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Indian working class confronted with mounting burden of capitalist exploitation

Needs Correct Leadership and Organization to Fight along Right Track

He first strangled two of his minor children into death and then consumed poison along with his wife to bid adieu to life. Lay by the side of his motionless body a piece of note, tear-soaked but clearly written: "I had a family to maintain, children to rear. I shed sweat and blood to earn just a subsistence level wage. But our management suddenly found me 'surplus', a drag on their pay roll, a *persona non grata* and showed me the door. I cried, with folded hands begged my reinstatement. But, it cut no ice with the management. I fumed, protested but my union leaders did nothing except sending a formal petition for public consumption. With empty pocket and refused hands, I could do nothing but to weep and see others sobbing. Better I leave this cruel life." The silent message conveyed through this confession of a hapless Indian worker who faithfully served his multi-millionaire owner for more than twenty years bears eloquent testimony to the condition of the working class after 65 years of

independence. On the other side you see "growing and prospering India in terms of GDP figures, wealth accretion of the top industrialists, flurry of skyscrapers, sparkling flyovers, dazzling shopping malls, gaudy billboards, sprawling 5-star hotels and glittering multiplexes". Except customary show of concern, the apologists of the obtaining capitalist system, be it a corporate sector spokesman, a high-profile minister, a foreign-trained economist, a well-known columnist or even a heavyweight trade union leader, are least bothered to care for this plight and misery of the workers, the creators of all wealth, the builders of civilization. They all vie with each other to trade in the hunger and destitution of these hapless workers, prosper at their cost, enjoy fruits of their labour and reign on them. Time has come for the working class to break the shackles of their wage-slavery, close their rank and rise up against the exploitative capitalist order, breeder of all the evils, roused by correct ideology, along correct path and

under correct revolutionary leadership. Delay of a day in embracing the correct course of emancipation would entail a year more of this tortuous unbearable life. To tread the correct path, the Indian working class needs to acquire correct socio-political outlook to appraise the prevailing situation, correctly understand the historic role it is poised to play in bringing the needed social transformation that would end forever the exploitation of man by man and build up its struggle in accordance therewith.

The current Indian scenario

The working class of India like its counterparts in all other capitalist-imperialist countries is groaning under intolerable burden of escalating capitalist exploitation and oppression and brazenly anti-labour economic, fiscal and political policies of the governments. Poverty, disease, rising prices, spiralling unemployment, job loss, constant fall in real wages have pushed the working people to the precipice of virtual ruination. Seized with the mounting all-out crisis unprecedented in depth and dimension stemming from the very capitalist system, the ruling Indian bourgeoisie, on the one hand, has been squarely shifting the entire burden on the shoulder of the working class and other sections of the toiling masses by resorting to large scale lock-outs, massive retrenchment, raising work-hours, reducing shifts, undercutting even currency wages, ruthlessly increasing work-load almost to the extent of sweating them, forcing them to work in most unhygienic condition often under most outdated safety conditions in hazardous industries, freezing and depressing their wages, reducing retirement benefits, mis-appropriating Pension and Provident Fund (PF) money with impunity, tampering with job security by switching to 'contract

labour' system, introducing 'hire and fire' policy and curtailing in every possible way whatever little benefits were hitherto enjoyed by the workers. At the same time, the bourgeois government, in subservience to the ruling class, is employing budgetary manoeuvres of inflation, higher doses of indirect taxes, pushing price rise beyond the sky, systematically withdrawing all subsidies and cutting public spending while gifting with alacrity huge subventions, waivers and concessions to the large corporates, MNCs and industrial barons thereby perpetrating worst fiscal savagery on the working class and other oppressed multitude.

Situation worsened with globalization

The situation worsened after introduction of vile doctrine of capitalist globalization which is brazenly anti-working class in every bit of it. Several lakhs of industrial units have been closed down so long throwing millions of workers to the streets in unemployed and wretched condition. Many more are on the verge of being closed. Mass scale retrenchment in the name of 'rightsizing' the workforce, abolition of posts and introduction of sophisticated technology in industries and even in state sector to make them competitive have aggravated the employment situation still further. Whatever little employment opportunities are available in handful of capital-intensive industries and white colour jobs, they remain for highly skilled persons. Regular employment is almost abolished and replaced by contract labour system and outsourcing. Even in the government sector, number of contract labour is overtaking the number of regular employees even in contravention of law. Some years back, in spite of prohibition declared by the Central Advisory

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Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, hoisting the Red flag to mark inauguration of the new district party office at Muzaffarpur, Bihar, on 3 December, 2012. Also present on the occasion and speaking the inauguration meeting were Comrades Ranjit Dhar, veteran member, Polit Bureau, Shiv Shankar, Bihar State Secretary, Arun Singh, State Committee member, Rabin Samajpati, Jharkhand State Secretary, Swapan Chatterjee, Member, Uttar Pradesh State Organizing Committee and Prof. Nalini Ranjan Singh.

Ruling bourgeoisie squarely shifting entire burden of capitalist crisis on the working class

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Contract Labour Board in respect of employment of contract labour in the jobs of wireman, electrician, mechanic, operators, sweepers, plumbers, fitters, painters, carpenters etc. – workers are being employed on contract basis for these jobs in the central ministries and other central government offices and houses of the ministers by CPWD itself. If the Government itself flagrantly violates the law, one can well understand what is going on in the private sector. According to the Second Annual Employment-Unemployment Survey (2011-'12), released by the Government of India on 19 July, 2012, out of a total population of around 120 crores (1,200 million), 61 crore (610 million) of people i.e. 50.8% are having some employment or in other words, constitute the workforce. That itself is an admission that rest 49.2% of the population are having no work. Further, out of this 61 crore workforce, only 19.7% i.e. 12 crore people are wage or salary earners. The rest 80.3% i.e. 49 crore which comprise the poverty-stricken, the lowest strata of the working class like agricultural workers, construction workers and such others, are either self-employed labours (48.6% i.e. 29.65 crore) or casual labour (31.7% i.e. 19.34 crore). It is also to be noted of the 12 crore people officially declared as wage or salary earners, 50 to 60%, as revealed in various studies, are also on contract basis. Moreover, only 6% of the total workforce in the country is in the organized sector while balance 94% belongs to the unorganized sector. This vast workforce in the unorganized sector is virtually deprived of all due and legitimate benefits including social security provisions. The government feels no obligation to them, not even to the extent of giving them any identity, let alone compiling even their demographic details. One might recall that sometimes back the government was mulling replacement of the existing 50 odd labour laws with a comprehensive legislation so that the anti-labour prescripts of capitalist globalization could substitute whatever little scope for legal protection of rights is available to the workers. But, since the existing provisions of labour laws do not cover workers engaged on contract or casual basis, there is felt no need by the government to do so.

