



The legion of revolution marches on tempered in struggle and steeled in purpose

If you had stood on the streets of Delhi on 17 November 2009, you could hear the muffled step of history, nursing fledging revolution broodingly under its wings, change its rhythm into prescient beats of a gathering current. Columns of marchers from all corners of the land stepped on. Unforgettable faces beamed in radiance of the resolve to fulfill the behest of the great Leader of the Proletariat, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh: Leave this dark and squalor, embrace a life as bright as sunshine. Transform yourselves, so you can be equal to the task history bequeaths to you. Look, revolution beckons. If you are to court death for that, die with honour—as befits man.

They were the legion of the Leader whose message they carried

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to reach out to the masses of people—deeper, wider, higher. The faces proclaimed their mission: Dislodge the citadel of oppression, exploitation, dehumanization. Struggle to elevate and rectify yourselves in order to gather in you the strength and character so as to be equal to fulfilling the mission.

Ramlila Maidan which had witnessed many a historic meeting of people of India in the near and

distant past was the venue of the open session of the Second Party Congress of the SUCI which thus conveyed its message to the people of India from a historic vantage point in the continuum of the struggles of toiling oppressed people of the country as well as of the world. Unfortunately, this historic occasion could not have the privilege of the presence and leadership-in-person of Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, the

beloved General Secretary of the party. Seriously indisposed Comrade Mukherjee was strictly advised by a panel of specialist doctors not to undertake any attempt to travel to Delhi. By the Central Committee, Comrade Ranjit Dhar, a member of the new Central Committee and the Polit Bureau, was deputed to attend Comrade General Secretary in Calcutta. Hence, Comrade Dhar was

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Intensify class struggle by building up powerful revolutionary movement Call of Comrade Nihar Mukherjee at the Open Session



Comrade President, Comrade Fraternal Delegates from abroad, Comrades and Friends,

The Second Congress of our beloved party is a great event not only in the life of our party but also in the history of revolutionary movements of the proletariat of the whole world. On such a historic occasion, it is quite natural for you to expect and for me to desire to be present with you. But, after falling sick due to sudden and severe infection, I have been advised by a panel of doctors not to undertake any travel immediately. Though it will not be possible for me to be physically present with you I am very much

with you.

Comrades, at the very outset, I express my heartfelt revolutionary greetings to you all who are present in this Open Session and also to those who have sent their greetings, wishing success to our 2nd Party Congress.

Comrades, we are holding the open session of the Second Congress of our beloved Party the SOCIALIST UNITY CENTRE OF INDIA, the only genuine communist party of our country, on 17th

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Message of Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary, SUCI to the Open Session of its Second Congress held at Ramlila Ground, New Delhi on 17 November, 2009

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Deviation from Marxism-Leninism caused collapse of socialist camp

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November 2009, the day on which 92 years back in 1917, the revolutionary proletariat of Russia under the leadership of Great Lenin and the Communist Party of Russia established the first working class state in the world. This first proletarian revolution of Russia opened up an era in which revolutionary movement of the working class in the capitalist countries and liberation movements in the colonies and semi-colonies started growing irresistibly and achieved victories one after another. This revolution created a new civilisation in which exploitation of man by man got abolished although class struggle continued rather in fiercer form. Naturally, it had both the possibilities of passing over to a classless communist society, if the struggles were conducted correctly following socialist path and adhering to the noble ideology of Marxism-Leninism or sliding back to capitalism, if the struggle deviated from the path of socialism and the noble ideology of Marxism-Leninism. But unfortunately, the latter happened due to the growth of modern revisionism after the demise of Great Stalin, the worthy disciple of Marx, Engels and Lenin, who, after Lenin, built up and consolidated Soviet Union as a powerful socialist country, much more developed than the most developed capitalist country in the world. Today that great socialist land of Lenin and Stalin does no more exist. But the entire struggle of the proletariat of Russia, under the leadership of Great Lenin and Stalin have left behind rich experiences and invaluable lessons for the communists of all countries to conduct victorious revolutionary movements of today.

Though painful, it is a fact that counter-revolution has taken place in China too and capitalism has been established in that land of Great Mao Zedong. But history will show very clearly that when the rule of the working class was established in both these countries, their economies were very backward. Their military powers were also not strong. At that time, even the combined attack of mighty imperialist countries could not dismantle socialism in either of these countries. But when Soviet Union became a super-power and China became a strong country in

every field, socialist system fell. The socialist system fell only when the attack against Marxism-Leninism came from within the communist party itself. Our beloved leader, teacher and an outstanding Marxist thinker of our time, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, showed that it was due to the disastrous growth of Modern Revisionism that developed in Russia after the death of Comrade Stalin and in China after the death of Comrade Mao Zedong, the communist parties and the socialist systems started degenerating and ultimately counter-revolution took place in both these countries. Any reasonable mind will easily understand the simple fact that the concept of Scientific Socialism of Marx and Engels was not a utopia but a reality, as November Revolution of Russia has proved. So also, the counter-revolution too equally established the same truth that deviation from Marxism-Leninism and socialist path cannot escape a fall in a socialist country.

Brilliantly explaining the reasons for the growth of modern revisionism, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh showed that the phenomenon of individualism, which has become out and out polluted today, takes the form of 'socialist individualism' in socialist societies and gives birth to modern revisionism. Individualism causes incalculable harm not only before but even after formation of a communist party and establishment of the working class state and the socialist society. Individualism, which during feudalism or in the beginning of capitalism, played not only progressive but even revolutionary role and opened the gate for social production – both material and spiritual – is now obstructing the very growth of social productive forces and production, when productive forces and production have become social. Today, as Marx and Engels pointed out, only social ownership over means of production, that is socialism, can open up the gates for social production. Today's vulgar individualism is giving birth not only to just selfishness but also to self-centeredness and destroying all sense of values and social obligations. In political parties, even in communist parties, individualism is giving birth to groupist tendencies. In communist parties, these tendencies are disturbing the

operation of democratic centralism which makes a communist party a powerful revolutionary force to determine the course of history. A resolute struggle to fight out individualism and develop collectivism, the revolutionary culture of the proletariat, first in the Party, then in the whole society, is the noble and an indispensable struggle of the communists for building up of a society free from exploitation of man by man. This needs a great cultural revolution not only before but even after the seizure of power. But to lead such a powerful cultural revolution, a great party is required, a party which is led by a band of professional revolutionaries, as Comrade Shibdas Ghosh pointed out, who are engaged in the struggle for identifying their personal interests with the interests of proletarian class, revolution and the revolutionary party. Such a noble struggle only can rejuvenate the working class movement and accomplish the tasks of world revolution.

Comrades, I have already pointed out that due to restoration of capitalism in former socialist countries, a painful situation has arisen. This has no doubt emboldened the rabid anti-peace war forces, particularly the US imperialism, which, in the absence of any effective resistance, made wanton attacks first on Afghanistan and then on Iraq on flimsy grounds. Anti-war, peace forces all over the world burst forth in vigorous protests. Our Party took initiative to coordinate these struggles and develop a mighty worldwide militant peace movement. With this very objective, in 1995, an all India Anti-imperialist Convention was organised at Kolkata, inviting fraternal delegates from different countries of the world. Due to consistent efforts of our Party, in course a powerful international forum to resist imperialist attacks and war-designs has emerged. Along with some other anti-imperialist forces, our Party is trying to consolidate and expand this anti-imperialist movement. In 2007, an international anti-imperialist conference was organised in Kolkata in which the International Anti-imperialist and People's Solidarity Coordinating Committee (IAPSCC) was shaped up. In continuation of these efforts,

recently a successful anti-imperialist conference took place in Beirut in April 2009, in which representatives from 66 countries took part. Today, though effective resistance against war designs of the imperialists, particularly of the Anglo-American bloc, from any state is absent, these anti-imperialist forces are getting consolidated. This, no doubt, is a significant and promising development in recent days in the world arena, while on the other, an unprecedented crisis has gripped world capitalism. Continuous recession in all the capitalist countries has led to closure of thousands of industries and factories, throwing billions of workers to the streets. Finding no solution to the crisis, imperialists-capitalists are bewildered. Working class movements are bursting out all over the globe. They are more and more getting disillusioned about the future of capitalism itself. This, no doubt, is a significant change that can definitely help building up of revolutionary movements of the proletariat against capitalism. Since Indian capitalism is also an inseparable part of moribund world capitalism, in our country too, the impact of the world capitalist crisis has left disastrous consequences. Millions of workers and other sections of toiling people have been rendered jobless. Thousands of factories and industries are closing down. Future of the youths is becoming darker. An uncertain future is staring in their faces. Life of the agricultural labourers and poor peasants has been pushed to the brink of destitution. All crises that existed in our political, cultural, educational, moral fields, as a concomitant effect of moribund nature of our economic base, have aggravated during this period. In our country too, movements of the working class and other toiling masses are bursting forth. Both internationally and nationally the situation is ripe with a revolutionary prospect which alone can free the people from the crises by emancipating them from exploitation and oppression.

Comrades, ours is a capitalist country. Capitalism here has already developed imperialist character. Here all problems of life are generated by this very capitalism. Without overthrowing this capitalist system, basic problems of life

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cannot be solved and the working class and other exploited masses cannot be emancipated. From the very inception of our Party, with this very aim, we are engaged in organising and developing democratic mass movements involving working class and all other toiling people making these movements conducive to anti-capitalist socialist revolution. Since ours is a vast and backward country, it is an arduous task. Here 83% of workers, whether in industries or in agriculture, are in the unorganised sector. It is very difficult to organise the millions of scattered unorganised sector workers besides the workers of the organised sector as well as poor and middle peasants in such a vast country. But much more difficult is to develop in them revolutionary consciousness and culture, due to the impact of the old feudal culture, habits and practices, which remained in them because of the weakness of our freedom movement. Our freedom movement was led by the compromising section of the bourgeoisie, which being mortally afraid of proletarian revolution, did not conduct Cultural Revolution to do away with the feudal habits, practices and way of thinking. Though after independence, our country emerged as a nation politically and economically, it remained divided on the basis of nationality, language, caste, community, race, religion, etc. Not only this, whatever necessity of unity of the people was required for the bourgeoisie before independence to show a united face to the British rulers, was no longer needed after independence; rather, being faced with tremendous crisis that today's moribund capitalism breeds, the bourgeoisie is trying to divide the working people by fanning divisive tendencies to disrupt the democratic mass movements. And at times, the ruling class and its subservient political parties engineer communal, casteist and parochial riots. These parties even engineer riots for their petty parliamentary gains. Only a powerful socio-cultural movement along with politico-economic struggles, based on higher ethics and morality can uplift the culture of the people and unite them in social movements by freeing them from the vile influence of the divisive tendencies. As such, for

any proletarian revolution, a cultural movement conducive to establishment of a socialist society is indispensable before technical revolution and even after seizure of power. But the socio-cultural backwardness of our country has made this struggle complicated and difficult. Concretising Marxism-Leninism on the Indian soil, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat, developed the concept of a great cultural movement, which is now spreading all over the country and uniting the working class and other exploited people, irrespective of their caste, community, language, religion or region, on higher ethical and moral standard. A new society in the womb of the old dying society is taking shape in our country on the basis of the higher ethics and culture as developed and shown by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh through his life struggle. But this movement is yet to grow faster and involve entire exploited masses of such a vast country, in relation to which we are still a small force. Leaders and cadres of our party will have to deeply understand the difficulties and criticalities of this struggle and become equal to this task ideologically, politically and culturally and develop this movement speedily.

