central committee member of our party and an artist of reckoning, as well as badges embossed with the grit face

of Kshudiram were distributed. An appeal was made to all households, educational institutions, clubs, market committees and associations, trade unions, to observe the martyrdom day in a befitting manner. Response was overwhelming. In the afternoon of 11th August, the Martyrdom day a public meeting was held at the foot of the Shaheed Kshudiram statue in front of Calcutta High court. Two well decorated cycle processions from Habibpur, the birthplace of Kshudiram, in Midnapur district and South 24 Parganas district after passing through different urban and rural areas for the last two days converged at the venue of the meeting

under thunderous applause of the assembled crowd. Professor Tarun Sanyal, eminent poet and educationist and President of the Forum of artists, cultural activists and Intellectuals, presided over and Kaushik Sen, a well-known theatre personality and Comrade Pratibha Mukherjee, member of the West Bengal State Secretariat, SUCI, and a renowned mass leader spoke on the occasion. Kaushik Sen in his well articulated speech pointed out that when crude individualism, self-centeredness and careerism are devouring the minds of the people and polluting the youth, a proper cult of the blazing characters like Kshudiram can stem the rot. Comrade Pratibha Mukherjee showed that Kshudiram represented the uncompromising trend of Indian freedom movement and right from his childhood, he proved his courage and iron-will. His martyrdom shattered the stagnating fear and slumber in the nation's life and imbibed it with an inspiration to conquer death for a rightful cause. Prof. Tarun Sanyal congratulated the organizers for discharging a responsibility demanded of the time.

On 12 August, a massive crowd thronged at the University Institute, Calcutta, to participate in the second programme of the Committee where three living revolutionaries of the uncompromising trend were facilitated. It was followed by a seminar. Bibhas Chakraborty, a very well-known theatre personality and a front-ranking leader of the movement of the artists and



On behalf of Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary, SUCI, Comrade Ranajit Dhar placing floral tribute to the statue of Kshudiram

intellectuals against oppression and injustice brazenly criticized the quarters of vested interest for deliberately undermining and distorting the role of Kshudiram and his exemplary struggle. He stressed that while there is a deep-rooted conspiracy to pollute people's mind and degrade the youth through incessant injection of consumerist thoughts and vulgarism, promoting a widespread proper cult of Kshudiram that the Committee has taken upon itself would definitely catalyze release of a counter current. Comrade Provas Ghosh narrated a few incidents from the life of Kshudiram to show how even in such a tender age was consciously initiated towards the most respectful mode of life. He recalled with reverence that it was Comrade Shibdas Ghosh who taught all how to respect the great men of the past like Kshudiram. Mamata Banerjee, the Trinamool Congress leader, in her speech thanked the organizers for inviting her to such a beautiful programme and said that the vested interest is working the clock to black out Kshudiram and his likes. She expressed serious concern at that and emphasized the necessity to fight back the conspiracy spurred by the ideals of Kshudiram, Nazrul and other great men. Artist Shubhparasanna presided over the programme and Miratun Nahar, noted educationist and a forerunner of the intellectual movement conducted the proceedings of the first half with the permission of the chair.

SUCI condemns Jammu and Kashmir killings and calls for appropriate political solution of the problem

Strongly condemning the continuous killings of common people mostly due to police firing in Jammu and Kashmir since the last few days, Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary, SUCI, in course of a statement issued on 15 August firmly opined that while the government of Jammu and Kashmir and the Central Government are solely responsible for such indiscriminate shooting down of common people, it is also vivid that all other major political parties, BJP and Congress included, with elections to the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly and Lok Sabha in view are openly inciting worst form of communalism.

Strongly demanding immediate stoppage of wanton killing by the government and stringent action against all rabid communal forces, Comrade Mukherjee opined that the immediate issue — the controversy centring round the government decision to transfer 40 hectares of forest land to Shree Amarnath Shrine Board--which triggered the present violent situation must be resolved through intense discussion amongst all political parties and other contending forces and the government must concentrate all its efforts to facilitate such a negotiated settlement of this burning issue.

Stressing the vital fact that the present conflagration in Jammu and Kashmir can not be correctly viewed delinked from the unresolved Kashmir problem, Comrade Mukherjee emphasized that until and unless the fear of the Kashmiri people of losing their autonomy as well as identity and being dispossessed of their rights and land is removed once for all, danger of outbreak of such communal conflagration following raking up of such emotive issues by vested interest will always be there. Reiterating party's basic stand that restoration of complete autonomy as agreed upon in the Instrument of Accession by Jammu and Kashmir to India and enshrined in the Article 370 of the Constitution of India constitute the basis for bringing about a final and lasting solution of the Kashmir problem, Comrade Mukherjee once again urged upon the Government of India to completely abjure the path of political and military suppression of Kashmiri people and instead concentrate all its energy in finding out a political solution of this issue on the aforesaid line as this is the only way to diffuse even the present volatile situation.