Besides all these, exploitation is gruelling even in fixation of wage. It is given to understand that only 16% of the value added by the labour force is paid back as wage or salary. Balance 84%, which, as great Marx had shown, is the surplus value of labour power appropriated by the owners as profit. In some industries wage is one fifteenth to one sixteenth, indicating concentration of the colossal amount of wealth in the hands of a few in globalized economy. Law is set at naught. In pursuance of the norms and principles laid down by 15th Indian Labour Conference and thereafter upheld as well as updated by the judgment of the Supreme Court, fixation and compulsory payment of minimum wage by appropriate government machinery is a law of the land. But, the governments, whether at the centre or in the states and irrespective of their hues, feel no qualm to follow this law. No one knows which machinery fixes the minimum wage. Whatever minimum wages are announced by the central or the state Governments are also not paid to the workers. Millions of workers who are deprived of this bare minimum wage are mainly engaged in the unorganized sector. Though non-payment of employees' contribution to compulsory PF is a non-bailable offence, defaults on this account are galore and the governments remain a mute spectator. Knocking at the door of judiciary also proved futile. Such being the case with depositing employees' contribution to PF account of the government, one can easily understand what is the status of settling PF or gratuity dues. This is enough to understand the magnitude of exploitation of the working people. And now, in the name of reforms, the government has thrown the door of retail trade open to foreign monopolists which would wipe out millions of small and medium industrial units, retail business establishments throwing almost 40 million of workers along with a large portion of self-employed labourers out of job.

Cruelty of the capitalist system is also manifest in the number of child labours. According to UNICEF's estimation, there are more than 35 million children in the age group 5-14 years who are engaged in hazardous jobs in exchange for a pittance and always under the threat of losing even that. But unofficial estimation puts the

figure somewhere between 60 and 125 million. Notwithstanding all clamour against child labour and even observing special days in the name of children's welfare, this continues unabated.

Curtailed of rights, emaciation of working class movement

It is also true that because of this acute crisis and ever mounting oppression and exploitation, the working class is coming into sharp conflict with the employers. This is finding expression in simmering discontent of the working people, often bursting forth in strike actions and other forms of movements.

To ensure that these working class movements do not get channelized into anti-capitalist revolutionary movement, the ruling class is not only crushing the working class struggles with the help of coercive police-military but also systematically robbing the working class of its hard earned democratic and trade union rights. With the help of powerful propaganda machinery and captive media, an impression is sought to be given as if the workers' movements, which in the parlance of the capitalist owners is 'labour trouble', are halting production and disturbing peace. There is a cry for banning strikes and imposing a host of restrictions on even registering protest in any of the recognized forms. But facts show that number of strikes pale in so far as number of closures and lockouts are concerned. May be for that reason, government authorities now refuse to explicitly state the number of man-days lost on account of strikes vis-à-vis that due to shutdowns. How are then workers responsible for lowering production? While a running industry gives sumptuous profit to the owner, it at least provides bare means of subsistence to the workers. On the contrary, if the factory is shut down, the owners do not suffer from paucity of luxurious life and all other amenities but the workers starve, even die. So, it is ludicrous to argue that workers resort to strikes out of fancy and hence that right should be curbed. How logical is the argument that while the owners would have unfettered right to closedown industries on the plea of squeezing market for which not the workers but the very capitalist economic law is responsible, the hapless workers would be disposed of the right to strike against injustice and

deprivation? It is worth mentioning in this connection that all the central governments run by this or that trusted party or combination of the ruling bourgeoisie, have refused to ratify the ILO Core Conventions No.87 and 98 relating to the very basic and intrinsic human right to organize, right to form association and right to collective bargaining. India has not also ratified Convention 151 relating to the Trade Union Rights of the government employees.

That is not all. Apart from muzzling the voice of protest through every form of coercive measure and curtailment of rights, there is also a persistent attempt to pollute the workers by fomenting all kinds of economism and other privilege-seeking mentalities and breaking working class unity and sense of fraternity by inciting racial, religious, regional, lingual or parochial feelings and above all, planting and creating agents of the capitalist class within working class movements to misdirect them. Shrewd to the bone, the ruling bourgeoisie knows that no amount of brutal and coercive forces of the police and the military can ultimately defend the rule of injustice, or put down the organized power of the people. If the workers keep their moral strength high and identify the correct revolutionary ideology, then they would raise voice against injustice even when they are starving and persecuted. They would no more whine like dogs when oppressed even hundred times. Nor would they exhaust their fighting prowess in sporadic revolts or become blind alley to opportunist and privilege-seeking mindset. So, every arsenal is being arrayed by the rulers to wreck the workers from within, spoil them culturally. Tragedy is that not the known lackeys of ruling capitalism, but the pseudo-Marxists and revisionists with their compromising social-democratic politics come handy to the ruling class in this game of emasculating working class movement from within. Decadent moribund crisis-ridden capitalism, in fact, is living on borrowed time through treachery of revisionism which has appeared as the main danger to the working class movement. This aspect is to be understood without any ambiguity if working class movement against the rising attacks is to be developed along the right track.

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Killer Modi seeking refuge in Vivekananda

Purification drive or last ditch attempt to shield self from people's wrath

Just on the eve of Gujarat elections, one saw Narendra Modi, the arch communal BJP Chief Minister who has his hands stained in the blood of thousands of innocent citizens butchered only because they professed a religion he and his mentors in the RashtriyaSawamsevak Sangh (RSS), the headquarter of Hindu fundamentalism, are fond of spewing venom against, hailing from atop his "Rath" on a patriotic overdrive with Swami Vivekananda on his lips to buttress their political agenda of riding as well as sticking to power by polarising people on communal line! Oops! What a high-tech display of the devil listening to scripture! The blood-thirsty monster whose very sight makes scared people run away in blood-curdling fear is now on a mission to remit sin! Are we to understand this as a sudden overnight transformation? Or is it a move suspect of seeking to broaden his appeal amongst the vote bank with Vivekananda as his ambassador, with an eye to the ongoing assembly polls, while also retaining his hard-line connect with RSS, essential for him to retain his positions of power and pelf? Does a leopard change its spots? Now if it should raise eyebrows of how Vivekananda and 'saint' Modi could have had anything in common; the grave concern is how shamelessly far Modi and his mentor RSS would reach in their heinous bid for wooing the electorate, and the people of India allowing it!