Comrades, the objective material condition for the socialist revolution is ready in all the capitalist countries of the world. But you should remember, this too, that revolution never comes of its own; it has to be prepared for and won by the efforts of the conscious proletariat as all the giant Marxist authorities - Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin, Mao Zedong and Shibdas Ghosh - have shown. Revolution needs subjective preparation for its victory. Communists all over the world will have to take it up to make ready this subjective preparation. It means building and consolidating genuine revolutionary party of the proletariat in all the countries, on the basis of a concrete revolutionary theory covering all fields of epistemology and social life as well as building up of invincible revolutionary committees of vast masses of exploited and oppressed people under its leadership. All the communist parties will have to bear in mind that in any country revolution becomes victorious only with the support and

cooperation of the working people of the world. Naturally, therefore, a close, intimate and dialectical relation between the communist parties of the world is also an essential condition for the success of proletarian revolution in any country.

Comrades, actually such a favourable, rather excellent situation has developed for speedy growth of democratic mass movement not only because of unprecedented capitalist crisis and people's hatred against the bourgeois parties of different shades, but also due to the disillusionment of vast masses about the pseudo communist parties like the CPI(M) and the CPI that has taken place due to the exposure of their opportunist and pro-capitalist character. But Comrades, this did not happen all on a sudden. This is because of the persistent, painstaking and prolonged struggle that our Party conducted from its very inception shedding blood and sacrificing lives against the growing attacks of the capitalists and their governments - both at the centre and the states - on the one hand, and to expose and isolate these social democratic parties and simultaneously projecting the correct line of struggle and noble culture of genuine communists, on the other. As usually happens and happened in our country too, the social democratic forces i.e., the forces of compromise between labour and capital diverted and disrupted the struggle of the working class, created different types of confusions and more dangerously developed economism, legalism and opportunism in the working class and other exploited masses. Since petty bourgeois opportunism and adventurism, both remained masked behind communist vocabularies and revolutionary jargons, people developed many wrong notions and confusions about the noble ideology of Marxism-Leninism. No doubt, growth of modern revisionism in the international sphere also contributed greatly to this, but it is precisely because of the opportunist and adventurist behaviours of these parties that this wrong notion has gained ground.

This social democratic nature of these parties as it is clear today, was not so clear when Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, along with a few comrades-in-arms, was struggling to develop the genuine communist party in this vast soil. Then united CPI, of which

CPI(M) and different groups of CPI(M-L) are the breakaway factions, was a powerful party. Its founders were also honest, sincere and dedicated people; they were well read too. They seriously wanted to build up a communist party and movement in the country. But since they did not follow the Leninist path of struggle to build up a communist party and more so did not conduct revolutionary struggles covering all aspects of their life, to de-class themselves and acquire proletarian culture and way of life, they failed to build up the genuine communist party. They conducted many struggles but failed to develop socialist consciousness and proletarian revolutionary culture within the working class and other exploited masses, because by blindly copying revolutions of other countries or by parroting Marxist-Leninist vocabularies but actually practicing petty bourgeois political line and way of life, could not build up a revolutionary party of the proletariat and hence a genuine proletarian revolutionary movement. Naturally all these struggles ended up in economism, legalism and reformism. Such struggles they conducted when they were in the opposition, but after tasting governmental power in West Bengal, Kerala and Tripura, they gradually gave up struggles and started pursuing all pro capitalist, anti people policies to win over the confidence of the ruling capitalist class. You have seen in West Bengal how in their desperate bid to win over the confidence of the bourgeoisie, both of our country and abroad, the CPI(M)-led West Bengal government tried to take away and hand over the fertile land from the poor and middle farmers in Singur and Nandigram to the powerful corporate houses of the Tatas and notorious Salim group of Indonesia. And you have also seen when our Party, along with Trinamool Congress and some other parties organised people's movements forming their struggle committees, how the CPI(M) govt. of West Bengal, took fascist measures to suppress those movements by deploying their armed party cadres and hired criminal gangs along with the armed police, which even the bourgeois parties dared not anywhere till now. Long back Comrade Shibdas Ghosh pointed

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Delegate Session of the Second Party Congress Resplendent with fervour and resolve

Events are countless in history. But historic events are not. They are few and far between, embodying turning points in the onward march of human race. The city of Delhi has been a witness of such a momentous occasion in the course of history while observing the 92nd anniversary of the great November Revolution of Russia. It was the biggest event of the bygone century, which ushered in a new era in the struggle of freeing the human race from the tentacles of ruthlessly oppressive capitalist rule and paving the way towards ultimate eradication of exploitation of man by man. It was exemplum of an assuring truth. All knowledge gleaned by mankind over

millennia and shaped into the most comprehensive, concrete and decisive comprehension of truth in the light of science by the genius of Marx is the beacon to guide mankind on its forward march to glory. November Revolution successfully accomplished under the leadership of great Lenin, the worthy continuator of Marx and Engels, affirmed, with decisive precision, Marx's realization of historical, scientific and philosophical truth. The truth of Marxian science developed, enriched and correctly interpreted by Lenin in the era of imperialism and proletarian revolution sparked flames in million hearts and minds steeling them



(L - R) Central Committee members and members of the Presidium Comrades Provash Ghosh, Asit Bhattacharyya, Krishna Chakraborty, Manik Mukherjee, Ranjit Dhar and Anil Sen on the dais



Comrade Ranjit Dhar saluting the Martyrs' Column

in joyous resolve to build a new higher civilization. The 700 odd delegates who congregated in Delhi from 22 states of the country to participate in the historic Second Congress of the SUCI, the finest creation of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of the country and great leader of the proletariat, radiated an ardour of spirit emanating from their joyful vigour, grit, determination and their indomitable dedication to the cause of revolution and proletarian internationalism. It was in such an atmosphere in Shah Auditorium that amidst thunderous slogans and tremendous enthusiasm, the delegate session got underway in the morning

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Organize the masses in people's struggle committees

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out that the parties which go by the name of 'communist', but actually are social democratic ones, do have every possibility of turning themselves into fascist parties, if these parties, while waving the red banner and moving under the cover of Marxism, infuse blindness and fanaticism with their so-called militant character in their leaders and cadres. And Comrade Stalin long back pointed out that the social democratic forces are the main danger before the revolutionary movement. They protect the bourgeoisie, the main enemy, as thorny bushes protect the poisonous trees. So, he told that we cannot defeat capitalism without defeating social democracy of all hues.

But Comrades, if you think that

the impact of social democracy on the working class and other exploited masses has been ended with the defeat of CPI(M) and CPI in one election that will be a dangerous error. Impact of social democracy can be ended only when the proletarian revolutionary culture and the spirit of militant struggle have gripped the mind of the working class, freeing themselves from the impact of economism, legalism and reformism, get organised under the leadership of the genuine communist party and transform itself as a revolutionary force. Only a favourable condition has been created for building up of such a struggle, firstly because of the growing attacks of the ruling capitalist class which is making people's life miserable and there is

growing urge in people to build up movement against this suffocating situation; secondly because of the weakening of CPI(M), CPI and other social democratic forces which were misleading and hampering the growth of people's movements but most importantly, because of the growing faith and confidence of the people in our Party which is now developing in all the major states of the country.

Comrades, at the end I will call upon all our Comrades to fast develop ideologically, politically and culturally to seize the opportunity to build up powerful revolutionary movement in the country by organising the people in the people's struggle committees and thus intensify the class struggle. I would also appeal to our

supporters, sympathisers, well wishers and vast masses of the toiling people to come forward to join and strengthen this movement. If you all respond to this need of the hour, I can assure you revolution is not far off.

With revolutionary greetings to you all, I conclude.

Long Live Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought !

Long Live Proletarian Internationalism !

Long Live Proletarian Revolution !

Long Live Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist) !

Red salute to the great leaders of the proletariat — Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin, Mao Zedong, Shibdas Ghosh !

Delegates vow to continue struggle for further elevation and consolidation

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of 11 November, 2009.

At the beginning of the programme, KOMSOMOL – the young communist league of the Party – gave the guard of honour as Comrade Provash Ghosh, member, Central Committee, hoisted the red flag. And then the leaders of the party proceeded to pay their respects to all the martyrs who have laid down their lives in the liberation struggles, revolutionary struggles and democratic mass movements in India and abroad. First to offer floral tributes at the imposing crimson red martyrs' column was Comrade Anil Sen, veteran member, Central Committee, followed by Comrades Provash Ghosh, Krishna Chakraborty and Asit Bhattacharyya, all members of the Central Committee and Manik Mukherjee and Ranjit Dhar, Central Staff. The delegates were led to the hall facing a well decorated podium bedecked with the portraits of the great leaders of International Communist Movement – Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin, Mao along with Shibdas Ghosh. This was followed by the election of the presidium comprising Comrades Provash Ghosh, Manik Mukherjee and Ranjit Dhar to conduct the 5-day delegate session. First of all, a condolence resolution paying tributes to the memory of the late members of Central Committee Comrades Pritish Chanda, Ashutosh Banerjee and Tapas Dutta and also to all those martyred in the course of people's struggles all over the globe was moved by Comrade Provash Ghosh. The delegates then stood up and observed two minute's silence in memory of the departed fighters for people's cause. As the dais was marked by the absence of the towering revolutionary personality of Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, our beloved present General Secretary and Comrade-in-arms of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, Comrade Provash

Ghosh informed that due to serious ailment, he could not be physically present in the Congress. But it was under his guidance and direction that the entire preparatory work of the Congress was undertaken by the Central Committee. From the hospital bed, Comrade Nihar Mukherjee sent a message which was read out by Comrade Krishna Chakraborty. Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, in his message, drew the attention of the delegates towards the severe economic and political attacks including wars of aggression unleashed by the world imperialist-capitalist camp in the post globalization period. He also focused on the distressing situation faced by the Indian people in all spheres of life particularly during the current phase of global capitalist economic meltdown and recession. He emphasized the imperative need of developing united mass movements against all these onslaughts of capitalism-imperialism and stressed the historic role a genuine revolutionary party of the proletariat has to discharge in guiding these people's struggles so as to be conducive to anti-capitalist revolution. He called upon the delegates to grasp the significance of the prevailing situation and prove themselves equal to the task history has adjured them. He hoped that the Second Party Congress would go a long way in strengthening SUCI, the genuine revolutionary party of the soil. (Full text of his message will be published later) Comrade Manik Mukherjee then introduced the leaders of fraternal parties from abroad, Comrades Arjnlot Ask (Norway), Lena (Turkey), Dr. Hani Haddadin, Khaled Haddadin and Diana Faiq Haddadin (Jordan) and Ninu Chapagain (Nepal). He informed that more leaders from abroad were expected to join the delegate session during progression of Congress.