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Ghosh to come forward to discharge our obligation to revolution.

Comrade Provash Ghosh in his fervent speech dwelt upon how Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat inspired thousands to take up an honourable life, the life of a revolutionary and taught to reject the life of the bonded slave that condemns one to abysmal humiliation. At a very tender age, as soon as he felt in him the burn and humiliation of foreign domination, a tortuous and untiring struggle started in his life. He joined the uncompromising trend of the Indian freedom movement. In course of time, his quest for freedom and truth germinated in him the realization that real emancipation of the people, of mankind from all sorts of exploitation is possible only with one weapon – the ideology of Marxism-Leninism. In his life, there was no gap between realization of truth and its application. So he embraced Marxism as the philosophy of life and began the struggle for remoulding himself accordingly.

While uncompromisingly applying truth in his life, he came to realize that the undivided CPI had failed to develop as a genuine Communist Party. It did not grow up in the Leninist way. Their leaders could not embrace Marxism as the philosophy of life and as a result failed to grasp the essence of Marxism, the ethics, culture and the methodology of Marxism-Leninism. Similar was the case with the other parties who proclaimed themselves as leftists. As he was aware that without a genuine Communist Party, the real class organ of the proletariat, emancipation was impossible, he took upon himself the task of building SUCI as the genuine revolutionary party of the proletariat and engaged himself along with his handful revolutionary compatriots, a complex difficult painstaking struggle to fulfill the task.

Comrade Provash Ghosh said: Marxism was not just an economic theory, but a live philosophy that guides in every aspect of life in its minutest detail. Without such a philosophy how could a revolutionary mould his entire life? The struggle to build SUCI was unthinkable difficult at that time. CPI was there with all international backing, there were other parties with many followers. Undeterred by doubts expressed by friends, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, while

conducting the unprecedented struggle with only a handful of comrades-in-arms – Comrades Nihar Mukherjee, Sachin Banerjee, Comrade Subodh Banerjee, Hiren Sarkar, Pritish Chanda and some others — said that the truth he had realized could not be

abandoned. And if there was truth in what he was doing, history surely one day would recognize its worth. Today, history has recognized the struggle of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. SUCI has no MP. Only two MLAs in West Bengal and one in Orissa. Our party is practically blacked out in the media. Yet SUCI is more and more gripping the mass mind. In West Bengal we are experiencing wider and wider organizational expansion. Our organization has spread throughout India. The thoughts of the great leader have already reached many countries beyond India and stirring the left minded people, communist and other anti-imperialist organizations. On the other hand, the parties, once big, have either folded up or lost considerable strength. Many of them including CPI have undergone multiple splits. Most of them including CPI(M), CPI are now openly seeking refuge in the servitude of the ruling capitalist class for pelf and power. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's warning about the CPI(M) that they would bare their fascistic attitude once they are in governmental power has now become prophetically true. Nandigram has proved that.

Continuing Comrade Provash Ghosh said: Both the CPI and the CPI(M), it is to be noted, are projected as true Marxists-Communists by the bourgeois media. And it is the same motivated media which is now engaged in maligning Marxism-Leninism by pointing at the wrongdoings, opportunism, greed for power, corrupt and criminal practices of these sham Marxists. Confused by this incessant propaganda, many intellectuals and thinking people are turning away from Marxism-Leninism presuming that this is the nature and character of the communists. Seeing the double-standard, lowered culture and brute arrogance of these power-hungry pseudo-Marxists, they are led to believe in the slanderous campaign of the bourgeois media against the giant communist leaders. But the



Comrade Provash Ghosh

fact is that the nobility of Marxism-Leninism and the great historic role of the Marxist authorities in auguring a new era in the history of civilization were given due recognition and extended due appreciation by all great humanists of the past. Among these great names were Rabindranath Tagore, Saratchandra, Nazrul, Premchand, Netaji Subhas, Bhagat Singh, Bernard Shaw, Albert Einstein, Romain Rolland and other leading lights of the bygone days. Netaji said that the greatest contribution of 19th century was Marxism, biggest incident of 20th century was the Soviet Revolution. Rabindranath held that Soviet Union was like a pilgrimage where the toiling masses have received their due honour. Are we to conclude that they were starved of intellect? Once Bernard Shaw said that in comparison to Stalin, Roosevelt and Churchill were pigmies. Were all this in vain? Today's so-called intellectuals, who pour hatred against Marxism, let them ponder over this. Discarding Marxism-Leninism is to disavow truth, impede the process of logical development of the society.