The Hindutwa flaunted by RSS-BJP reeks of gore inciting communal hatred against the religious minorities resulting in repeated rifts in our communal fabric. Their hands are as bloodied with the gore of our Muslim brethren; as sullied are their pernicious ploys of tampering with the history of our country. Of course that comes as no surprise since the Hindu Mahasabha, the parent organisation of the RSS-BJP has no less "glorious" a past, in spite of all its attempt to pose with its pan Indian image; one cannot surely have forgotten that it was this same organisation that had hailed General Dyer after the horrific Jalianwalabagh massacre. Those knowing the country's history of both pre and post-independence periods are also aware that the modern descents of Hindu Mahasabha—popularly known as saffron brigade — are deeply engaged in avid pursuance of their

sole objectives of driving a wedge among the people based on religion, keep the country communally surcharged, engineer fratricidal bloodbath, pulverize a historic monument in full public glare with impunity, orchestrate barbaric pogrom with full administrative backing and then play their much-nourished and nurtured Hindu card to corner votes of the religious majority. The RSS has all along skirted any proximity to Vivekananda and his teachings lest that should blunt their politics of murder and persecution. One wonders what went in short supply that a mascot of this rabid Hindutwa had to seek refuge in Vivekananda.

Not that difficult to understand. The much-vaunted "mass appeal" of frenzied Hindutwa is now on a decline as people of the country have to some extent understood the ploy behind the same through experience. Even in Gujarat now being showcased by the quarters of reaction as the logo of progress, the common people have watched it fail in the fulfilment of its promise to the electorates. Facts would bear out the truth. Rising crime rate, galloping poverty rate, soaring penury and privation of the working class, plummeting economic and social security, unabated persecution of the religious minorities, absence of proper healthcare, access to minimal education and even potable water are but a few instances of the trumpeted "growth" of Gujarat where the rich and those in the propinquity of ruling party are only prospering at the cost of the poor. In the race for growth in the high-speed lane, in Modi's Gujarat, social equality, sustainable livelihoods, justice and peace have been abandoned. Naturally the exploiting classes who have down the ages fed on the differences and discriminations created within the masses in order to tear the fabric of unity that holds them together, makes them strong to fight against any onslaught on their rights, have been ecstatic. Ruling capitalism has furthered this disruptive design and set society onto a path of dividing themselves into narrower groups, be it on the basis of religion, race, colour, sect and whatever because this offers them a free day to go on with their measures and designs of amassing super profits while the people bicker and fall apart among

themselves, failing to fight the main enemy at the gate. So started the showering of praise and accolades on Modi from the quarters of vested interest so much so that his name was floated as a formidable contender for the country's prime ministership. Mouthing catchy slogans of hollow promises and holding Vivekananda in hand, the serpent is under the flower waiting to make hay when the sun shines.

Yet, there is a little hiccup. Modi, no doubt is a darling of the ruling capitalist class and is engaged in keeping the country surcharged in communal tension, persecution and merciless killing of the religious minorities only to subserve his masters. But that has conferred the image of a blood-thirsty unfeeling despot on him. How to change that reviled acquaintanceship and project him as a national leader? Modi and his mentors know he has no icon to resurrect the incensed craze of Hindutwa. His 3-D image might dazzle the affluent but would not cut ice with the downtrodden irrespective of caste, creed or religion. How would then his dream of a brightened future as the country's possible next prime minister with the blessings of the ruling monopolists be materialized? So, has been felt the need to call up the name of a great man like Swami Vivekananda to spruce up his 'patriotic' image with a hidden underbelly of fomenting Hindutwa sentiment.

And as the saying goes, embarking on a "noble" mission should brook no delay. Riding on a chariot called the Swami Vivekananda Yuva Vichar Vikas Yatra Rath of course made out of a modern automobile fitted with all latest gadgets, Narendra Modi flagged off his itinerary covering 150 of Gujarat's 182 Assembly constituencies on September 11 (the date Vivekananda delivered his famous address at the Parliament of the World's Religions in Chicago in 1893) spouting slogans of 'Ramshe Gujarat, Jitshe Gujarat' (Gujarat Plays, Gujarat Wins)', and 'Khele Gujarat, Khile Gujarat' (Gujarat Plays, Gujarat Blossoms). Cricket kits, caps, T-shirts, umbrellas and volleyballs with pictures of Vivekananda embellished with Modi's slogans for the polls were widely distributed in this million-rupee blitzkrieg in mongering Vivekananda—everyone knows who the financiers are —across the

counter of mendacious delusions while the peasants, industrial workers, the Kutch fishermen, the gold and diamond craftsmen of Gujarat reeled and reel under severe economic and social crisis. With rare audacity typical of any despotic ruler, Modi dared to draw on a man like Swami Vivekananda within their filthy "Kissa Kursi ka" (dirty power game), all of which are as alien to Vivekananda's entire life and works as are any noble motives to the BJP Modi deeds and achievements.

Everyone knows that Vivekananda was a believer in monotheist Vedanta and his thought process was guided in accordance therewith. He played a historic role in rousing the people of India, in fostering a spirit of human essence in them at the dawn of Indian nationalism. His preaching of Hindu religion was not from the perspective of any fanaticism or inciting communal passion or spreading disaffection towards other religions. He honestly believed that Vedantic thoughts would beget the desired emancipation of the suffering downtrodden whom his heart cried for. "I call them simply traitors, who have their education at the expense of earnings by blood, sweat and tears of millions of downtrodden, poverty-stricken men and women, yet, drowned in affluence and luxury, they have no time to spare a thought for the poor multitude. They rest assured of appropriating the income of millions of Indian people as long as these people remain plunged in darkness of ignorance, yet they do not take any interest in them — each and every one of them I count guilty of betraying the country." This was Vivekananda's voice. Vivekananda was against all forms of idol worship; "Man creates God after his own image. That is right. Throughout the universe we are creating gods after our own image. We create the god and fall down at his feet and worship him..."