Thereafter, Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya formally placed the Political and Organizational



Comrade Provash Ghosh hoisting the Red Flag

Report of the Central Committee presented by Comrade Nihar Mukherjee. The report at the outset touched upon the essential aspects of the international and national situations obtaining today. It then gave a brief account of the class and mass struggles conducted by our Party in the different parts of the country, the significant social activities and relief work undertaken by the Party and its various frontal organizations as well as the initiative taken by the Party to develop a worldwide anti-imperialist movement by uniting all anti-imperialist freedom- and peace-loving people of the world on a broad-based platform with communists at its core. Finally, the Report concentrated on the organizational aspects with specific emphasis on improving inner-party struggle, imperativeness to raise theoretical standard and coordinating ideological struggle with organizational work. While touching upon all the positive aspects that are achieved in the period since the First Congress, the Report implored upon all the leaders and cadres of the party to also take due note of negatives and strive to remove the same with all humility and seriousness. Recalling that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh repeatedly urged to continuously upgrade and sharpen our mental faculty, foster creativity through correct grasp of the concept of developing 'uniformity in thinking', 'one process of thinking', 'oneness in approach' and 'singleness of purpose' through painstaking struggle so as to ensure functioning of democratic centralism within the Party, the Report called for maintaining a sustained vigil against and fighting in right earnest all kinds of weakness, lapse, drawback, lethargy and thereby achieve discernible success in revitalizing and



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Defeating revisionism-reformism is imperative necessity

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consolidating the Party.

After enumerating the tasks i.e. tactical line Party must undertake in the days to come in the international and national spheres to discharge its due obligation to proletarian internationalism and implement the strategy of anti-capitalist socialist revolution in the country, the Report exhorted that in course of our struggle to correctly grasp Marxism-Leninism for attaining the character of true communists as was envisaged by Marx-Engels-Lenin-Stalin-Mao Zedong, we have to rededicate ourselves in building ourselves by assiduously cultivating the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, make his teachings live in our character, mould and remould ourselves everyday to acquire higher communist character. This is where this Second Party Congress is so important, significant and crucial, the Report pointed out at the end.

Next, the delegates were called upon by the Presidium to offer their views, suggestions and amendments, if any, on the Report. A lively discussion ensued reflecting the true spirit and maintaining proper decorum of democratic centralism. Finally, the Report was unanimously accepted with certain improvements, additions and amendments.

Then the Draft Thesis on International Situation was tabled by Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya. At the outset, the Draft Thesis observed that taking due note of the catastrophic effects arising out of the dismantling of socialist camp and concomitant major change in the balance of power and the correlation of world forces in the operation of the contradiction between the two systems – socialist and capitalist-imperialist hitherto recognized to be one of the major contradictions in shaping the world events, the Party Plenum held in 1994 opined: “despite having suffered considerable erosion, there does exist a world system of socialist states. Notwithstanding various weaknesses in this or that socialist country, the present day world contains two systems – the Capitalist-Imperialist and the Socialist. Naturally the contradiction between these two systems does also exist.” Moreover, with almost all colonies having achieved political freedom, the contradiction between imperialist countries and colonial and semi-colonial countries ceased to remain as one of the main contradictions. Thirdly, the two-fold contradiction of the resurgent national bourgeois states, simultaneously with both imperialist and socialist countries considered by our party as fifth major contradiction had become inoperative. While holding the conclusions of the Plenum as correct and duly vindicated by the world events in the following 15 years, the draft Thesis after thorough analysis of the present international situation of the unipolar world, the Thesis concluded that among various contradictions and conflicts, the contradictions which in the main are existing as major ones are:-

- i) Contradiction among imperialist countries
- ii) Contradiction between Capital and Labour in all capitalist-imperialist countries
- iii) Contradiction between imperialist countries

on one side and developing bourgeois countries, countries under occupation as well as countries under threat of aggression on the other.

It then recalled the conclusion of the Plenum that after collapse of socialism in erstwhile Soviet Union and East European countries followed by dismantling of the mighty socialist camp due to worst revisionist conspiracy aided and abetted by the capitalist-imperialist camp, socialism remained only in four states of China, Vietnam, North Korea and Cuba. At the same time, with grave concern and apprehension the Plenum had observed that deviating from the revolutionary thoughts of great Mao Zedong, modern revisionism under Deng Xiaoping leadership was fast getting entrenched in China. Unless this rapid penetration of modern revisionism was thwarted through pursuit of the revolutionary line of Cultural Revolution based on the revolutionary thoughts of Mao Zedong, counterrevolution would not be averted in China as well. Turn of events confirmed the prognosis. As inevitable consequence of cult of modern revisionism in economic, political, social and cultural spheres and through a slew of retrograde steps which culminated in the constitutional amendments that were adopted by the Tenth National people's Congress of China on the 14 March, 2004, counter-revolution in China was completed under camouflage of socialist phrase mongering by allowing bourgeois liberalism to swamp the party as well as social-cultural-educational spheres of the country, and thus capitalism was established. Similarly, last vestiges of dictatorship of the proletariat had been wiped out and instead a one party bourgeois dictatorial rule, which is tantamount to fascist dictatorship, has been established in China. Thus the Communist Party of China has been reduced from a working class party to a bourgeois party. Vietnam too has followed the suit. In view of these developments, the draft Thesis observed that though the contradiction between capitalism-imperialism and the two remaining small socialist states does no more exist as a major one as it used to be earlier, yet sometimes in a given context it does assume importance.

The draft Thesis then took note of the fact that ominous developments since 1990 beginning with the dismantling of the mighty socialist peace camp and then completion of counter-revolution first in China and then, in Vietnam and consequent realignment of global politics marked by unbridled pursuit of diabolic exploitation, hegemonism, brigandage and fascism by the demonic war-monger capitalists-imperialists did cause a temporary setback to this onward march of revolutionary working class movement round the globe and considerably weakened the forces of peace. As a result, the danger of outbreak of war has increased and onslaught in every sphere of life of common people everywhere has become unbearable. After counter-revolutions in the former Soviet Union and East European countries, the capitalists-imperialists embarked on the doctrine of capitalist globalization and claimed that with Marxism having become obsolete as

evidenced in the collapse of socialism, there was no alternative to ‘invincible’ capitalism which being modernized with the technology boom would usher in a new era of progress and prosperity. We at that time had categorically pointed out that the much-clamoured globalization had been nothing but a last ditch attempt of the world capitalists-imperialists to stave off the increasing crisis endemic of the system. Turn of events corroborated that. Expectedly, history obliged no capitalist fancy. The so-called panacea of globalization did not lessen the capitalist crisis even to an iota but aggravated it to an unprecedented scale. The Second Congress of our beloved Party was being held at a time when capitalism-imperialism throughout the world is mired in an unprecedented insoluble market crisis whose intensity and magnitude is much graver than the great depression of 1930s. The crisis is not only in the economic field but extended to every walk of life—economic-political-social-cultural. It is an all-out crisis of capitalism. And the brunt of this crisis is being borne by the common people, whose life has indeed become a nightmare because of fierce economic oppression in the form of plummeting income, mounting unemployment, skyrocketing of prices and fiscal savagery. On the other hand, there is pernicious fallout of this crisis in all other walks of life, political-social-cultural. As a result, the common people oppressed by the ruthlessly exploitative capitalist economy are now faced with utter ruin, if not on the precipice of virtual extinction. Evidently, the gravity of the capitalist crisis as manifest in the latest global economic meltdown has dealt a powerful blow to the apologists of capitalist globalization, shattered the myth of invincibility and exclusivity of capitalism as a world system. The unfortunate twist in history following collapse of the socialist peace camp also reaffirmed the truth of Marxist philosophy by proving that deviating from Marxian revolutionary thoughts, retrogression inevitably set in to degenerate into counter-revolution making the exploitative bourgeoisie wild in joy.

But there are rays of tremendous hope in this pervading gloom. With lives drained to the dregs due to ruthlessly intensified capitalist exploitation particularly after the ruinous imposition of capitalist globalization, the piled up indignation of the exploited millions against escalating oppression in all aspects of life is on the point of explosion. People's protest against this all-embracing plight and predicament of life is being expressed through stirrings, movements and strikes throughout the capitalist-imperialist world. There are also spontaneous protests and agitations of thousands of people round the globe against globalization. Mounting discontent and accumulation of severe wrath among the world populace against hegemonism and overlordism of the US imperialists and their associates, occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan by the US imperialists, their intervention in the internal affairs of other countries under this or that pretext, against their attempt to subvert the independence and sovereignty of those countries is bursting

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Surging people's movement must be provided right revolutionary direction

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forth in different forms. Powerful movements are surging forth in various countries against these offensive moves and aggressive policies of US imperialism, its vile endeavour to establish total economic control over the globe.

It is thus clear that the people all over the world are desperately seeking emancipation. As the people are not yet aware of the correct path of emancipation, their movements are often suffering from serious setbacks, becoming directionless, and ultimately going astray. So, while moribund capitalism being enmeshed in crisis is gasping in its death throes, anti-capitalist movements, protest agitations, resistance struggles in different countries are not developing under the aegis of correct revolutionary leadership, basing on the correct revolutionary line and revolutionary ideology, on the edifice of higher culture and morality and hence remaining unorganized, spontaneous, not sustained but scattered and ultimately fizzling out.

Clearly, the objective condition is ripe for rapid development of revolutionary movements, class and mass struggles round the globe. But, regrettably fulfillment of the subjective condition, that is, the presence of a correct revolutionary working class party with required ideological and organizational strength to lead the people's struggles to their logical culmination, is wanting. Who will fill up the void? It is the class conscious proletarian revolutionaries who will have to come forward and shoulder the responsibility. Everyone should bear in mind that in the current era, Marxism as enriched, elaborated and developed by Lenin is the higher and developed understanding of Marxism. At the same time in the post Lenin-period, Stalin, Mao Zedong and Shibdas Ghosh have progressively enriched and developed Leninism in keeping with the changing objective reality. Hence, in order to have a correct realization of Marxism-Leninism, one has to accept the progressive contributions of these three leaders as authority. Otherwise, in the name of Marxism, there will be inevitable revisionist deviation.