Comrade Provash Ghosh added that Marxism is a comprehensive science, it is universal, it does not belong to any particular country. As physics, chemistry has no national barrier, so also is Marxism. It is, as elaborated by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, is a science of all sciences developed through the process of dialectical integration of all particular truths discovered by the different branches of science. Had there been any such philosophy in our soil that could do this, unravel the truth of life based on experimented truth and evidence, we would have accepted it. Those who claim the Vedas to be supreme on question of ideology and ask to discard Marxism as a foreign ideology should know what Vidyasagar, who was not a Marxist but a secular humanist, told about the Vedas. He said: Sankhya and Vedanta are false systems of philosophy. In fact, it is the secular humanists all over the world who opposed religious ideas, who opposed the existence of supernatural entity, the idea that developed only when science reached a certain height. The extension, the continuity of this

current of thought of humanism gave rise to Marxism when conducive material condition emerged following newer inventions of science. Marxism is a coordinated science that has discovered the laws operative behind all phenomena, all changes, all transformations – from the change of nature to the change of society. This great scientific ideology has unfolded the truth that the logical culmination of class struggle in the class divided society is in the overthrow of the exploitative capitalist system and establishment of socialism. From socialism, the next stage of elevation will be communism or classless society free from all exploitation of man by man. But the social progress will not stop at that. It will march onward and forward. This is what we have learnt from Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. The common people appreciate the unassuming nature, courteous behaviour, honesty and dedication of our comrades. They admire the higher cultural tone reflected in the conduct of our workers. What is the origin of this when a rancid mess is wallowing in mush? It is Marxism-Leninism-Comrade Shibdas Ghosh thought that endows them with this. Comrade Ghosh taught us that the kernel, the living soul of any philosophy or any worthy ideology lies in its cultural, ethical and aesthetic standard. Marxism is a lofty ideal. Its kernel, the living soul of this noblest revolutionary ideal also is ingrained in its cultural and moral values. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh held that politics calls for nobler feelings of heart and nobler still is the feeling that spurs on to nobler revolutionary politics. All these teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh are guiding us under the leadership of Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, our beloved General Secretary, in carrying out the revolutionary task he has bequeathed to us.

Referring to the prevailing situation of West Bengal, Comrade Provash Ghosh said that people are witnessing how the SUCI has been developing mass movements on every burning issue of life on the edifice of higher proletarian ethics and morality braving all odds, facing savage attack from the rulers and their servitors. On the basis of the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, we have been trying to conduct the movements by forming

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Only Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought can unite people

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people's committees as instruments of struggle. Our appeal to build up People's Committees have been somewhat successful in Singur which marked augury of a new phase in the history of democratic mass movement in the state. But in Nandigram, which has become a legendary name today inspiring millions of the people struggling against injustice and oppression, people's committees did materialize to provide leadership to the historic resistance movement which turned into mass upsurge against the capitalist-imperialist machination to set up exploitative Special Economic Zone. There we have witnessed how the CPI(M) government subserving bourgeois class interest resorted to fascistic attacks to smash legitimate democratic movement. But in the face of organized people's resistance and assertion of people's power through people's committee, the CPI(M) government had to retreat and abandon the proposal. It is only after the CPI(M) unleashed worst fascistic attack in Nandigram in November last that we extended our alliance with the Trinamool Congress hitherto working through the people's committees in Singur and Nandigram, at the state level to resist the CPI(M)'s increasingly dangerous attack on mass movements. From our side, this alliance is not out of any mere electoral expediency but necessitated in the given specific situation to build up joint mass movements on the burning issues of life.

In conclusion, Comrade Provas Ghosh said that the higher ethical-cultural standard, the initiative towards developing sustained people's movements, the inspiration to adopt a respectful revolutionary life process are all derived from one source — Marxism-Leninism-Comrade Shibdas Ghosh thought. The thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh are not only imbuing the people of the land in increasing number but are also creating waves at international level — from middle-East to Latin-America, Europe to Africa, USA to Russia. His works are being translated in many foreign languages. The forces and organizations building up anti-imperialist struggles are increasingly attracted to the thoughts of Comrade Ghosh. In contrast to rotten, vote-based power politics, SUCI, a party reared and steered by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh,

represents a totally different current in which right-thinking people are pinning their faith and reposing their confidence. We as ardent disciples of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh stand committed to the people's cause. This is our oath on Fifth of August.