Modi, as a representative icon of RSS-BJP fostered Hindutva, dreams of painting himself as a patriot by having the audacity to quote Vivekananda. But Vivekananda's patriotism was something Modi and his ilk cannot even envision. To Vivekananda, India was a representation of people, and people meant masses. Eradication of poverty, removal of illiteracy,

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No gimmicks would work — doomsday awaits death merchants like Modi

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restitution of human dignity, liberty from fear, availability of spiritual and secular knowledge irrespective of their class, caste and ending all anomalies in economic, religious, intellectual, cultural and social fields—such was his avowed mission of life. He raised his voice against the feudal and colonial oppression and always reiterated the fact that India could be rebuilt with the help of the masses, small groups of energetic patriots brave and strong with ‘muscles of iron and nerves of steel and gigantic wills’. He expressed immense outrage over exploitation of rights and showed genuine concern for the upliftment of women and other socially backward classes, and he had categorically commented against such fundamentalism; saying that, one who “dreams of the exclusive survival of his own religion and the destruction of the others is ignorant”. But all along with its “Hindu agenda” the RSS-BJP have heinously tried to stir the chord of dissension among Indians to the extent of orchestrating genocides for petty electoral gains; and that is all that they have in view which is indeed a far cry from what Vivekananda desired of his countrymen.

Modi and Modi’s saffron-clad RSS-BJP leaders have been anchored at Muslim baiting as a mark of their Hindutwa credential. And now saffronized Modi, the architect of gruesome anti-Muslim carnage on fraudulent pretext, is trying to appropriate the legacy of Vivekananda who preached amity and brotherhood among all sections of people no matter which religion they professed, which caste they belonged to by birth, which profession they were engaged in. Though emphatically stating that Vedanta needs to be the guiding philosophy, he rejected in no uncertain a term all distorted definitions and understandings of the words Hindu and Hinduism. In his words: “The word Hindu, by which it is the fashion nowadays to style ourselves, merely meant those who lived on the other side of the river Indus (in Sanskrit, Sindhu). This name was murdered into Hindu by the ancient Persians, and all people living on the other side of the river Sindhu were called by them Hindus...The word, therefore, covers not only Hindus proper, but Mohammedans, Christians, Jains, and other people who live in India...Mind you, we have no

quarrel with any religion in the world. .. For such people, who want to destroy their brothers because they seem to follow a different path towards God — for them to talk of love is absurd. Their love does not count for much. How can they preach of love who cannot bear another man to follow a different path from their own? If that is love, what is hatred? We have no quarrel with any religion in the world, whether it teaches men to worship Christ, Buddha, or Mohammed, or any other prophet...do not quarrel about them; the moment you quarrel, you are not going Godward, you are going backward, towards the brutes”. Vivekananda even went to the extent of commenting that “Mohammedanism [Islam] came as a message for the masses. ... The first message was equality. ... There is one religion — love. No more question of race, colour, [or] anything else Mohammed ... was preceptor of egalitarianism...God-sent prophet...there are so many noble things in Islam...the moment one accepts Islam as religion, the entire Islamic people irrespective of caste, creed or religion embrace him as brother....this is not there in any other religion...herein lies the own greatness of Muslim religion.” Would Modi, the self-proclaimed messiah of the Hindus dare to display these observations of Vivekananda on his chariot, website or election meeting? He claimed he was on a *Tirtha* (pilgrimage) while charioting towards his pilgrimage - elections. Same was the slogan of BJP top-notch L K Advani when he paraded his “Rama Ratha” round the country and the bloodied chariot wheels left in its trail gory episodes of bestial, planned out demolition of historic Babri masjid followed by massacres of the minorities that still make us shudder in horror. But in the eyes of Vivekananda, “If unholy people live in a place where there may be a hundred temples, the *Tirtha* has vanished from that place. And it is most difficult to live in a *Tirtha*; for if sin is committed in any ordinary place it can easily be removed, but sin committed in a *Tirtha* cannot be removed. This is the gist of all worship — to be pure and to do good to others.” Fundamentalism or fanaticism, which is the hallmark of the RSS-BJP and its allies, has been scorned by Vivekananda all along. He reiterated his non communal and humanist stand: “All religions of the world express the same truth in different languages and in different

ways. Just as the sun is no one’s property, so also truth is not confined to one particular religion or philosophy. No one can say that the sun is a Christian sun or a Hindu sun or Buddhist sun or a Jewish sun or an Islamic sun...I am thoroughly convinced that no individual or nation can live by holding itself apart from the community of others, and wherever such an attempt has been made under false ideas of greatness, policy or holiness-the result has always been disastrous to the secluding one...” Religion to Vivekananda lay in the upliftment of the masses, of the hungry and suffering countrymen, and it was all that he had in mind, not petty personal gains: “So long as millions live in hunger and ignorance, I hold everyman a traitor. So long as even a single dog in my country is without food my whole religion is to feed and serve it, anything excluding that is non-religious.” How can Modi even dare attempt to use Vivekananda, when it can be said without hesitation that politicians like him have nothing other than their own gain in mind? But, to Modi, his mentors and colleagues as well as so called opposition in parliamentary politics, religion is a tool to derive electoral mileage. So when Narendra Modi seeks to misuse Vivekananda without a single pang of conscience to secure his political ambitions in the Gujarat elections, Ms Sonia Gandhi rushes to the Ram Krishna Mission to ensure that she is not left behind in the race for “devoutness” lest she secure lesser seats in the Gujarat assembly. Of course there is no need to be melodramatic with such puny concerns of ethics and morality when larger concerns like elections are in view; so what if prices are jacked up, unemployment piles up, people die of starvation, peasants commit suicide, workers are thrown

out of job, babies and mothers suffer from malnutrition or education cost spirals!

However much Modi may attempt to gain by projecting Vivekananda, in the long run it will serve to expose the ethical bankruptcy, sinister design and ulterior motive of his and RSS-BJP. Vivekananda explicitly expressed his scorn for people like Modi and company in no uncertain a term: “Talking about faith and belief and doctrine is easy, but it is so difficult to build character and to stem the tide of the senses”. “I fervently hope that the bell that tolled this morning ...may be the death knell of all fanaticism, of all persecution with the sword or with the pen...every system has produced men and women of the most exalted character. In the face of this evidence, if anybody dreams of the exclusive survival of his own religion and the destruction of others, I pity him from the bottom of my heart, and point out to him that upon the banner of every religion will soon be written, in spite of resistance: “Help and not Fight,” “Assimilation and not Destruction,” “Harmony and Peace and not Dissension.” Is this the divine retribution or payback that Modi, the hard or soft-peddlers of Hindutwa have been awaiting to reach as the destination of his “Rath”? Whatever might happen at present, there is nothing to be worried about. In the aftermath of sprouting of liberal religious humanism that was manifest in Swami Vivekananda during the days of Indian Renaissance, much higher secular thoughts and ideology that have emerged would throw Modi and such other death merchants and traders of communalism-fundamentalism into the dustbin of history and prevent any attempt to sully great men like Vivekananda.