It is here that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's fervent call to raise the understanding of Marxism-Leninism to a new height by driving home with the surge of communist movement the imperative-ness of acquiring heightened communist character through complete identification of personal interest with social interest becomes so pressingly important. The resurgence of international communist movement with desired strength and vigour depends on this. So the task incumbent on the true communists is to strengthen the forces of peace and progress, provide fillip to surging anti-imperialist movements round the globe and revive the international working class movement by completely freeing them from the tentacles of revisionism-reformism. The greatest challenge before us as vanguard of revolutionary Indian working class is, therefore, to gear up ourselves to grasp this fundamental concept of elevated

communist character and strive for attaining that standard through relentless conduction of all-embracing life struggle so that we can discharge this historic responsibility.

The Draft Thesis on National Situation along with proposed amendments was placed thereafter by Comrade Krishna Chakraborty. It proclaimed that the strategy of the anti-capitalist socialist revolution as determined and adopted by the party under the leadership of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in its Founding Convention in 1948, and upheld subsequently by its First Party Congress in 1988 and its First All India Plenum in 1994 under the leadership of Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, remains and will continue to remain valid till the anti-capitalist revolution is accomplished in the country. To the extent bourgeois democratic revolution in our country was completed with the transfer of state power from the hands of the British imperialists to the hands of the Indian national bourgeoisie, though in a half-baked and truncated way, the unaccomplished tasks of that revolution, if any, were incorporated in the programme of the anti-capitalist revolution of the country. Indian capitalism, though growing under British imperialist rule in the era of imperialism, developed faster than many of its counterparts in other colonies, consolidated itself and gave birth to monopolistic tendencies even before independence, indicating at the same time, inevitable crisis it bogged into as a part of the moribund world capitalist-imperialist system. After independence, the ruling Indian capitalists in the aggregate interest of Indian capitalism and under the garb of verbiages like 'mixed economy', 'planned economy', 'socialistic pattern of society', 'nonalignment', actually adopted policies for 'freest, widest and speediest' development of capitalism, as much as possible under the given existing conditions, which also gave them the strength to compete with the powerful imperialist countries in the world market. Thus in India there developed state capital, the rock-bottom foundation of fascism, as Comrade Shibdas Ghosh pointed out, as well as further financial oligarchy and finance capital. Exporting this finance capital to weaker countries of Asia and Africa, the Indian capitalism even assumed imperialist character in the mid-fifties of the last century. Since then it has been trying to develop into a regional superpower with all its expansionist designs.

Consolidation of capital was accompanied by consolidation of political power as well as increasing exploitation of people, their pauperization and resulting market crisis. As Indian capitalism grew, its crisis mounted. When the crisis-ridden world capitalist-imperialist system adopted the policy of globalization with a view to enforcing a total control over the entire world market, the Indian capitalism, an inalienable part of the world system, became a partner of it with all compromises and contradictions with the powerful capitalist-imperialist countries.

Outlining this growth and consolidation of Indian capitalism, the thesis dwelt on how, inside the country, the policy of capitalist globalisation has made the lives of people more miserable than ever and the ongoing recession has only made things more suffocating and unbearable. The Thesis also showed how the ruling Indian bourgeoisie, an inseparable part of crisis-ridden despotic utterly corrupt world capitalism-imperialism, is clamping administrative fascism keeping a façade of parliamentary democracy, at the same time robbing people of their hard-earned democratic rights, making election a farce through various reforms that make it difficult for genuine pro-people forces and the revolutionary party to take part in it. In addition, the ruling class is fomenting various divisive traits centring round caste, creed, religion or ethnicity to disrupt unity of the toiling people and pandering to all kinds of cultural degradation and degeneration to mentally cripple the people. There is alarming rise of communal-casteist-parochial and such other divisive forces. When severe and all-out attacks are heavily coming down on people and when firm unity and united struggle of the working class and other exploited masses is the urgent need of the hour, it is the task and obligation of the left and democratic parties and forces to build up powerful movement on the burning problems of life to protect and advance secular democratic values, democratic rights and foster harmony among the suffering people. But the abject betrayal of the pseudo-Marxists and other social-democratic petty bourgeois parties who have renounced the path of movement to appease the ruling class for pelf and power has hindered the fulfilments this imperative task. The wrong line of creating individual terror being pursued by the adventurist forces deviated from Marxism-Leninism or other forces is also impeding the process of growth and development of democratic mass movement and thus causing great harm to revolution. Consequently, the responsibility of upholding people's cause by building democratic mass movements on the burning problems of life under correct leadership as essential component of developing anti-capitalist revolutionary movement squarely lies on SUCI, as the genuine communist party of the soil. It is clear that with the distress and wretchedness of the people reaching nadir because of increasingly oppressive and repressive capitalist rule, objective material condition for the proletarian revolution is well-nigh prepared. But subjective preparedness is yet to mature. The revolutionary party of the proletariat with a revolutionary theory does exist. What is required is the necessary strength of the Party, that is the adequate ideological and cultural development of the leaders and cadres of the party and invincible revolutionary organizations of the working class and other exploited masses from the grass-roots levels on the basis of higher ethical and moral standards capable of overthrowing the bourgeoisie from the state power and establishing

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Huge assembly marked by heightened revolutionary discipline

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also absent at the open session.

The SUCI comrades proved equal to this historic backdrop and their task. The ground bore indelible imprint of the immaculate planning, unwavering discipline and hard labour. Red Flags fluttered all around in hundreds; equally abundant Red banners stood like sentinels to inspire the rally with confidence and zeal. Fenced off from the meeting ground were several rows of *samiyanas*, that is pandals, pitched to serve as temporary camps and kitchen for the thousands of people who were to reach Delhi a day before. The accommodation finally proved too cramped for the many thousands who, numerically surpassing all careful calculations reached Delhi for the purpose, expectant, jubilant and determined to attend the rally. Neither the fact that the temporary pandals proved quite fragile for the sudden and repeated torrents of rain during the night before, nor the resultant chill, the muddy floors of these camps, the

exhibition of the photographs depicting demonstrations and other movements organized by the party in different states of the country in the course of its relentless effort to build up class and mass struggles on burning problems of people's life as a part of preparing for and conducive to the anti-capitalist revolutionary struggle in the country. The discipline binding them reflected the tireless struggle they have been carrying on for fulfilment of the task history adjures them. Their determination is rooted in the pledge to elevate and rectify themselves to carry out the behest of the Leader, Teacher and Guide, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. The spirit of dedication they bear arises from the resolve they nurture in their bosom not to waver in the least from the task set.

No less vibrant was the impenetrable crowd in front of the party book-stall, which presented to the comrades and people from different states the newly published Fourth volume (in English) and First

in different languages; the stock brought to Delhi turned out to be too meagre for the purpose with the huge assembly looking for the Party literature. The meeting ground was cordoned off from the surrounding residential and office localities, with corrugated sheets. But the high-rises and the ever-busy streets around could get the full view and warmth of the decorations and the proceedings of the occasion.

On the meeting ground, there was the beautiful dais erected for the purpose. It was an imposing combination of red and white to give effect to an impression of a huge Red Flag, held high against the clear blue sky from a vessel floating in the sea of humanity, the mammoth gathering of the rally. It was adorned with the portraits of the great proletarian leaders Marx-Engels- Lenin- Stalin-Mao Zedong-Shibdas Ghosh crowning it and with the cherished emblem of hammer-sickle-star further atop. It stood high above the ground and spread out to make room for the 15-member

strong new Central Committee and the distinguished leaders of fraternal communist parties from abroad to take seat on it in full view of the entire rally. But most remarkable was the ambience and the gathering itself. Long before the meeting began, the entire ground was filled to its capacity with a beaming, yet focused audience whose self-discipline bore testimony to the all-pervading sense of purposiveness. As newer and newer processions from areas around Delhi poured in to the venue, the ground turned into a sea of people. Yet there was no tumult, no fluttering, no distraction. Remarkably quietly, thousands of common toiling people took their seats, wherever the volunteers led them to, and followed through the proceedings with rapt attention, expectation and interest. The deliberations were in English in the main; but that did not distract even the Hindi-speaking common people, a vast majority in the gathering, to try to follow the proceedings. The emotion that reigned supreme was that it was the Congress of a party that they loved, that they trusted and that they pledged to work for. It was the Congress of a party that they were convinced would lead them to their cherished emancipation from oppression, inequality and exploitation.

About two hours ahead of the scheduled time, the open session of the historic Second Congress of the Party started with songs rendered by music troupes of the Party units from different states of the country. Those included mass songs composed on people's sufferings and yearnings as also on their struggles against the prevailing exploiters and exploitative capitalist state as well as songs composed by the revolutionary poets and composers of the freedom movement of the country, songs that had inspired the freedom-aspiring people of the land. At the stipulated time, the Polit Bureau members present in Delhi, namely, Comrades Provash Ghosh, Manik Mukherjee, Krishna Ckkraborty and Asit Bhattacharyya paid floral tributes to the Martyrs' Column in memory of the comrades as well as common people who had laid their life for the cause of revolution and democratic movements. The Central Committee members of the Party followed by the fraternal delegates from Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Jordan and Turkey-Northern Kurdistan then took their seats on the dais. After Comrade Krishna Chakraborty had proposed the name

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A part of Komsomol's guard of honour at the Open Session

cramped accommodation and sleeplessness, or such others — nothing could dampen or derail the smooth organization and firm resolve of organizers, volunteers and participants to make the open session a grand historic success. The same spirit was evident in the countless onlookers in front of the inspiring

volume (in Hindi), of the Selected Works of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great proletarian leader of the proletariat, the Compact Disc (CD) of the different speeches of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the Badge with the portrait of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and scores of other publications of the Party and its mass organizations

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Essence of revolutionary ideology ingrained in higher cultural standard

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of Comrade Provash Ghosh as the President of the session and Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya had seconded it, Comrade Provash Ghosh announced the session open with the rendering of inaugural songs following. Befitting the occasion, the music squad with comrades from different states presented a revolutionary song on Comrade Lenin, the architect of the Russian Revolution and the founder of the first socialist state of the world. Thereafter, they rendered the song on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, one of the eminent Marxist thinkers of the post-Lenin days who has concretized and elaborated Marxism-Leninism on the soil of India, laying out the blueprint of the strategy of struggles for the anti-capitalist socialist revolution in India.

