

On Poll Day

The week after next, India will go to the polls a third time in the biggest ever general elections held anywhere in the world, under the system of Parliamentary democracy. We have no doubt the earthy wisdom and the growing maturity of our great people will be demonstrated anew the way they cast their vote.

In Indian tradition, the elephant is the symbol of royalty and power. The Congress rode to power under the red-brocade umbrella of national independence amidst the hopes and aspirations of our people for a better and happier life.

THE hall-mark of the Congress as the ruling party, however, has been that it has ridden roughshod over its own solemn pledges to the people, who gave it trust, confidence and power. It is the greatest political crime any national party could commit.

And our ever-just people have duly punished the Congress, by ruthlessly cutting its vote, election after election, though this does not get reflected in the number of seats, due to the defective system of representation mechanically copied from the British.

None can claim that the record of the Congress in the last five years has changed for the better. Harder knocks, a bigger cut in votes and less seats await the ruling party when the day of reckoning comes.

Our people know their hunger, want and misery from live experience and they will mercilessly punish the guilty, once again.

No political party has been more maligned and slandered than the Communist Party and yet the political miracle happened.

The Indian people through their own experience learnt to distinguish the true from the false and raised our Party to the status of the main opposition party in the country, their No. Two national party, charged with the responsibility to reverse the ruling party's anti-people policies, and through correct criticism and effective action keep it on the right course and report back the true state of affairs to the people for them to intervene. The Indian people wanted — and want — our Party to break the Congress power monopoly wherever possible.

As the Indian people review the last five years' record and recall which party said and did what and when, they will undoubtedly come to the conclusion that the Communist Party has proved anew its true loyalty to the Indian nation and untiring championship of people's welfare and for an ever higher status for India in the world.

PEOPLE'S HOPES

Let the slanderers bewail. As it happened in the past, so it will happen again and amidst deafening acclaim our people will vote in greater strength for the Communist Party to act the strong and wise mahout over the Congress elephant, growing more and more unruly. The experienced Indian people know that the Communist Party alone can discharge the difficult responsibility.

The dirt, dust and din created and left by 15 years of Congress misrule has led to

the birth of new, growth of old and a new realignment among reactionary groups and parties, the emergence of the Swatantra-Jana Sangh and PSP combine.

They are all together in seeking to turn the wheel of India backwards. Their ambition knows no bounds. The proclaimed aim of each of them is to become the main opposition party, at the cost of the Communist Party.

The responsibility for these evil reactionary groups stalking the Indian scene inevitably belongs to the ruling party. The patriotic duty to wipe them out of Indian

STRENGTHEN COMMUNIST MAHOUT OVER THE UNRULY CONGRESS ELEPHANT!

political life falls on the Indian voters during the coming elections.

ALL FOR NATION

We assure our good people that the Communist Party will pit all its strength against these dark, degrading and disruptive forces and pull all its weight against them.

The patriotic worth of the Communist Party is writ large over the struggle for Goan liberation. For fourteen long years, Prime Minister Nehru tried out in vain his favourite theory of peaceful persuasion.

Every year during Parliamentary debates, Communist spokesmen urged that only the policy of national action, including action by Indian armed forces, will make sense to the Portuguese usurpers, and its imperialist NATO partners. Today the whole world knows who has proved right, and who wrong.

The Indian Communists did not only argue, they united with Goan nationalists, supported their heroic commando fighters and created the preconditions for the victorious and rapid march of the Indian armed forces for the final act of liberation.

The Indian Communists were the first to warn the nation against taking the Kashmir issue to the UN, which was done by the ruling party, with faith in Anglo-US friendship for India!

NEW AGE

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Now that Anglo-US rulers are out to twist, in their own crooked but tenacious manner, India's tail over Kashmir, the Indian people need a stronger Communist Party to stand guard over Kashmir, as a part of Indian National territory.

Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan threatens to wait for 150 years for Kashmir.

WIPE OUT VIPERS

The protagonists of the Defence Pact with Pakistan need to be wiped out during these

been routed. A stronger Communist representation inside the Indian Parliament would be the best guarantee to ensure that the national policy of Panchsheel is doggedly defended, consistently implemented, to bring new glory to our country and peace to the world.

When the ruling party itself calls for national integration as the greatest need of the country, it constitutes the damnation of the actual policies pursued by it under which forces of casteism, communalism and separation are running riot.

The sin was committed, not

fight for policies that will ensure that the Indian Plan really speed up national regeneration and lead to greater welfare of our long-suffering people.

Again the Communist Party does not only argue on policies but organises struggles of peasants and workers, office employees, shopkeepers and every section in need and distress to change official policies and practices in the interests of the common people who constitute real India.

Naturally enough the parties of the Right call our Party Enemy No. One and because the Congress does not always

elections and they are not only outside the Congress, in the parties of the Right but also inside the Congress, amidst its Rightist leaders.

The Communist Party has been the foremost in calling for Indian solidarity with Asian-African-Latin American liberation in the cause of common anti-colonialism and in the name of the best Indian national tradition.

Anti-Communists, whether inside or outside the Congress have been pleading and pressing for Indian passivity and a friendly understanding with the imperialist West.

The experience of Goa and Kashmir has not made them wiser for they do not think nor feel as anti-imperialist, good, patriotic Indians.

The world-wide battle-fronts of liberation in Angola, Congo, Algeria, in Africa, Cuba, etc., in Latin America, Laos and Vietnam in Asia, all call for sustained solidarity and firm action from our great country.

The surest way to ensure it is to make the most consistent anti-colonialist party of our country, the Communist Party, stronger than ever through the coming elections.

The pro-Western Rightist parties are out to distort, besmirch and attack the policy of Panchsheel. How often Prime Minister Nehru has to act as its lone defender but with the Communist Party standing firmest in support by his side.