Youth Camp by West Bengal AIDYO

A three-day long Youth Camp was organized by AIDYO West Bengal State Committee from November 9-11 at Suri Indoor Stadium in Birbhum District. It was attended by around 750 youths from different parts of the state with great energy and enthusiasm. The Camp was inaugurated by Comrade Mahiuddin Mannan, Vice-President of the All-India Committee, who also hoisted the red flag. Different events like sports activities including football and volleyball contests, musical chair,

kabaddi, road-race etc. as well as cultural events like competitions on songs, recitations, extempore speech, debate on FDI in retail trade, drama, instant painting etc were held. Comrade B.R. Manjunath, President, AIDYO delivered a speech rousing the youths with a resolve to involve themselves in the activities and movements of the organization. The concluding speech was delivered by Comrade Ratan Mukherjee, member-West Bengal State Secretariat, SUCI(C).

SUCI(C) MP supported Parliament resolution against FDI in retail

Supporting the resolution brought in Parliament by some of the opposition parties on 5th December, 2012 against FDI in retail, Comrade Tarun Mandal, SUCI(C) MP from Joynagar, West Bengal, said, inter alia, : Not only 51%, I am totally against entry of FDI in multi-brand and single brand retail in India. I also oppose entry of FDI in any other sectors of Indian economy including services like infrastructure, manufacturing, insurance, education, health, electricity, agriculture etc. I have time and again opposed entry of FDI, in my previous discussions in Parliament, in relation to General, Agricultural and Commerce budgets and also Finance Bill, 2012. FDI is direct fallout of globalization and liberalization policies, introduced in India during 1991 regime of Congress (I) Government by Dr. Manmohan Singh as Finance Minister. BJP, CPI (M) and others who are not opposing globalization-liberalization policies but only showing opposition to entry of 51% FDI in Retail Trade are actually befooling people. When they had been in the government, they had invited openly foreign capital and followed anti-people policies of globalization-liberalization. BJP tried to bring 26% FDI in Retail in 2004. CPI(M) Polit Bureau member Sitaram Yechuri is reported to have admitted that in this unipolar world, globalization-liberalization-privatization were a must, only to see that it helped manufacture, technology and employment. Indian monopoly capital and multinationals are hand in glove with the foreign multinationals, only to advance their interest of

making super profit, exploiting our impoverished people. Indian capitalists are also exporting capital to foreign countries including Europe and USA and in exchange allowing foreign capitalists to enter our country with the singular purpose of exploitation. Congress-led Government, while implementing first phase of so called reforms in early 1990s, vended dream of economic growth, employment generation, prosperity of the farmers and so forth. Events turned out to be just the reverse with increasing poverty, starvation and misery plaguing the nation while few industrial tycoons are having swelling coffers. Giant retailers like Wal-Mart, as has been seen everywhere in the world, would not create but destroy jobs dooming 18 to 19 crore families dependent on retail trade and devastate the farmers. They will for a few years, woo our farmers to sell produce at a little better price than local market in the stores and keep their sore tariffs also lower compared to local market. Once the local market is wiped out through this manoeuvre, will dictate terms to our farmers and consumers, and there will be no local market or retail to save our farmers or citizens. There is worldwide opposition of FDI, even in European countries and USA. Government must take lesson from that. All the parties, if they genuinely want to fight FDI and Congress should not just remain confined to opposition in Parliament only but come down to the street to build up extra-parliamentary movement to stall the move.



Protest rally against privatization of power and water supply, FDI in retail and other anti-people steps of the government organized in Delhi by Delhi state committee of SUCI(C) on 5th December

AIMSS Conference at Jaunpur, UP

The first AIMSS Conference held at Jaunpur, UP, was organized to protest against price-hike, unemployment, corruption among other problems affecting the womenfolk along with the common people and against the rising spurt of atrocities against women. Comrades Rashmi Malviya and Lata Sharma and other leaders addressed the gathering.

Millionaires to Represent the Hungry Billions

Recently, with an election impending in Himachal Pradesh, an account of the assets of the millionaire candidates and their dazzling propaganda work are stealing the lights in news media. Reportedly, 32% of 459 candidates, i.e. 146 to be exact, — belonging to all those parties without exception — viz Congress, CPI(M), BJP, BSP, TMC are all millionaires. Seemingly, they are people's representatives ! So, has India already overcome poverty and starvation?

Or does it still remain the country infested with child labours in thousands, roaming the streets in search of bare sustenance — 42% children suffer from malnutrition; a country which tops the list of the poorest of nations; villages in number do not have drinking water or public toilets to offer; students failing to afford tuition fees, opt out of the educational institutions; not being able to afford medical treatment and simply relying on 'god' people are driven to suicide as also do thousands of farmers, unable to bear the ever increasing expenditure of farming or failing to repay the usurer, choose the easiest way out by ending their own lives; crores of unemployed youth wander about from pillar to post in their desperate search for jobs — such being the condition in this country, how does all this wealth appear? Have not these affluent lots amassed their wealth by exploiting crores of the toiling people and depriving them of their justly earned share?

In their desperation to raise propaganda storm, such people never remember about the plight of the needy nor are they ashamed to find their countrymen unfed and unclad. They are simply power-mongers, they join this party or that on the lookout for a chance to 'serve' the people and once they are elected, their stream of promises dry up. The electorates are left in the lurch. The same drama is repeated when the next election ensues — such is the spectacle of democracy today in this country of ours!

Farmers' Conference at Aron in Guna, MP



A historical conference of farmers was organized at Aron district in Guna, Madhya Pradesh, SUCI(C) MP Comrade Tarun Mandal dwelt at length on the anti-people policies of the government relating to globalization, privatization and FDI which are grievously affecting the farmers along with the toiling masses and gave the call to develop movements complementary to the anti-capitalist socialist revolution as the way to the real solution of the problems. Comrade Manish Sharma also addressed the gathering. Some 2000 farmer representatives from 60 villages participated in the programme.