The inaugural songs were followed by the Guard of Honour offered by the thousand-strong contingent of the KOMSOMOL. With the resounding drumbeats filling the air, the young communists of the KOMSOMOL marched past the rostrum in small batches, each member holding the Red Flag high, with the last such batch having 61 members connoting 61 years of the Party. Comrade Manik Mukherjee then introduced the distinguished leaders of the fraternal communist parties from abroad that included Comrades Hani Haddadin and Khaled Haddadin, both members of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Jordan and Comrade Diana Haddadin, member of the Communist Party of Jordan, Comrade Lena from the International Bureau of Marxist Leninist Communist Party (MLCP) of Turkey-Northern Kurdistan, Ninu Chapagain, member of the Polit Bureau of United Communist Party

of Nepal (Maoist), Comrade E. Thambiah, International Secretary of New Democratic Party of Sri Lanka, Comrade Khalequzzaman, Convener, Central Committee, Socialist Party of Bangladesh (BASAD) and Comrade Mubinul Haider Chowdhury, member, Central Committee of BASAD. Comrade Manik Mukherjee also reported that Comrade Amljot Ask of The Party Red of Norway had been held up unwarrantedly at Katmandu in Nepal by the Nepal Government, which prevented him from attending the open session. Comrade Sara Flounders, member, Central Secretariat, Workers World Party of USA, Comrade Mukherjee added, failed to attend the Congress on account of her having fallen sick.

Requested by the President, Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya, while presenting a brief report of the deliberations of the 5-day long delegate session, recalled how truth dawned upon a young revolutionary volunteer of the Indian freedom movement that in spite of all sacrifices of people the country was not going to be free from exploitation of man by man. Only that the rule of British imperialists was going to be replaced by the rule of Indian capitalists. Realizing the need of Indian revolution marked by the absence of a real communist party, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, then a young revolutionary volunteer of Indian freedom movement, alongwith a handful of his revolutionary compatriots took upon the task of building up SUCI, a genuine communist party on the soil based on Leninist model by conducting a historic arduous socialist struggle covering all aspects of life. It is at the culmination of this struggle when the preliminary conditions for forming the Party were fulfilled, that SUCI was born on 24 April,

1948 to accomplish the task of freeing Indian people from all kinds of exploitation of man by man through anti-capitalist revolutionary struggles. While holding that revolutionary politics is itself an all-embracing struggle which grows by integrating political, economic, social and cultural movements, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh right from the days of Party formation had laid supreme importance on three things. He taught us that politics calls for noble feelings of heart, nobler still is the feeling that spurs on to revolutionary politics. Next, the essence, the living soul, the kernel of any great and revolutionary ideology of every age is ingrained in its higher ethical and cultural standard. So the communists of today must assimilate the living soul or kernel of higher proletarian culture. Hence, it is not enough to build up class and mass struggles. These struggles must be premised on the edifice of higher proletarian ethics and culture so as to be conducive to anti-capitalist socialist revolution. In this process, based on the essence of these invaluable thoughts he gave birth to a unique concept of politics and created the SUCI as its emblematic representation to which toiling people, noble hearts and thinking persons from every nook and corner of the country

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Leaders at the Open Session
(From Top) Comrades Provash Ghosh, Manik Mukherjee, Krishna Chakraborty and Asit Bhattacharyya



Whither Indian Media

We boast that ours is the biggest democracy on the earth. We claim that in our country, the media plays its due role as envisaged in the doctrine of bourgeois democracy by providing objective fact-based news and do not indulge in any discrimination in so far as projection of reality is concerned. But we are sorry to say, the chasm between the claim and reality is too glaring. Over 50,000 people gathered at Ramlila Maidan on 17 November, 2009 to attend the open session of the Second Congress of our Party. It was indeed a sea of people in front of a well-decorated dais. Delhi has not witnessed such a mammoth — yet so disciplined well-ordered gathering in the last three decades. They came from all parts of the country travelling for days together, in extremely crowded condition within the limited space of the train compartments, bearing hardship smilingly and once in Delhi, bad weather constraints. But one could not find even a trace of discontent or any grumbling for that. On the contrary, what was remarkable was how their conduct reflected their commitment to the cause they came for. The proceedings began at 11.15 hours in the morning and continued upto 5.30 in the afternoon. Most of the deliberations were in English whereas a sizeable section of the assembly was not that conversant, with the language. Yet, nobody showed any sign of impatience or restlessness. All of them listened to the proceedings with rapt attention reflecting a different quality in their character under impact of the ideal they all strive to uphold. 1000 strong volunteers of Komsomol, the young communist league, held spectacular guard of honour — a spectacle seldom one can have a to look at.

But, the mainline media did not find it an event to be covered. From our party, we have extended cordial invitation to all of them. Even a special letter was sent to every media house, print and electronic, of every language. They were reminded several times that their presence was solicited in the programme. A week before, a Press Conference was held to inform them in details of the total agenda of the Party Congress including briefing on the open session. Yet, the media completely blacked out such a historic event. Though some of the journalists turned up, their feeds perhaps did not find favour with the authorities. This is exactly what is happening throughout the country. There is hardly any coverage of SUCI in the media. The Party has been conducting many a movement, holding massive rallies, organizing meetings of thousands

and thousands of people. But all these are simply overlooked by the media which more than often devote space and time on many trivial matters, if not trash, in a manner as if there is a blanket ban on the Party. Apparently, it may also appear that this was an isolated incident of default, a slip or neglect in discharge of duty on the part of one or more individuals. But such was not the fact. It was not a onetime mistake or aberration but a well calculated move on the part of power that be. In order to understand the reason behind the same, one has to go a little deep into the things. More the SUCI is gaining strength, expanding its organization and finding support of the toiling masses as the real revolutionary party wedded to the cause of the people, more threatened is feeling the ruling bourgeoisie and its servitors. Because, the ruling class perceives that this party spells its doom. The bourgeois tactics is to keep under wraps what it fears — by not giving it any publicity, to keep the people in the dark about that party, sidestep it and dismiss it as an insignificant force. This is conspiracy of silence. The complete blackout of the news of the Second Party Congress once again brought this reality to the fore. Such have been the tactics adopted all through by the bourgeois class in respect of a party which it considers dangerous for being revolutionary. The ruling bourgeoisie is noticing the spectacular growth of the SUCI without any backing of the media which available in plenty to others including the pseudo-Marxists. So, it knows by instinct what an electrifying effect it would have on the struggling people round the country if they have even a glimpse of such a historic gathering and inspiring proceedings through print or electronic media. More the SUCI is advancing overcoming all bourgeois machinations more is thus the attempt to completely obscure it from public view. It will not, therefore, be difficult for any intelligent right-thinking person to make out who called the shot from behind to suppress the news of this historic open session, who pulled the strings to ensure that SUCI the party struggling for people's cause on the edifice of higher ethics, morality and culture did not come into prominence, whose instructions prevailed in this total blackout. It is a sinister bourgeois design that was operative behind this planned suppression. People ought to understand this heinous conspiracy of the class in power and decide the course of action they would undertake to foil the same.

Aflame emerges the Party after the Congress

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are feeling magnetic attraction. Throughout the country, a new kind of revolutionary awakening is taking place. There is irresistible growth and expansion of the Party throughout the length and breadth of the country, from north to south, east to west. Today's gathering comprising representations from Punjab to Tamilnadu and from Assam to Maharashtra is a microscopic representation of that. One of the main and foremost objectives of this Second Party Congress has been to correctly consolidate this organizational expansion as well as the Party based on the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Speaking about the proceedings of the delegate session, Comrade Bhattacharyya said that the Party Congress undertook threadbare discussion of the Theses on International and National situations, taking into account the latest developments and a number

of amendments to these proposed by the comrades in the conferences and conventions of different states. At the end, both the Theses were unanimously adopted with certain adopted amendments. The delegates also discussed on the Constitution alongwith a number of amendments suggested by different comrades and finally unanimously adopted the Constitution incorporating a number of amendments. There was also the organizational-political report of the General Secretary deliberated upon and duly adopted unanimously. Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya informed that the delegate session was attended by 600 delegates and 103 observer delegates from all over the country. He also reported that the delegates also unanimously elected the new 15-member strong Central Committee with Comrade Nihar Mukherjee as the General Secretary. He then announced that the new Central Committee in its first meeting held on 16 November

2009 elected 6-member Polit Bureau headed by Comrade Nihar Mukherjee and Comrade Gopal Kundo as Office Secretary-cum-Treasurer of the Central Committee.

On completion of Comrade Bhattacharyya's reporting, Comrade Provash Ghosh related with pain and sorrow that Comrade Nihar Mukherjee who had been leading and guiding the Party since the demise of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the founder General Secretary of the Party, had to be hospitalized immediately ahead of the Congress in a critical condition. Unable to obtain permission from his doctors to attend the Congress in person, Comrade Mukherjee sent his message to the Congress. Asked by Comrade Provash Ghosh, Comrade Krishna Chakraborty then read out the entire text of the message written in English. Comrade Satyawan, member, Central Committee then rendered in Hindi a summary of the message for the

benefit of the large number of Hindi-speaking people attending the Congress from different parts of the country, particularly from Delhi and the neighbouring states around it.

Following this, Comrade Manik Mukherjee read out the messages from different countries wishing success of the Congress and expressing fraternity and solidarity with SUCI. Those included messages from Andy Brooks, General Secretary of the New Communist Party of Britain, Carolus Wimmer, Member of Polit Bureau, Communist Party of Venezuela, the Party of Labour of Iran (Toufan), Nina Andreeva, Secretary General of the Central Committee, All Union Communist Party (Bolshevik) of Russia, Wil vander Klift, International Secretary, New Communist Party of the Netherlands and John Catalinotto, International Department and Sara Flounders, Member, Central

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Armed with invincible Marxism-Leninism- Shibdas Ghosh Thought — SUCI will march ahead Comrade Provash Ghosh at the Open Session

Comrade Provash Ghosh in his speech said : It is true that imperialists and capitalists and their paid intellectuals are rejoicing at the dismantling of socialism. But we Marxist-communists are convinced this crisis is a temporary phenomenon in world communist movement. We know from history any new ideology for its final complete victory takes hundreds and hundreds of years. You know the history of religious movement. All the religious teachers claimed that they are the representatives of the almighty God, according to their belief. Yet you know the religions in the early stage of their struggle faced defeat after defeat; it took hundreds of years for their final victory. You also know from history, bourgeois democratic revolution, starting with Renaissance up to its culmination in French revolution, took more than three hundred years for its final victory. But religious movements could not abolish exploitation. Bourgeois democratic revolution could not do away with exploitation; they only replaced one type of exploitation by another type of exploitation. But the great November revolution had put an end to exploitation of man by man having lasted for thousands of years, starting from slavery to feudalism and capitalism. Through the ages, exploited people conducted many battles, shed tears, shed their blood, they were slaughtered, they fought for emancipation; finally November revolution brought emancipation. History has proved that November revolution could provide a higher civilization. Compared to that what has capitalism provided? History shows that capitalism engenders poverty, misery, unemployment, retrenchment, capitalism engenders prostitution, destitution, crisis after crisis. November revolution proved, socialism proved that unemployment can be ended, employment to all can be guaranteed, prostitution, exploitation can be stopped. Socialism has shown the way on how to do away with all sorts of discrimination. Socialism proved that only socialism can provide free education, free treatment for all. Socialism proved that it could end

the conflicts between different nationalities and ethnic groups. Only the Soviet Union declared: Let all weapons of destruction be demolished, to save humanity from war.