Assam

Memorial Day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great proletarian leader, was held at Guwahati on August 5, 2008 under the auspices of the Assam State Committee of SUCI. The big public meeting held for the purpose was presided over by Comrade Bhupendra Nath Kakati, member, Assam State Committee. Addressing the meeting as the main speaker, Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya, Central Committee member of the party, said that this historic day is observed with a view to taking pledge to develop cultivation and hence realization of the invaluable thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh further and to engage ourselves in accelerating the struggle for emancipation of exploited toiling people with the establishment of a society free from all sorts of exploitation in the country, in the way shown by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. It is also for this that we evaluate the prevailing national and international situations and try, thereupon, to enunciate the future course and tasks of our struggle.

Comrade Bhattacharyya added that right in his days in school, Comrade Ghosh had associated himself with the revolutionary trend of the national independence movement in then Bengal. In course of this movement, he realized that although there had been a party in the country bearing the name "Communist", because of its nonadherence to correct Marxist methodology and because of its incorrect formulation of the base political line, it was doomed to turn out to be a petty bourgeois compromising force between labour and capital. With these realizations Comrade Shibdas Ghosh engaged himself, along with his handful of revolutionary compatriots, in founding SUCI, the genuine communist party in the country.

Characterizing the changes since independence in 1947, Comrade Ghosh showed that as Indian

national bourgeoisie captured the state power through a mutual understanding and compromise with the British imperialists and established the exploitative capitalist system in the country, people's aspiration for real freedom from all sorts of exploitation remained unfulfilled. It became necessary to overthrow the capitalists from power at the stroke of revolution. This goal cannot be attained through elections. It demands a revolutionary struggle and upholding the Leninist teaching, Comrade Ghosh showed that there cannot be a revolution without a revolutionary party and there cannot be a revolutionary party without a revolutionary theory.

Highlighting some of the teachings of Comrade Ghosh, Comrade Bhattacharyya said that the essence of the communist philosophy propounded by Karl Marx was the realization that Communism is humanism minus private property. Comrade Ghosh showed that a genuine revolutionary party can never be founded until and unless there develops a band of revolutionaries who by conducting a long arduous struggle covering all aspects of life based on communist ideology free themselves from private property and private property mental complex. But those who had come forward to found CPI in our country in 1920s did not care for freeing themselves from the private property mental complex and instead formed committees in conferences and announced it as a communist party. Naturally, neither CPI, nor any of its factions like CPI(M) or others could ever grow as a revolutionary party of the working class. Rather they developed as petty bourgeois parties. Today, when these parties have become part and parcel of the country's bourgeois political combination and are seeking alliance with the known trusted bourgeois parties like Congress and others for pelf and power, infallibility of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's analysis and conclusion arrived through concrete application of his unique Marxist understanding and methodology way back in 1948, stand vindicated.

Referring to Shibdas Ghosh thoughts on the character of the struggle that a communist party



Comrade
Asit Bhattacharyya

undertakes, Comrade Bhattacharyya said that true to the teaching of Marx that the workers must change themselves to change the world, the individual must first develop himself as a revolutionary. At the same time, the party must successfully and continuously elevate the ideological standard of the party. Whenever the

process dies down, the party faces the doom.

In the light of Comrade Ghosh's teachings and basic analysis, Comrade Bhattacharyya also discussed in detail about the burning problems of the country and of Assam. He brought out the utter helplessness of the toiling people irrespective of caste-creed-religion and ethnicity, who have become the worst victims of capitalist exploitation. The ruling capitalism is hatching up newer and newer conspiracies to keep people of Assam, or in other parts of the country in total darkness, in total disunity and disarray. Comrade Bhattacharyya strongly emphasized that for doing away with all sorts of divisiveness, separatist mentality, all forms of communal feelings, that are being constantly fomented by the capitalists and their agents and are wreaking havoc in people's life, people must forge strongest unity amongst themselves. This is the historical task to fulfill, when people confront the offensive of the exploiters, the capitalist rulers. Yet, in such a situation, the CPI-CPI(M) is trying to make people believe that 'there is no alternative to capitalism'. What can be more treacherous and deceitful? Hence there is the cry: What is the way out? Where have all the high ethics and morality gone? People must realize that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh has emerged as the living embodiment of the highest culture and ethics they are aspiring for. To come out of this suffocating situation, Comrade Bhattacharyya added, people need to develop united and powerful mass movements on the burning problems of life making it conducive to the anti-capitalist socialist revolution. These mass movements must be conducted on the strength of higher ethics and morality. Its fighters, the volunteers even the participants must be made conscious, in the light