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All trade union and democratic rights are snatched away

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Prevailing scenario of Indian Trade Union movement

If we look at the history of growth and development of working class movement in India, we shall find that it had a left orientation mainly because of historic reasons. We know that as the international working class struggle grew and developed based on the invincible ideology of Marxism-Leninism, trade union movements got new content, new direction. Trade unions became platforms of intensifying class struggle against the ruling bourgeoisie. Workers in the course of legitimate trade union movements earned many legitimate rights. After Russian revolution, international working class movement got further fillip, forcing the owners to concede more and more rights to the workers. When socialist camp came into existence, this movement went to the peak and emancipation from the ruthless capitalist exploitation in the whole world began to knock at the door. In such a condition, the working class of India was also largely attracted towards those who came to be known as leftists-Marxists and initiated into the vortex of movement under their leadership. To a large extent trade union movement became identified with waving 'Red flag' and slogan of 'long live revolution'. It was mainly a united struggle of all central trade unions most of whom professed allegiance to leftism and the fervour of militant trade unionism was broadly felt.

But, with the revisionists, the agents of the bourgeoisie, usurping leadership of the international communist movement, the trend was reversed. In the name of preserving industrial peace and unhindered production, these revisionist leaders instead of intensifying class struggles, charted out a course of tame surrender to the ruling capitalists, preached the theory of class-collaboration and class harmony and backstabbed the cause of the working people. So the working class struggle lost its fervour, became emasculated from within. There was further setback when as a sequel to this revisionist treachery and intrigue aided and abetted by the capitalists-imperialists, the mighty socialist camp, the bulwark of international working class movement ceased to be in existence. Taking full advantage of this setback of international working class movement, the exploitative Indian bourgeoisie also pounced upon the workers and tore them apart. One

after another the hard-earned trade union and other rights were taken away to render the workers completely helpless before the totting gun of accentuated capitalist exploitation. The intimate tie of Indian ruling class with imperialist multi-nationals and deep penetration of foreign capital here to exploit the resources and labour power of the Indian people more and more had impelled it to mount severe attacks on the working people and for that it sharpened the lethal power of its oppressive instruments further to decimate the organized protest of the oppressed workers and provide a 'congenial industrial atmosphere' to the domestic and foreign monopolists. One after another labour laws like Industrial Disputes Act, Trade Unions Act etc. were sought to be amended to suit the class interest of the rulers. Trade union rights, one would recall, were once granted by the bourgeoisie itself in its rising days as a means of collective bargaining. Trade unions came to be known as legal instrument of the workers in the collective bargaining system. But today the same bourgeoisie ridden with insoluble market crisis in its decadent moribund stage is hatching all conspiracies to snatch those rights and disowning the agreed principles of legal trade union movements and collective bargaining. Even the conciliation and arbitration machinery of the government which used to be invoked to intervene in settling disputes between the employers and the workers has been virtually made defunct in this phase of capitalist globalization under the pressure of the capitalist owners. Such naked subservience to the dictates of the ruling capitalists has not been exclusive with the governments run by the Congress, BJP or such known bourgeois outfits but even the pseudo-Marxists like the CPI (M), CPI as was evidenced in West Bengal and Kerala.

Attempts to install a committed judiciary

Alarming, even the judiciary was attempted to be tamed and made subservient to the executive i.e. bureaucracy-administration, and the executive tuned to the wishes and dictates of the ruling party, burying deep the principle of relative administrative neutrality. A retrograde judgment of the Supreme Court in mid 1980s interpreting the meaning of article 311(2) of the Constitution empowering the bureaucrats to remove any employee from service any time denying the right to self-defence and natural justice to the civil

employees was a glaring case in point. In fact, that judgment or marked feature of class bias of the judiciary paved the way for widespread adoption of 'hire and fire' policy by the employers. Naturally there were mounting resentments against the judgment throughout the country.

Subsequently also, the order of a division bench of the Kerala High Court banning to hold public meetings beside public roads had sparked massive protests. It was also alleged in the media that while arbitrarily issuing its order, the High Court did not hesitate to break the conventional ethos of separation of powers. Earlier, the order of the Kerala High Court to ban *bandhs* and *hartals* in the state was alleged to have been issued citing petty reasons and made illogical and subjective interpretations of the constitution. When Tamilnadu High Court even questioned the right of the workers to strike, in the context of the Tamilnadu government's decision to dismiss 170,000 of its employees, critics held that the courts had been biased against the workers' rights and people's democratic rights, eagerly safeguarding the corporate interests and imposing restrictions on even the limited democratic rights guaranteed in the Constitution by using the weapon of what has been called judicial activism. They pointed out that when the judiciary never felt the need to display its activism and intervene to protect the farmers from bankruptcy, or never intervened when lakhs of cottage and small scale industries closed and workers lost their livelihood, they showed utmost zeal to deprive the workers of their right to strike. Supreme Court's ruling that even the laws placed in the ninth schedule for the protection of progressive enactments, with a vision of social justice, are subject to judicial review was also frowned upon by commentators in the press. It was opined that in the past, many eminent jurists like Justice V R Krishna Iyer, Justice Chinnappa Reddy and Justice Bhagawati Prasad in the higher judiciary interpreted the constitutional provisions of equality and fundamental rights in the interest of the downtrodden. But now many of the judicial proclamations have discarded this tradition and have been driven by neo-liberal perceptions. If such Damocles' sword descends upon the workers, their life cannot but become nightmarish for them.

Sparkle in pervading darkness

In this connection, it is worth to

recollect that a new chapter of militant working class struggle unfolded in West Bengal in the late 1960s when first United Front government of the left-democratic forces with SUCI(C) as a constituent took office there on popular verdict. At the initiative and insistence of the SUCI(C) under the conduction of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, Founder General Secretary of the Party and one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of the era, this UF government made the historic declaration on its labour policy that 'police shall not interfere in legitimate democratic movements' which was made operative from the labour ministry allotted to our Party. Aimed at advancing mass and class struggles free from intervention of and crushing by the coercive state machinery towards the goal of final overthrow of capitalism and thereby providing the left democratic forces of the entire world with the basic governing outlook that should guide a genuinely pro-people government, formed in a capitalist setup, this policy gave a tremendous boost to the trade union movements and working class struggles in the state and provided impetus to such movements in other parts of the country as well. Obviously, this sent shivers down the spine of the ruling capitalist class which upped their ante against our Party and late Comrade Subodh Banerjee, Member of the first Central Committee of the Party and the labour minister of the first UF government and pulled strings from behind, activated its agents within and outside the United Front and toppled that government within 7 months of installation.