I like to remind those confused intellectuals who decry socialism that even Rabindranath, who was not a communist but a humanist, hailed the Soviet Union, which he had visited. He said if he had not gone there, then the pilgrimage of his life would have remained incomplete. Alone socialism in Soviet Union had realized the ideals of equality, liberty, fraternity, which the French revolution had declared as its goal. In our country, another great revolutionary nationalist fighter, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose said, nineteenth century produced Marxism; twentieth century produced socialist revolution, a socialist state and socialist culture which has enriched civilization. Romain Rolland, Bernard Shaw, Einstein, all supported socialism of Soviet Union, though they were not communists at all. The same holds true for great writers Saratchandra, Subramaniam Bharati and poet Nazrul in our country. Once Romain Rolland said, if socialism were destroyed, then not only would the Russian workers become enslaved but the progress of mankind would be stopped. And that is happening now. Comrades, who engineered wars, the First World War, Second World War? It is capitalism-imperialism, not socialism. Who fathered colonial, neo-colonial exploitation? Imperialism not socialism! Rather socialism fought against it. Who is the mother of fascism? Capitalism! Who attacked Afghanistan and Iraq? Capitalism did it, in the name of democracy! Had the Soviet Union of Lenin-Stalin existed today, USA and Britain would not have dared to attack Afghanistan and Iraq.

Comrade Provash Ghosh said : They claim that market economy is superior to socialist economy. The most backward country of Europe had been Russia. But after they established socialist economy it developed to such a level in many fields it superseded the most

developed capitalist country. That is the history. And now, bourgeois market economy is faced with market crisis. USA which is called the engine of world economy, that engine is now derailed. The entire world capitalism is now put on ventilator, that is, artificial stimulus. All bourgeois states are injecting money into the system to keep it alive. It is a sinking system. On the one hand, they claim there is recovery again, on the other hand, they themselves say it is a fragile recovery. And so the government cannot stop financial stimulus package. In USA 7.5 million workers were retrenched within last 2 years. It is their statistics. In our country the government does not announce the actual number of job losses. In unorganized and organized sectors combined, millions of workers lost their job. And it doesn't stop there. Who can save capitalism from this crisis? In every country waves of movements are bursting forth. In USA, Europe, Latin America, Asia, workers are raising the demand: down with capitalism, down with imperialism! The next slogan will be: build up socialism! Hold aloft the banner of Marxism-Leninism! It is bound to come. In Russia people are demonstrating with the portrait of Lenin and Stalin. In China peasants and workers are revolting. So, a new situation is developing everywhere. The bourgeois media is propagating that the fall of socialism has proved that Marxism-Leninism has failed, that it is obsolete. It is a travesty of truth. Marxism is a science. A doctor may fail to apply the medical science properly and a patient may die. But that does not mean medical science has failed. It is the failure of the doctor.

Marxism came in history not because Marx wanted it but because of social necessity. In the course of development Marxism emerged as a scientific philosophy by coordinating all the branches of science, by coordinating the laws governing the particular fields of science. As science proved everything is changing, everything is in motion and motion is governed by laws. Marxism on the basis of

science has shown that similarly the development of human society is also law governed. That from slave system feudalism developed, from feudalism capitalism developed, is not accidental but law governed. Similarly from capitalism also socialism is bound to come, as we have seen in Russia and China. It is also true starting from Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin, Mao Zedong to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great thinkers repeatedly warned us, once socialism is victorious in a country that does not mean it is a final victory. On the path of development from capitalism to communism, socialism constitutes but a transitional phase. As Lenin said, socialist revolution means capitalism is defeated but not destroyed, socialism is victorious but it is not a complete victory. It may advance towards communism or may again go back to capitalism, to restoration of capitalism. It depends upon the leadership, if leadership is wise enough, has enough capability to apply the science of Marxism properly there will be no problem. The Soviet Union was surrounded by the imperialist capitalist world. From the very beginning it faced attack after attack. Within the society itself, there were remnants of capitalism, if not economically, but ideologically, culturally. Attack came from there in the form of revisionism. We know, these are the lessons for us. Starting with Paris commune, the 1st and 2nd international, the working class movement faced many defeats, one after another. But that enriched Marxism further. Again by drawing lesson from this crisis of socialism Marxism-Leninism will further enrich socialism. Comrade Mao Zedong and Comrade Shibdas Ghosh have shown how to combat revisionism through their teachings, enriching Marxism-Leninism and handing down to us the weapon for struggle. If we can wield it correctly we will definitely become victorious.

Comrade Provash Ghosh stressed : Comrades, denouncing Marxism means denouncing science. The bourgeoisie can accept

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People of Nepal and India have same objective of achieving emancipation

Comrade Ninu Chapagain of United Communist Party of Nepal (Maoists) conveyed revolutionary greetings from Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal on behalf of his party the United Communist Party of Nepal (Maoists). He indicated that after ten years of armed struggle and the historic people's movement in April 2006, Nepal has entered into a peace process, which the United CPN(Maoists) are using to take the revolution forward. This has brought the reactionary forces to a new crisis. Afraid of growing people's power under the leadership of United CPN(Maoists), they wanted to hand over the power back to the army, feudal forces and Indian expansionism, unconstitutionally



and illegally. But they failed because the United CPN (Maoists) have people's power behind them. He accused Indian expansionism of interfering into Nepal's politics, of suppressing Nepal's economic and cultural development, violating borders, stealing Nepal's land and even sending armed forces into that country.

He stressed that people of Nepal and the people of India have common cause in the fight for liberty. He hoped that struggle of people of Nepal against Indian expansionism would lend strength to India's revolution and India's revolution would help them to drive Indian expansionism out of Nepal. He called for solidarity between the two peoples. He congratulated the newly elected Central Committee of SUCI in the Second Congress which was a grand success. He hoped that the leadership will carry out Indian revolution forging unity of revolutionary forces and developing revolutionary militancy.

Not capitalism-imperialism but socialism is the demand of civilization



Comrade Khalequzzaman of Socialist Party of Bangladesh said: Though we got two opposite experiences at the beginning and at the end of the last century, the new century has started with a clear message that the demand of civilization is socialism-communism, not capitalism-imperialism, being raised by millions of people all over the world, even in the United States. We believe, this Second Congress will make this flame brighter to spread to far away places.

He stressed : Today, communist international is non-existent. Moreover, anti-capitalist movement of workers of different countries has gained momentum with new dimensions. So, the cry of the time is to establish a centre of the international communist movement to co-ordinate the movements of different countries.

Comrade Khalequzzaman further said that there is a lot of advancement in the anti-imperialist movement and SUCI really deserves high appreciations in this regard, though a centre of world anti-imperialist movement, acceptable to all, is yet to be developed. Unity of the revolutionary movements of different countries based on dialectical solidarity is still hardly seen. Keeping in view the internationalist obligation, he expected, through this Congress, following the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, a great Marxist thinker of this era, SUCI will enhance their role in this regard. He ended saying : I, along with Comrade Mubinul Hayder Chowdhury, Central Committee member of our party, on behalf of all of our party comrades and the toiling masses of

our country wish this Congress a grand success.

Our task is to forge unity of communists internationally

Comrade Lena of MLCP, Turkey and Northern Kurdistan sharing the enthusiasm of the Congress presented a memento and flag of her party, and saluting the Second Congress of SUCI wished its success on behalf of her party MLCP, Turkey and Northern Kurdistan that fights for the revolution and socialism in the region of Turkey and Northern Kurdistan.

She said that the Fourth Congress of MLCP has been a political, ideological and organisational victory in the struggle of wills that had been continuing between the colonialist fascist regime and their party since September 2006.

She expected that the international relations of revolutionary friendship and fraternity between their party MLCP and SUCI will develop further within the political struggle and revolutionary practice, which means, on the base of concrete and real relations.

In the international scenario, Comrade Lena observed that the dispersed, fragmented and ineffective situation of the International Communist Movement is still continuing. The class struggle makes it an important historical and political duty to achieve the centralisation of the revolutionary and communist forces on the local, regional and international levels. Their Party, Comrade Lena added, is aware of the theoretical, political and organisational duties in this sphere and strives for carrying out these duties with great determination and enthusiasm. The world revolutionary and communist movement must strive for concrete achievements in the struggle against the capital and fascism. It must overcome sectarianism and narrow-mindedness in the political struggle and with a unifying and extensive understanding, it must aim at becoming a political army in the struggle for the revolution and socialism. It must increase its organisation and preparation so that it can have the capacity to lead the

legitimate war of the workers, labourers and peoples. Through establishing regional coordinations and leagues of the progressive, revolutionary and communist forces taking part in the anti-imperialist struggle, it must lay the grounds for a future coordination of them at a world level.

In the end, Comrade Lena said : we have been following with great interest and attention the intentions, searches and initiatives of your party SUCI on the sphere of anti-imperialist struggle. It has been seen once more that socialism is a historical necessity and the emancipation of the humanity. With the belief that the Second Congress of SUCI will be a step for turning this historical necessity into a reality.

Crisis of capitalist economy can not be solved within capitalist system

Comrade Hani Haddadin of Jordanian Communist Party on behalf of Comrade Khaled Haddadin and Comrade Dian Faiq Odeh, both present in the Open Session and comrades and the Central Committee of the Jordanian Communist Party, extended hearty greetings and wishes on the occasion of Second Congress of the SUCI. He held that it is very important to strengthen the ideological political and practical bonds between the two parties and the peoples of the two lands. The communist movement is sprouting anew all over the world. The present global crisis, that has affected even USA and European imperialist countries, is not resolvable within the capitalist system. The neo-fascist and Zionist groups despite their criminal ferocity and their nasty manoeuvres meet with insurmountable resistance in many Arab countries, chiefly in Palestine, Lebanon, Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan. The conjunction of these events shows promise of development and success of a second wave of world proletarian revolution. Its full and definite success will be the establishment of socialism at least in the main countries of the world. This success is possible. It chiefly depends on the communists.

The first wave of proletarian

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revolution has already engraved indelible mark on mankind's history. Unfortunately the first wave of proletarian revolution did not succeed in establishing socialism in any imperialist country and it has gradually lost its driving force with the advent of revisionism.