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Unique life-long struggle made Shibdas Ghosh a great leader

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of thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, as worthy soldiers in the struggle to thwart communalism and fanatic provincialism, keeping the revolutionary goal of freeing oppressed people from all kinds of exploitation and oppression always in sight. They must be made aware that society is shivering from the birth-pang of revolution, where SUCI the genuine communist party founded by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat, is to act as the midwife. Comrade Bhattacharyya thus ended with the appeal to strengthen SUCI.

Delhi

5th August, the day the working class lost its great leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh thirty two years back, was observed with profound emotion in Delhi, the national capital. A public meeting was organized by the Delhi State Organizing Committee of the SUCI at Gandhi Peace Foundation. Comrade Krishna Chakraborti, member, Central Committee, SUCI, was the main speaker. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Pran Sharma. Comrade Pratap Samal, Secretary, DSOC also spoke on the occasion.

In his address Comrade Krishna Chakraborti said that the arduous and very different exemplary life struggle of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, made him a great leader of the proletariat. It is necessary for us to know the process in which this struggle was conducted and through which he established this party of the proletariat in our country, is. It is not only inspiring but educative as well. If we do not grasp his thoughts, arm ourselves with Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought, deeply, we will acquire the ability to move on our own. So we must understand the implication of the struggle through which Comrade Shibdas Ghosh along with his handful comrades-in-arms built up the party. We must keep that struggle living while keeping pace with the changing situation. We must advance. This is what Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, our beloved leader and the General Secretary of our party, has been emphasizing on while calling upon us to release a struggle for revitalization and consolidation. It is absolutely imperative. Comrade Ghosh himself told once and often that everything is in the process of continuous change; thinking is changing; society is changing.

Science and knowledge are continuously progressing, and the communists must keep pace with the latest developments in the various branches of sciences so that through correct coordination and integration of the particular truths unravelled in these different disciplines based on dialectical methodology, they can develop a generalized concept of truth thereby enriching knowledge. The thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh that are being carried by Comrade Nihar Mukherjee must be carried forward by us. If we do not develop ourselves as worthy of that task, it will be futile to know the life struggle of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. That is why, we must thoroughly understand and grasp Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's thoughts.

Elaborating on the struggle and contributions of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, Comrade Chakraborti showed how Comrade Ghosh, along with a few revolutionary compatriots, shouldered the historic responsibility of founding SUCI as the only genuine revolutionary party on the Indian soil, on 24th April, 1948, through painstaking and relentless struggle. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had been in the uncompromising trend of the national independence movement when he was in his teens. While in British Jail, he realized that the transfer of political power from the British rulers to the Indian national bourgeoisie whose interest was being represented by the compromising Gandhian leadership would not bring about the desired emancipation of the toiling millions. Through an in depth study of Marxism-Leninism, Comrade Ghosh came to realize and enunciated that independent India, to be truly liberated, needed another revolution — the anti-capitalist socialist revolution.

Grasping the Leninist teaching that there can be no revolution without a revolutionary theory and a revolutionary party with required strength, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh built up SUCI as the genuine communist party on the soil based on the Leninist principles of party formation. In course of that struggle Comrade Ghosh devoted himself to and identified his whole life with the cause of working class,



*Comrade
Krishna Chakraborti*

revolution and the party and in the process emerged as a great leader of the proletariat.

In course of this life-struggle Comrade Shibdas Ghosh developed, enriched and applied Marxism in each and every sphere of life, including that of building up the revolutionary party of the proletariat. It is incarnate in the struggle through which our party has been built. Today, also in our interactions with the comrades as well as the masses over various problems of life, we through that process reach uniformity of thinking. When we examine from a Marxist view, we reach uniformity in concluding that India is a capitalist state. Uniformity is also reflected in acknowledging necessity of revolution. When we say that our task is to overthrow the bourgeoisie from power, we reflect singleness of purpose. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh has shown for building and conducting a revolutionary party, uniformity in approach is to be developed on the basis of Marxism-Leninism. One process of thinking is to be created in the entire party. When the working class, led by their class party, asserts itself on the basis of this singleness of purpose, it becomes irresistible. While successfully accomplishing revolutions in the countries like Soviet Union, or China, the working class there had but one invincible weapon--the revolutionary class party. Elaborating on that, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had shown that such party ought to develop a uniformity of thinking, one process of thinking and singleness of purpose based on struggle to arrive at the truth. Once the truth unfolds, the single aim becomes to strive for building up revolutionary movement involving the party and the toiling people to acquire necessary power to overthrow the exploiting rulers from the state power by revolution.