Treachery of the pseudo-Marxists

Events took a different turn from then onwards. Weaving a clever ploy, CPI (M) and its associates removed us from the united front, scouted new friends among the trusted representatives of the ruling class, assured no repetition of first UF experience to the industrial house and made way to governmental power in 1977. Lust for pelf and power made the pseudo-Marxists like the CPI(M), CPI and their trade union fronts bare their social-democratic character, gradually abandon the line of militant trade unionism, espouse the heinous theory of class collaboration and emphasize on increased co-operation between labour and capital. The leaders of the CPI (M), CPI, their associates and their affiliated trade unions began to preach vigorously that with

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All ploys are employed to decimate and emasculate working class movement

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“leftist forces” in power, there was no need for the working class and the people to resort to the path of movement as that might jeopardize the stability of the government. Instead, they should co-operate with the owners in ensuring peace in the industry and their demands would be achieved through dialogue and negotiation with intermediation and arbitration of the government. With the majority unions under their control, this reformist-revisionist approach engulfed the working class movement and emaciated it to a great extent. As a result, economism-opportunism and other vile bourgeois culture of privilege-seeking, tailism of so called leaders for petty personal gains, greed, avarice and meanness, which make a man inhuman and spoil fortitude and self-respect in him, started dominating the arena of working class and trade union movements. Exactly this was wanted by the ruling industrial barons and corporate sector. So, in the process, the CPI (M) leaders and their lackeys became very close to domestic and foreign capital. This closeness became so strong that not only developing working struggles and democratic movements were brutally crushed by the CPI (M) governments just like any other government run by the Congress, the BJP or any other bourgeois party but even the CPI (M) chief minister went to the extent of warning the struggling peasants of historic Singur movement of stern action if they dared to “touch even a hair of the Tatas,” one of top monopolists of the country. Later, by creating a smokescreen of so called ‘industrialization’, they also made every arrangement to set up a Special Economic Zone (SEZ), a killing field of the workers and working class movement designed by the architects of capitalist globalization, at Nandigram and other places and offered red carpet to FDI even from notorious US MNCs welcome.

Exploitative bourgeoisie uttering a guffaw

Accumulated effect of all these has considerably enfeebled working class movement causing frustration, fatalism and sense of defeatism to dominate over struggling spirit and fervour. Haunted by the fear of insecurity and bereft of the necessary political consciousness to understand the chicanery of the ruling class and its agents in keeping them ever tied with the

exploitative capitalist system, the hapless workers fall in the trap laid by the vendors of economism-opportunism, become unconscious victim of privilege seeking mindset and often blindly run after “powerful” leaders who are connected with the ruling parties presuming them to be persons “carrying weight” and feared by the management. Hence, they assume that such leaders can give them protection and wrest some concessions for them. These so called trade union leaders also enjoy this status of perceived importance, fear and flattery. In order to sustain this position, these leaders often pretend fierce opposition to the management, make fiery speeches for public consumption and even throw some sporadic and isolated programmes of mock movements to befoul the workers. But a careful observation would show that such leaders whom great Lenin called ‘labour aristocrats’ not only scrupulously avert but scuttle the path of developing organized united conscious working class struggles much to the glee of the ruling class who, in turn, ensure that they only remain as leaders of the workers. Because, these leaders blunt the instruments of struggle and in absence of any formidable opposition from the working class, running the steam roller of ruthless oppression becomes easy. This broadly is the prevailing scenario of trade union movement in India. Obviously the ruling capitalist class is making the most out of it.

Blueprint of newer attacks on the working class

In their determined bid to destroy working class movement and rob the workers of their hard earned rights and benefits, the capitalist class and their henchmen are rapidly intensifying their ruthless exploitation of the workers to earn maximum profit at the cost of the blood and sweat of the workers. The new weapons the ruling bourgeoisie has devised to tighten its noose on the necks of the workers, tone up and consolidate its class rule include,

- (a) abolition of permanent jobs to the maximum extent, switching to contract labour system and employment of casual workers on paltry sum,
- (b) destruction of organized trade union movement particularly the collective bargaining system and thereby making infructuous the accepted process of exerting all sorts of collective

pressure upon the owners and employers including resorting to strike to force them to concede just demands of the workers and

- (c) introduction of SEZs running afoul of all established norms of employment including applicability of trade union rules and having labour on contract and ‘hire and fire’ as the cardinal principals are set up in increasing number and all necessary administrative, legal and coercive weapons are sharpened to ensure that no legitimate working class movement springs or crystallizes against them.

And when the ruling class is working its stratagem so planfully, the self-styled Marxists-leftists raising popular slogan of uniting all forces in struggle are allowing known anti-movement pro-capitalist organizations to sneak into working class movement, sometimes taking upper hand and even dictating terms and thereby reducing such united movements virtually to a show. Thus, while the workers are duped, the government feels no pressure either to concede to the legitimate demands. Danger inheres here.

Class conscious working class movement must resurrect

There have been so many glorious struggles of the workers, both before and after independence, so many sacrifices, so much of bloodshed, so many lives were laid down. But, at the end, it is the forces of reaction which have been strengthened. Because, the working class movements on economic and democratic demands have not developed as conducive to giving birth to their own political power which in course could initiate and conduct a protracted war or revolutionary battle for the overthrow of capitalism. So, trade union movements in the main have remained arrested within narrow confines of reformism-revisionism-formalism and vile bourgeois culture. The working class must imbibe this scientific truth. As harbingers of the new civilization free from all exploitations, the workers must realize that unless working class movement is freed from the tentacles of all bourgeois vices and malaises, deceptions and distortions, desired emancipation would not come. It is imperative for the working class to remain ideologically and culturally alert and keep off the confusions, distortions and ambiguities about its

approach to the basic problems of life and master the science of determining the truth from illusions and fight all shades of opportunism, reformism and class collaborationism. And for that, they must rally under the banner of correct revolutionary organization. It is pertinent to recollect that both Marx and Lenin, time and again cautioned that trade unions ought to be viewed as “school of communism”. By this, both of them meant that while fighting collectively from the platform of trade unions, the workers must be made conscious that there can be no emancipation without overthrowing oppressive capitalist system by revolution and they need to struggle along right track under correct leadership to accomplish that revolution. Lenin wrote that “the development of the proletariat did not, and could not, proceed anywhere in the world otherwise than through the trade unions, through reciprocal action between them and the party of the working class”. (CW vol. 41, p. 33-34)