On the other side, revolutionary people's wars are developing in many countries all over the world; anti-imperialist struggles in different forms and at different levels of consciousness and leadership are being carried out by masses of different countries of Latin America, including Cuba, Venezuela, Bolivia, Nicaragua, Chile and others. The Middle East has become the main battlefield between

imperialist hegemony and the heroic resistance movements, the main stage of world anti-imperialist struggle. Here people face Zionist barbaric Israeli aggression and occupation of Palestine, Syrian Golan Heights and Sheba district of Lebanon. People in Iraq face the most brutal aggression and occupation. Resistance in these countries has opened a new era of struggle in spite of the fact that there is no super power support any more as we experienced before the fall of Soviet Union. Here people believe that Zionism and imperialism are not omnipotent. In the last year in Gaza strip, people with primitive weapons could stand bravely and defeat the regional superpower and the army that had all means including weapons of mass destruction, nuclear arsenal and sophisticated technology. Everybody knows of the Goldstone Committee report which the majority of the United Nations voted for, condemning the Israeli aggression. The American imperialists and their allies put and will continue putting obstacles to prevent condemnation of Israeli crimes. But all NATO weapons and

technology could not silence the Iraqi people and their resistance. World has also witnessed American failure in Afghanistan and biggest defeat of Israel in Gaza and in Lebanon in 2006 against Hezbollah and heroic Lebanon people. There are new socialist waves in South America, the new rise of communist movement worldwide. Victory will be ours, concluded Comrade Haddadin.

Comrade Khaled Haddadin also spoke a few words thereafter extending his warm greetings to the Party Congress of SUCI and reaffirmed proletarian internationalism.

Indian and Sri Lankan people have common cause

Comrade E. Thambiah of New Democratic Party of Sri Lanka congratulated the new Central Committee of SUCI, which he acknowledged as the genuine communist party of India. Referring to the situation in Sri Lanka, he pointed out that military operation of the Sinhalese government in the



name of humanitarian operation has resulted in detention and disappearance of countless Tamil people and communists, and added that the LTTE being a recognizable political force, it is desirable that a political solution of the problem should be reached. He said that as Marxists-Leninists, his party always stands for people's unity against the exploitative and oppressive rulers. Decrying Indian military intervention and its hegemonistic role he said: The Indian government was responsible for widening people's disunity in Sri Lanka. The Indian and Sri Lankan people have a common cause against a common enemy. The enemy of Indian people is also the enemy of Sri Lankan people.

Denouncing Marxism means denouncing science

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science in industry and agriculture, in irrigation, in transport, in the field of space, of medicine, every where they can accept science. But they cannot accept science in the field of ideology, in the field of philosophy, in the field of analysing society, history, because to them it spells danger.

Comrades, they may desire the downfall of socialism. They can attack us, they can imprison us, they can prosecute us, they can even kill us, but that cannot stop the onward march of world revolution. Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh-Thought is a very powerful weapon. You already heard from Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya that only with the help of seven comrades Comrade Shibdas Ghosh started his struggle to build up SUCI. He was unknown. No media carried his name. There were many big parties. There was even a party going by the name of Communist Party of India. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh quickly realized that by name it is a communist party, but it is not at all

a communist party. He concluded that like parties of the 2nd international, that betrayed Marxism here also CPI betrayed Marxism. In fact, just like the British Labour Party, the so-called communist party that got divided into CPI(M) and CPI, they too worked as agent of the bourgeoisie, of world imperialism to corrupt the working class movement in our country, and that is why they are placed in power in some states. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh then faced many a problem. From the very beginning, from the time of the formation of our party, when he had no shelter, no house to live, months after months, years after years he and his comrades in arm had to starve, he upheld the banner of proletarian internationalism. But the tragedy is, the then leadership of the international communist movement supported the so-called communist party of India. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh said, Comrade Stalin is my teacher, Comrade Mao is my teacher, but the big question he had to face was how to convince the people that the Communist Party of

India supported by CPSU and CPC was not a real communist party? It was a very difficult problem. Facing all these difficulties our party had marched on. This gathering is representing only a fraction of our strength. India is a big country. Thousands and thousands of workers and peasants could not come here to attend this meeting. But still you see a sea of people. Where lies our strength? Our strength lies in Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought. Under the able leadership of Comrade Nihar Mukherjee we are advancing and we will continue to advance, and we will uphold the banner of proletarian internationalism, whatever our strength. On the one hand, we are developing mass struggles in our country. Hundreds and hundreds of our comrades sacrifice their lives, they became martyrs when organizing the struggles, countless are imprisoned. More than fifty comrades are facing life terms. But we are continuing our struggles. At the same time as an internationalists, we will support,

will help all the communists of other countries who are struggling against capitalism and imperialism. That is why we took initiative to develop an anti-imperialist forum. We are trying to mobilize all the communist minded people throughout the world. These great leaders, whose portraits are here, although they are no more with us but their invincible teachings are with us, and we will advance. So our victory is assured, nobody can stop our advancement.

Long live revolution!

Long live proletarian internationalism!

Red salute to the great leaders Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin, Mao Zedong Comrade Shibdas Ghosh!

Long live Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought!

Long live SUCI!

Long live beloved General Secretary Comrade Nihar Mukherjee!

Red salute to you all!

People responded overwhelmingly to the General Strike call by SUCI on 24 November

Common people reeling under unprecedented price rise and severely agonized at the rising violence and terror unleashed by the ruling CPI (M) as well as state terrorism let loose on the wretched pauperized tribal and other segments of people residing in the forest areas of the state of West Bengal had been seething in anger, wanting to register their protest and indignation through the path of movement. They sincerely desired that our party whom they trust as the only pro-movement force take necessary initiative to articulate their voice loudly so that it shakes the ruling dispensation both at the Centre and in the state. As we were engaged in making our Second Party Congress purported to consolidate and equip the Party to organize and lead the class and mass struggles in a much better way, successful in every respect, we could not launch the desired movement earlier. But, immediately after conclusion of the Second Party Congress in Delhi, our Party in deference to the wishes of the people gave call for a 12-hour statewide general strike on 24 November on the following demands :-

i) The harrowing price rise caused due to the noxious policy of appeasement of the hoarders by both the central and state governments has to be arrested

ii) The brutal attack of the joint paramilitary-police force and the criminal brigade of the CPI (M) on the people of Lalgah has to be stopped

iii) Preference must be given to the PTTI trained students in recruitment of primary teachers

iv) The widespread terror unleashed by the CPI (M) has to be stopped.

Legitimacy of strike

Immediately, the media subserving bourgeois class interest swung into an anti-strike propaganda proclaiming 'SUCI is alone' – 'everybody is against bandh'. Every attempt was made to frustrate the strike call and provoke people to adopt an anti-strike posture as if the call was to the detriment of their interest and hence merited no support. Rebutting this motivated bourgeois propaganda, we have been repeatedly stressing that general strike is a form of people's

democratic movement. Developing intense democratic movement encompassing all available means is inseparably linked to the question of their survival. The ruling exploitative bourgeoisie has all resources at its command — a well-knit propaganda machine, pliant media, coercive state machinery with which it seeks to defend its rule and seeks to serve its sinister class interest. But the exploited tormented millions have only the power of movement to counter the increasing onslaught. Unable to bear the diabolic oppression day in and day out round the year, people jump in protest in whatever manner they can. With the life itself being far estranged from what could be said least normal, so called disruption of normalcy on a strike day is immaterial to them. Rather, they themselves ventilate their voice of protest by paralyzing the administration through the strike call. So a legitimate strike for a genuine cause represents the interest of the people. On the other hand, a strike call prevents the exploitative rulers from earning maximum profit through squeezing of the last drop of blood out of the suffering millions. So they raise a hue and cry and make frantic endeavour to confuse people's mind through motivated propaganda and precipitate an anti-strike or for that matter an anti-movement mentality. Their intention is to gradually blunt all instruments of struggle and render people crippled so that their oppressive regime could continue unopposed, unchallenged. Right thinking people ought to grasp this truth. Not that strike should be resorted to any time, anywhere, under any pretext. But whenever there is a necessity, the weapon of general strike has to be used without even the slightest of hesitation or vacillation. Otherwise, the ruling class will take full advantage of that, impose further restriction on the forms of movement, snatch away whatever little rights people still have and tighten the noose of exploitation more firmly. The strike may be necessitated at an elevated stage of an ongoing movement, to protest against any particular incident or to mark the augury of a sustained movement on some pressing issue of life. It is heartening to find that oppressed people are not getting

carried away by the motivated anti-strike propaganda by the power that be and its cohorts.

Bourgeois press could not keep facts under the wraps

That is why, much to the chagrin of the media barons and the servitors of the exploitative capitalist rule wreaking havoc in people's life, the response to the strike call was overwhelming and unprecedented. Unprecedented in the sense that the call for strike was given on 19 November and there were just four intervening days for our party activists to reach out to the people with the message of the strike call mainly through distribution of a leaflet and mobile announcement by means of auto rickshaw and small squads. But that was enough. It was a strike to give vent to the people's rage and protest and people themselves disseminated the message from one corner to the other. Most striking has been the spontaneous and sincere participation of the poorest strata of the people for whom the committed media customarily shed crocodile tears whenever there is a legitimate strike call. It stunned the power that be. So the second attempt was made to suppress the truth of this resounding success of the strike by releasing doctored stories about a 'flopped bandh'. But here too, the rulers and their lackeys did not succeed. Same newspapers carried contradictory versions about the strike in their different editions. While commenting on the strike of 24 November, *Ananda Bazar Patrika* in its city edition of 25 November has said that "Bandh has been ignored by the masses" *Bartaman*, another Bengali daily has given the caption, "There is not at all any response to SUCI bandh." *Sambad Protidin*, another vernacular daily, has written that "both the city and the suburbs were normal during SUCI bandh." But in the reports published in the North Bengal, South Bengal, Medinipur and Birbhum-Purulia-Bankura editions of the same newspapers, the success of the bandh has been duly acknowledged. The South Bengal edition of *Ananda Bazar Patrika* on the same day wrote under the caption 'Holiday mood in the beginning of winter' that "Bandh call by SUCI life has been sporadically disrupted in the four

districts of South Bengal. In some places, train services were halted while the bandh supporters organized road blockade in some other places. Shops were closed in many areas. Schools and offices were closed. Taking all into account, this bandh had brought the people the mood of a holiday in the beginning of winter. Shutters were down in most of the shops of the areas of Bagnan, Amta, Uluberia, Shyampur etc. of Howrah district. Vehicular traffic on the Mumbai road was very little.Private buses, Autorikshaws and trekkers did not operate. Though trains plied in the Howrah-Kharagpur section, number of passengers was very meager. Attendance in the government offices was abysmally low.In the morning, the bandh supporters created blockade on the railway tracks in some stations. ...So train services were disrupted in the morning. Attendance was very little in the offices.In the Barasat bloc of North 24 Parganas district, there were road blockades in the national highways 34 and 35. Traffic movement was halted for quite sometime. Most of the shops in Barasat did not open at all. Though life was disrupted in town areas of Basirhat, there was not any perceptible effect of the Bandh in rural counterparts. Bandh, however, considerably affected Habra, Machalandapur, Gaighata and Bangaon regions. At Diamond Harbour and Kakdwip in South 24 Parganas district, there were not many vehicles to be found on roads. Shops were closed in the main. Most of the schools and colleges did not run. Train service was irregular. Canning-Basanti ferry service was scanty." Similarly, *Anandabazar Patrika* : Medinipur-Khargapur (West Midnapur) reported that "12 hour Bangla Bandh called by SUCI ended peacefully in West Medinipur district. No government bus did ply today. In the morning hours, a few trains faced squatting. Vehicular transport was disrupted. Attendance at government offices was nominal." Its North Bengal edition said under the caption 'North Bengal responds to the Bandh call of SUCI' that "North Bengal was partially paralysed from the Bangal Bandh call of SUCI against price hike of essential commodities. Attendance at