Today, said Comrade Chakraborti, anti-people policies of globalization adopted by the world capitalism-imperialism with a view to coming out of the intense economical crisis it is enmeshed in, are tearing apart the common people's life. Indian capitalism is also through pursuit of globalization is creating acute unemployment, triggering price rise, loss of income

and abject poverty. The attacks on people are coming not only in the economic sphere but also in political, social and cultural spheres. He then proceeded to explain how, in course of its development and consolidation since independence, Indian capitalism has assumed the imperialist character. The Indian monopolists are now competing with monopolists of other countries, buying industries abroad at huge costs and thereby earning places among the richest of the world. He also showed how today the CPM, CPI etc are day by day becoming the implementers of the policy of globalization including setting up highly anti-people SEZ etc. surpassing even the trusted bourgeois parties.

In such a situation, it is necessary to strengthen the SUCI at the grass roots level. Comrade Chakraborti further showed that, intent upon freeing the world communist movement from its shortcomings and weaknesses, Comrade Ghosh made priceless contributions to the treasure house of Marxism-Leninism. His warnings about possible degeneration of the Soviet state into a capitalist state due to revisionist conspiracy have been corroborated by the debacle of socialism in different countries. Also, equipped with his teachings, our party is set today in building up resistance movements against imperialist aggression in different countries of the world by forging unity with other communist parties and anti-imperialist forces of the world. He concluded his speech by appealing to the activists and supporters to renew their pledge to make SUCI stronger and to carry forward the tasks Comrade Ghosh had bequeathed to them.

Comrade Krishna Chakraborti also addressed the Memorial Meeting at Rohtak, Haryana presided over by Comrade Anup Singh, Secretary, Rohtak District Committee and also addressed by Comrade Satyawan, State Secretary, Haryana.

Jharkhand

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day was observed at the Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought Study Centre at Ghatsila, Jharkhand on August 5, 2008 with Comrade Ranjit Dhar, Central Staff, SUCI hoisting the Red Flag and placing wreath at the statue of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in the

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morning. Floral tributes to the departed great proletarian leader were also paid by Comrade Hem Chakraborty, the SUCI Jharkhand State Secretary, Comrade Moloy Bose on behalf of the Study Centre, Comrade Ranjit Modak, Singhbhum District Secretary SUCI. Comrade Hem Chakraborty also presided over the Memorial Meeting held in the afternoon at the Study Centre.

Comrade Ranjit Dhar, the main speaker of the Memorial Meeting reiterated once more that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day stands out to the entire masses of toiling people as a day of profound grief as well as of taking pledge afresh. People like us who claim themselves as students of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh put ourselves before the question : How far each of us has advanced to realize the dream of anti-capitalist socialist revolution, with which we once associated ourselves with this party. Comrade Dhar added that the capitalist economy is now engulfed in acute crisis. Industries are closing down; employment has vanished into thin air; youth of the country are gasping under limitless unemployment; farmers are taking their own life pressed under mounting debt; education and health facilities are receding out of reach; even a smallest abode seems alluring. On the other hand, culture-ethics-morality are reaching their ebb; families are crumbling down with human relations therein being weighed on give-and-take relations. It is the capitalist system only that is responsible for this crisis in morality as well. And it is the reason, why the political parties, forces and leaders whoever may take to serve the interests of this capitalism, cannot but be swamped by corruption and valuelessness. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had shown, Comrade Dhar said further, that howsoever different may be the



A section of gathering at the Study Centre, Ghatsila

colours of the banners, there are only two kinds, two faces of politics. It may be either the revolutionary politics or the counter-revolutionary one. It is also to be noted that there may be only one genuine revolutionary party of the working class in a country. On the other side, in the capitalist society based upon private ownership, as there is always a mutual competition and conflict among the private owners to extend their dominance over the market, centring round this, there exist a number of bourgeois petty bourgeois parties. In our country all these parties, be it the national parties like Congress or BJP or the regional outfits like AGP, Telugu Desham or Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, they are all parties to serve the interests of the owners, the capitalists. In no way, they are related to well being of common people. The JMM led by Sibhu Soren once tried to make people believe that founding a Jharkhand state would solve their problems. But since this state of Jharkhand was born, it is only the monopolists like the Tatas and the political leaders subservient to them, who have been benefited most. The leaders have now gained a luxurious life-style, with foreign cars and other amenities. Common people, in their turn, are only suffocating under exploitation.