Workers need to identify correct leadership and organization

In India, while all political parties have surrendered to the ruling capitalist class, overtly or covertly, it is the SUCI(C) which, armed with the teachings of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought, is fighting alone to realize the dream of revolution by holding aloft the banner of true leftism. Similarly, its trade union front, the All India United Trade Union Centre (AIUTUC) right from the days of inception way back in 1949, is also devoted to foster this revolutionary consciousness among the workers while being engaged in the painstaking struggle to develop various movements of the working class based on just demands, striving for cementing working class unity through united actions on vital issues affecting the working class. It stands for just as it strove hard in the past to build up joint action forums as broad based platform of united working class struggle right from the grassroot level. In this process, AIUTUC is devoted to unmask the opportunism of the sham Marxists-leftists in transforming the body of joint trade union movement into a mere conglomerate of various organizations bereft of spirit and programme of genuine movement. It believes that it is in the midst of

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Real face of Wal-Mart

Congress- led UPA government, serving profit-greedy monopolists of the country, are hell bent upon introducing FDI in retails thereby opening the Indian market to retail- trade multinationals at the cost of ruining millions of poor and middle class Indians who sustain upon retail trade. They are vociferously drum-beating that FDI in retails with the giants like Wal-Mart and others in operation will open up a long road to respectable jobs for the youth. However, certain recent media reports trickling from the USA itself have shattered the myth of Wal-Mart as employer and have exposed the truth behind the false claims being made about these multinational retail giants in our country.

It has now been known that the reports filed by the global retail giant Wal-Mart with the US Senate indicated that quite a huge lot of money (close to \$25 million, nearly Rs 125 crore) had been spent on lobbying for entering the lucrative Indian market. Media have also reported that the major opposition parties in India, true to their parliamentary nature raked up the issue in Parliament on the ground that lobbying is considered bribery in India and pressed upon the Congress- led union government to disclose names of the beneficiaries. But neither the media, at large, nor the hard-core parliamentarians disclosed that in

the US itself the retail giant had also been rocked by a few month long movement of its employees that culminated in a successful strike on 23 November last at its nearly one thousand outlets in 46 cities and towns including Washington DC spread across that country. First time in the 50-year history of the concern, the Wal-Mart employees ceased work and took to street-demonstrations defying continuous threats from the authority. The employees demanded, among others, a minimum 13 dollar per hour wage, larger number of permanent jobs and adequate health facilities. They also made it known to people that the Wal-Mart which mints profit of \$ 16000 million per year, spends miserably low for its employees and denies them democratic and trade union rights including the right to protest with continuous threat of being thrown out of jobs or slicing off their work-hours. In the wake of countrywide movement of different kinds in the USA, including the globally known and acclaimed Occupy Wall Street movement, the strike of the Wal-Mart employees received marked people's support.

The brief-holders of such concerns as the Wal-Mart in our country strive hard to make us believe how generous the Wal-Marts are! The reality certainly does not endorse their attempts.

Statues of Stalin Restored

Indian media largely serving the monopolists, often prove themselves too eager to delve out how statues of the great proletarian leaders Lenin and Stalin are being removed from this or that city or region of the erstwhile Soviet Union. Hardly ever they come out to publish the news of how under public pressure, authorities are being compelled to reinstate the statues of these stalwart leaders. For example, such a news that was gleaned out of the website of All Union Communist Party (Bolshevik) does not find any place in the Indian media.

The news came from Jimo Albani village in Georgia where Stalin's statue was erected as a martyr's column at the end of the second world war. Even after reaction had set in, the statue was intact. But later in 2010, with an imperialist servitor Sakasvilli rising to power in Georgia, it was thrown away as 'garbage'. Of late, under public pressure the local administration was compelled to get it reinstated and inaugurated.

To note further was the fact that the denizens of Gory, a city in Georgia, collected and submitted mass signatures to the authorities for restoration of yet another of Stalin's statues – formerly placed at a central spot in the city and broken down later. The work is still pending.

Lately, people of Russia are getting organized in meetings and demonstrations- holding aloft pictures of Lenin and Stalin and voicing the demands to restore the statues of these great leaders. The great leader Stalin had once remarked: When we will no longer exist, many false allegations will be directed against us. Yet, it is our belief that history will have the withered leaves of slander flown away from atop our graves- then will truth be established. Reality vindicates today how prophetic were his words.



Massive gathering in Odisha state conference of AIUTUC at Angul on 2 December

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united movement that the workers would be able to acquire revolutionary consciousness, identify right and wrong, distinguish between compromising and uncompromising leaderships and gradually inch towards revolutionary working class movement.

The 20th All India conference of AIUTUC is scheduled to be held in Bangalore from 4th to 6th January with the fervent call to the working class to equip itself ideologically-culturally and to further organize themselves firmly against ever-increasing onslaughts

of the ruling capitalist class and its governments on their rights, security of job, permanent gainful employment, right to live and decent wage, trade union and other democratic rights, right to have decent dignified human working and living conditions, and above all, for freeing themselves and society from exploitation, poverty, indignities, injustices and march to social progress and socialism by revolutionary overthrow of capitalism. All reformist-revisionist-constitutionalist-divisive-compromising forces must be isolated from the arena of working class

movement in course of developing the class and mass struggles. Let the coming years be the years of resurrection of the militant working class struggles, for more organized, protracted, arduous struggles of the working people under correct leadership to defend their hard-earned rights and ward off the multi-pronged attacks of the ruling capitalist class and its governments. Let these words of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh reverberate throughout the length and breadth of the country: "Struggle you must. Not that you will not struggle. For, hunger is a stern mistress. Even if

you think today that struggles will beget nothing, day after tomorrow you will have to come to the field of battle. Indications are already there. Thousands will take to the field, engage in battles, but change will remain a far cry. For this change to take place, what is demanded of you are those three things — correct base political line, correct revolutionary theory and a genuine revolutionary party. If you miss these, if your path is wrong, then, despite all your honesty, self-sacrifice and struggles, you cannot advance".

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