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government offices, schools and colleges was meagre. At Coochbehar, shops did not open, nor there were private buses on roads. Government offices were empty. In both the Dinajpur districts (North and South) also non-government offices and shops were shut down and public transport absent. At Siliguri, too, most of the private vehicles, even the rickshaws, were off the roads and shops closed. Banks and many schools and colleges were closed. Government offices did open, but with skeletal attendance. There were some skirmishes between the Bandh supporters and police at the PWD crossing in Jalpaiguri. Likewise the newspaper's Birbhum, Bankura, Purulia editions commented that "in districts of Birbhum, Bankura and Purulia, there was mixed reaction to the Bangal Bandh call of SUCI against price hike of essential commodities. The commuters had to face inconveniences. In Birbhum, though government offices were kept open, employees did not attend in numbers. Even, schools and colleges were closed. The picture was the same in Bankura and Purulia too. In Bankura and Bishnupur towns shops were shut down and markets were partially closed in Ranibandh, Barikul and Raipur. Not only that. While *Ananda Bazar Patrika* in its Kolkata edition said that the bandh was flopped, *The Telegraph*, English daily owned by the same house has carried out a photograph of deserted Esplanade area of Calcutta city with the caption, "A Sunday feel to Esplanade on Tuesday afternoon" and wrote "Calcutta took its first winter weekday holiday on Tuesday, turning a bandh without political muscle into an excuse to cast work culture out of the window.... The streets were Sunday-like, attendance in offices and educational institutions low and the mood relaxed as the city switched to self-shutdown mode, giving SUCI the success it has seldom had... The absence of hawkers for a reason other than the SUCI shutdown against price rise added to the bandh feeling... Schools bore the brunt of the bandh fear-factor with attendance ranging from abysmal to low. Likewise, *Bartaman*, another leading daily in its South Bengal edition said under the caption 'Public life affected by the Bandh' that "Normal life was disrupted in

the districts of South Bengal by the Bangla Bandh call of SUCI against price hike of essential commodities. Shops were closed in most of the districts. Private buses were not there on the roads. However, in most of the districts Madhyamik (secondary) examination was held peacefully. Students had to face difficulties in absence of buses on roads. At Bankura, there were some clashes of the bandh supporters with employees of nationalized banks. Police arrested 8 people from there.

In most of the places of Bardhaman district, including Bardhaman town, shops and markets were closed, though there were not many Bandh supporters to be seen active on the streets. Though employees from afar could not attend in absence of buses, local employees were found to be present in offices. At Suri in Birbhum district, police had a scuffle with Bandh supporters as they tried to unlock the gates of administrative building. 20 Bandh supporters were arrested on the ground of obstructing roads at Rampurhat; they were later released. Police had a scuffle also at West Medinipur while trying to unlock the gates of administrative building. Though private buses were not there on the roads, a few state buses did run. In East Medinipur also, private buses did not run; nor the shops were open. Shops did not open, nor the buses ran also in Nadia and Murshidabad districts." *The Statesman* reported that "The SUCI

sponsored 12 hours bandh had a major impact in Siliguri today."

Strike marked augury of a sustained movement on the pressing issues of life

It is thus glaringly evident that the strike did have a major impact on the state. Everyone is aware that SUCI never resorts to vandalism or violence to flaunt success of strike call. It depends on the people. So when people respond to SUCI's call, they do so from the core of their heart, not out of any fear or scare of highhandedness. This successful strike of 24 November has been the beginning of a sustained movement on the aforesaid burning issues being launched by the party. Informing this Comrade Provash Ghosh, member, Polit Bureau and State Secretary of the party said, we conduct the movements with two clear objectives. Whenever there is crisis, attack descends upon common people. As a Marxist revolutionary party, we protest against that, build up struggle. The very objective is to keep the spirit of protest, human essence alive. Otherwise, the ruling party thinks that there is no one worthy of being called MAN. So it becomes unbridled in its rampage

and onslaught. On the other hand, only by conducting movement we can realize some of the demands. For example, we have through struggle realized many demands including re-introduction of English at primary level. The demands of Singur-Nandigram also could not have been realized without blood-curdled struggle. Secondly, we develop movements to make conscious people of the fact that capitalism which is the root of all evils can be replaced by vote. Capitalism can be overthrown only by revolution. And it is our objective to develop this revolutionary mentality among the people as well as build up the instruments of struggle through the process of conducting legitimate mass movements. Comrade Provash Ghosh further added that we shall continue this movement in different forms throughout the state. In December, agitation-blockade-mass violation of law will take place at district and bloc levels. In January, similar movements will be undertaken at the state level. The various class and mass fronts of our party viz. of students, youths, women, electricity consumers etc, workers' front, peasant and agricultural workers' front, will continue their movements on various legitimate demands.

MAKE SUCI CANDIDATES VICTORIOUS IN THE ENSUING JHARKHAND ASSEMBLY ELECTION

Candidate	Constituency	District
Comrade Sadhu Munda	Ghatshila	Singbhum
Comrade Anil Bauri	Chandankeyari	Bokaro

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the rule of the proletariat. It is, therefore, incumbent on our Party to pursue more vigorously the relentless effort to speed up the process of developing class and mass struggles along the right track, to take initiative to form people's committees and volunteer forces with a view to stepping up these struggles and in the process develop the Party, both ideologically and organizationally, to fulfil the subjective condition of revolution with due expediency.

Following lively and penetrating discussions and debates, both the Theses with accepted amendments were unanimously adopted by the house. Likewise, the delegates also took part in the deliberations on the draft Party Constitution placed by the Central Committee and

unanimously adopted the same with accepted modifications. The delegates also approved the statement of accounts submitted by Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya on behalf the Central Committee. The delegates authorized a Scrutiny Committee elected from the house to finalize all these documents. Comrade Manik Mukherjee then made an appeal to raise an additional fund of Rs 1.5 million to undertake necessary preventive steps to ensure that the statue of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh at the Ghatshila Study Centre does not wear down. The house responded with all emotion and vowed to collect the money from the public through extensive effort. The delegates then unanimously re-elected Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, revolutionary compatriot of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and an

outstanding revolutionary himself as the General Secretary of the party. They also elected a 15-member Central Committee. A Control Commission and a Central Editorial Board were also elected by the house.

Then on behalf of the Presidium, Comrade Provash Ghosh delivered the concluding speech. [Comrade Provash Ghosh's speech will be published later]

The 5-day long delegate session came to an end with the rendering of the *Internationale*. With glow in their face, the delegates charged with revolutionary emotion and fervour emerged out of the venue as a band of disciplined soldiers pledge-bound to carry forward the task of revolution imbued with the ideal of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought. It was indeed a momentous occasion, an event that would leave an indelible mark on the pages of history.

Central Committee elected in the Second Party Congress



Nihar Mukherjee Provash Ghosh Manik Mukherjee Krishna Chakraborty Ranjit Dhar Asit Bhattacharyya Yakub Pailan



Debaprasad Sarkar Kalyan Chowdhury C.K. Lukose K. Radhakrishna Gopal Kundu Soumen Bose Satyawar Sankar Saha

Elected Central Committee

Comrade Nihar Mukherjee
 (General Secretary)
 Comrades Provash Ghosh
 Manik Mukherjee
 Krishna Chakraborty
 Ranjit Dhar
 Asit Bhattacharyya
 Yakub Pailan
 Debaprasad Sarkar
 Kalyan Chowdhury,
 C.K. Lukose
 K. Radhakrishna
 Gopal Kundu
 Soumen Bose
 Satyawar
 Sankar Saha

Elected Polit Bureau

Comrades Nihar Mukherjee
 Provash Ghosh

Manik Mukherjee
 Krishna Chakraborty
 Ranjit Dhar
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‘COMMUNIST’ added to our party’s name

In the morning session of 15 November, proposed amendments on the Party Constitution were taken up for consideration of the delegates. On behalf of the Central Committee, it was proposed to the delegates that the word ‘Communist’ be added to the Party’s name; the name would then be SOCIALIST UNITY CENTRE OF INDIA (COMMUNIST), to be written as SUCI (C) in abbreviation. The proposed amendment was unanimously adopted by the delegates.

SUCI strongly denounces passage of Representation of People (Amendment) Bill 2008 and calls for its repeal under pressure of countrywide people’s movement

Strongly denouncing safe passage of the Representation of People (Amendment) Bill 2008 in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday, 25 November 2009, in collusion with the known bourgeois parties and the self-styled leftists, Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary, SUCI, in course of a statement issued on 28 November, 2009, said that the vile move behind passing of the said bill which at one stroke increased the security deposit for contesting election to the parliament from Rs 10,000 to Rs 25,000 and election to the state legislatures from Rs 5,000 to Rs 10,000 once again showed how the ruling bourgeois class and its subservient political parties are making a mockery of the ‘universal adult franchise’. They, observed Comrade Mukherjee, are hell bent to oust from the arena of parliamentary democracy and elections all political parties and individuals who are stoutly opposed to their ruthlessly exploitative rule. If they succeed, a dictatorial rule under the façade of a two-party parliamentary system is sure to be foisted on the country. Consequently, the downtrodden people who constitute more than 85% of the country’s population and have turned out to be wretched and pauperized, dispossessed of all rights in the last 62 years of ruthlessly oppressive capitalist rule will lose their remaining last basic right to vote for the party and the candidates who really uphold their cause and to contest election to ventilate people’s cause inside the legislatures.

Comrade Mukherjee, therefore, called upon the toiling millions of the country and all right-thinking men and women to defeat this heinous move by developing powerful resistance movement and save democracy in the country.

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Secretariat of the Workers World Party of USA.

Leaders of fraternal communist parties from abroad present in the Congress then briefly addressed the gathering. Brief summary of their addresses is being given separately.

In his presidential address Comrade Provash Ghosh briefly dwelt on the historic significance of the day on which the open session of the Second Party Congress was being observed. The speech of Comrade Provash Ghosh is being published separately. After Comrade

Provash Ghosh’s speech, Comrade Satyawar read out a summary of the speech into Hindi. The session ended with the entire rally singing the *Internationale*. The air then rent with slogans: Long live Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Thought, Long Live SUCI, Long Live Proletarian Internationalism, Down with Capitalism-Imperialism. Thoroughly inspired by the proceedings and charged by the speeches delivered, the party workers, supporters and sympathizers who congregated at the venue went back with firm resolve to carry out the message of this historic Second Party Congress.

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