Comrade Dhar pointed out that the confidence motion in the

Parliament held a few days back, have clearly demonstrated to what depth corruption has eaten into the politics of bourgeois parties. People have also come to find out the deception lying behind the strong words of CPI(M)-CPI against the Nuclear deal. UPA had been discussing on this deal for the last three years. Why did not CPI(M) withdraw its support by this time? Why were these parties seemingly holding the banner of working people kept total mum, when the prices soared sky-high, when the UPA government was continually adding burdens on people with their anti-people policies?

Comrade Ranjit Dhar emphatically laid that the entire situation of the country is demanding a change, an overthrow of capitalism. Those who will step ahead to bear the noble responsibility of developing into leaders and organizers of this anti-capitalist revolution, must pass through scores of tests. First of these tests must be to their own selves. In this age of decadent capitalism, individualism has turned into its worst shape. It entails: we can come out of our family, can give up our career for the sake of revolution, but cannot do away with my ego. I am aggrieved whenever it goes against my liking. Then I cannot accept my leader's views. I don't mean that the party leadership can never do wrong. But, there is a definite concrete process of how to rid leadership of mistakes. If we do not go by that process, it harms both our party and ourselves. We can free ourselves from these individualistic trends, only through the struggle of identifying ourselves with the revolution and revolutionary party

on the strength of the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. On this Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day we must take pledge to intensify this struggle consciously.

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh desired to build up SUCI as a different kind of revolutionary party. The hard, arduous life-long struggle he went through, took its toll on his health. He became extremely sick. But even with his failing health, till his last days, he emphasized that those who would fight to change the capitalist society, must first change themselves, must acquire the lofty proletarian culture-ethics and morality freeing themselves in every walk of life from the influence of capitalist culture. The model of that lofty communist character he has left for us in the example of his own life-struggle.



Memorial Meeting at Patna

We will be able to pay him due respect only if, following his guidelines, we can continue our conscious struggle covering all aspects of life.

Gujarat

In Gujarat, Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day was observed on August 6, 2008 at Vadodra. Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee, Central leader of SUCI was present in the meeting as the main speaker. Comrade Bharat Mehta, member of Gujarat state organizing committee presided over. Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee dwelt upon the life and struggle of the great leader of the proletariat, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, to build up SUCI, the only genuine communist party of India after he had realized in jail in 1942 that CPI had never developed as a genuine communist party and so there was the necessity of building up a genuine communist party. Comrade Mukherjee further criticized UPA government at the Centre for pursuing anti-people, pro-imperialist policies of globalization and liberalization, thus standing

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Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee addressing at Vadodra, Gujarat

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responsible for the severe price hike which is ruining people's life throughout the country. Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee also said that the ruling capitalist class is hell bent upon breaking the moral backbone of students and youth with unbridled supply of drugs, liquor, obscene pornographic material through media and thus trying to restrict them from joining movement against the government. In such a situation, the real tribute to the great departed leader would be to unleash intense movement against the capitalist rule, making it conducive to the preparation of socialist revolution. Also spoke was Comrade Dwarikanath Rath, state in-charge of the party.

Patna

The Bihar State Committee of the party organized memorial meeting at the IMA Hall in Patna on 5th August under the presidentship of Comrade Shivsankar, Secretary, Bihar State Committee of the party. The main speaker in the meeting Comrade Rabin Samajpati, member, Jharkhand State Organizing Committee, said: Spiralling price-rise, burgeoning unemployment, cultural degradation, etc., are all concomitant curse of the capitalist system. People can get rid of all these evils only through anti-capitalist socialist revolution along the path as taught by the great departed leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. To befool the people, capitalism-imperialism today is raising the bogey of 'industrialization'. So-called leftist parties like the CPI(M)-CPI also have taken part in this conspiracy. He urged upon people to foil this conspiracy by building up countrywide mass movement under the leadership of the SUCI, established and developed by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in a Leninist model as the only genuine working class party.

Comrade Shivsankar vehemently thrashed the imperialist aggression led by the US imperialists and pointed out that the Indian rulers have now become a partner of US-led world imperialist system. Continuing, he said: In India,

revolutionary situation is matured enough but a revolutionary party with adequate strength is necessary to lead the revolution. He urged upon the people to come forward to rapidly strengthen the SUCI for that purpose.

Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

Gwalior unit of SUCI held a public meeting which was addressed by Comrade Pratap Samal, Delhi state secretary, SUCI as the main speaker. He focused on the Indo-US nuclear deal, which is being made in the interest of the capitalist class of our country. In the name of producing electricity, the capitalist class wants to emerge as a nuclear power and capture the market of other countries by virtue of that position. The meeting was presided over by District-in-charge, Comrade Sunil Gopal and was also addressed by Comrades Rupesh Jain, Shranglesh Chandelkar and Nidhi Batham and Preeti Skaria.

Andaman and Nicobar Islands

To what extent the thoughts of the great leader of the proletariat Comrade Shibdas Ghosh are spreading over different parts of the country has been manifested by observance of memorial day in five places of far off Andaman and Nicobar Island. In the capital Port Blair a meeting was held at Bhatbasti on 5th August. Comrade Salamat garlanded the portrait of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and Comrade Satyaprakash read out a portion from the writings of Comrade Ghosh. 5th August in Nicobar was observed at Campbell Bay. Comrade Satyagopal Maity in a short speech paid tribute to the departed leader. At Kchhal also Memorial Day was observed in the labour tent. In Little Andaman memorial meetings were held at Ramkrishnapur and Rabindranagar. Comrade Mohan Mistri, Bijan Mondal and Prabhu Mitra took leading role in organizing the meeting. In both the meetings Comrade Dr. Ashoke Samanta was the main speaker. He urged people to come forward to build up movements with the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh against escalating capitalist onslaughts and strengthen SUCI.

SUCI condemns planting of nuclear-powered espionage device in the Himalayas by CIA

Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary, SUCI, in course of a statement issued on 5th August, 2008 expressed grave concern at the revelation that way back in 1965 one Robert Schaller, an amateur mountaineer and hospital doctor was commissioned by the CIA to secretly plant a nuclear-powered radioactive bugging device on the Himalayan peaks to spy on the then socialist China. Strongly condemning this heinous act, Comrade Mukherjee stated that this once again lays bare how this notorious espionage wing of the US imperialist regime has been carrying out nefarious seditious activities round the globe brazenly violating all international laws and conventions. The Schaller episode, added Comrade Mukherjee, also brings to the fore how India is also being covered under the spy network of the CIA which also poses serious threat to her internal security as well as exposes the Indians to serious nuclear hazard. Comrade Mukherjee, therefore, called upon the freedom-loving people of the world to strongly denounce such noxious acts of the US imperialists and build up powerful anti-imperialist particularly anti-US imperialist movement round the globe to force the US imperialists desist from indulging in such sinister machinations.

SUCI expresses grave concern at the continuing Indo-US joint military exercise

Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary, SUCI, in course of a statement issued on 12 August, 2008 expressed grave concern at the reported Indo-US joint military exercises being conducted at the Nellis air force base in Nevada in US, and Vairengte in Mizoram in India. The 50 odd such joint exercises comprising naval, air and ground forces held since 2001 show that the ruling Indian monopolists aspiring to emerge as a superpower in the global arena besides collaborating economically and politically as a rising imperialist power with the war-monger US imperialist brigands, have also been teaming up with them militarily, said Comrade Mukherjee. This connivance of the ruling Indian monopolists with US imperialism, the worst enemy of the mankind today poses serious threat not only to the internal security of India but also to the entire Asian region where US imperialist rulers are desperately trying to strengthen their stranglehold through flexing of military muscle by partnering with India, warned Comrade Mukherjee. Comrade Mukherjee also pointed out that though the CPI (M) and its allies are now pretending to be champions of anti-imperialism for petty vote interest, it were they who instead of making any efforts whatsoever to develop powerful anti-imperialist movement with a view to frustrating the attempt of the Indian ruling class to join hands with the US imperialist rulers, have over the years acquiesced in every move of the present Congress-led UPA government as well as erstwhile BJP-led NDA government subserving bourgeois class interest to undertake such joint military drills and even allowed such an aerial exercise to be held in Kalaikunda in West Bengal, the state they are in power for the last 32 years to satisfy national bourgeois and U.S. imperialist.

Comrade Mukherjee called upon the right-thinking people of the country to rise in protest and compel the government under pressure of countrywide massive anti-imperialist movement to immediately stop such joint military exercises. Comrade Mukherjee also made a fervent appeal to the toiling people of US to comprehend the dangerous import of such exercises and build up strong movement in their country as well to stall the same.

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