Pro-Western enemies of Panchsheel have not yet

for the first time, in Kerala—Congress alliance with the Muslim League, just to overthrow the legally elected Communist-led Ministry in that State!

The Jana Sangh naturally enough felt encouraged to stage anti-Muslim riots throughout the North and the Akalis mount their morcha in the Punjab and so on.

Congressmen stood dazed and paralysed. Good sentiments were expressed by Pandit Nehru but effective action was initiated only by the Communists and they activated honest secular elements irrespective of party differences.

A stronger Communist Party is the best investment for the health of secular democracy in India.

The Congress plans are becoming bigger in size but not the life of the common people better.

The Communist Party explains the enigma and shows the way out.

The parties of the Right are out to challenge the policy of planned development itself.

INDIA'S REVIVAL

The ruling party shamelessly asks for greater trust in itself and harder work by the labouring people, while it goes on appeasing the vested interests, leading to the growth of monopoly within and inroads of foreign monopoly capital from abroad.

The Communist Party

do their bidding as they desire, while we can more it through mass action to pay heed to the voice of the people, they denounce it too for going Communist!

SLASH CONGRESS

To vote for the Right is to vote against India's planned progress. To vote for the Congress is to vote for Indian monopoly getting the uppermost hand over national economy. To vote Communist is to strengthen the fight for Indian planning, serving the needs of the Indian people, above all.

India's voters have to decide whether India is to be allowed to be dragged backward by the Right or allowed to stagnate and weaken under the Congress, or led forward, towards a happier future for the people and greater glory for the nation as demanded by the Communists.

We have no doubt their verdict will help:

- Crush the Right, as vipers!
- Slash the Congress vote and seats, for breach of trust with the people!
- Uplift the Communist Party as the strongest ever opposition party, charged with the task to fulfil the national mission in alliance with all good patriotic Indians, their groups and parties!

—P. C. JOSHI

A Bengal legislator was recently quoted by the Hindustan Standard to say that during the first general elections in 1952 the Muslims lay low. In 1957 they raised their head but now they stand erect.

THE third general elections find a new awakening among the Muslims in India. As a sympathetic Hindu publicist has reminded them, "in the period after 1957 you found it difficult to utter even a word of complaint. Now you openly rise your voice against injustices and fight for justice" (Urdu Daily Seyasat, Kanpur, January 10). Certainly there is growth of self-confidence among Muslims as citizens of a democratic country. They, too, like the rest of their countrymen, are on the move.

In this context immediately the question of direction becomes important. Where are they moving—towards communalism or away from it?

New Direction

Except for the Muslim League in Kerala, and in Madras, and the Ittehadul Muslimeen in the old Hyderabad part of Andhra Pradesh, separatist organisations among Muslims have not been able to make headway in the context of the elections in any part of the country.

This was not due to any lack of determination on their part. Months back the Jamaat-e-Islami sought to forge a united front of all Muslim organisations—with itself, the Muslim League and the pro-Congress Jamiatul Ulama as the bedrock.

Falling in its bid to form a united front or platform of all Muslims for purposes of elections, communalism sought to induce Muslims to keep out of the elections altogether.

The inspiration to this negative and barren course of action, too, came from the reactionary anti-democratic Jamaat-e-Islami.

The head of the Jamaat, Maulana Abul Lais Siddiqi has been reported by a Hindu admirer to agree with the boycott. The latter, a retired High Court Judge, admits that "other things did not impress me. But I was worried when I learned that Maulana Abul Lais also held the same view" (Seyasat, January 10).

While the move could not become popular, some newspapers devoted special columns and editorials, statements were issued and resolutions were passed by socio-religious organisations in some places exhorting Muslims to keep out of the general elections. The Congress daily Qaumi Awaz of Lucknow was obliged to take note of it and had to come out editorially opposing the move.

The stock-in-trade argument of the anti-democratic Jamaat-e-Islami was based on ideological religious considerations. God had ordained the Constitution and the Law for all times to come. It was not given to man to make or amend divine laws but only to interpret and implement them. And this was the prerogative of the Ulama of the Jamaat.

Should then the question arise, the faithful participate in electing leaders who are pledged to themselves divine functions of law making?

national reconstruction and economic well being". The statement ended with an appeal to Muslims to keep their heads high and to have faith in the fraternal good sense of the majority community and to join the election battle for the sake of national welfare and solidarity. (Seyasat, February 3).

The revival of faith among the mass of Muslims, which is reflected in these statements and which could not be shaken even by the spate of recent riots, came in the wake of and as part of the general democratic growth of the people. It hardly made Muslim masses amenable to counsels of despair and inaction.

Cause For Frustration

What lay, however, behind the frustration of a section was the disillusionment from the policies and practices of the Congress and its governments which was the common feeling prevalent among most Muslims.

"The injustices perpetrated on the Muslim minorities by the Congress during its regime", wrote the Seyasat editorially, "the anti-Muslim riots in Madhya Pradesh and following them in Aligarh and other towns of U.P. are wounds which are still fresh in our hearts".

The paper complained that "there was no independent

plained, for example, about Mehr Chand Khanna and the son of Mahashay Krishan of Pratap—a notoriously communal paper—being given Congress tickets.

The Paigham attacked the selection of Seth Govind Das "who as member of Parliament has represented the interests of sacred animals more than that of human beings. In the 1941 Jabalpur riots Sethji had reported Muslims to be the attackers. By selecting such people as its candidates, the Congress had disappointed Muslims." (January 19).

The Payame Mashriq of Delhi wrote: "The situation has reached a stage when a section of Muslims has begun thinking if at all there is a difference between the Congress and the Jana Sangh from the point of view of Indian Muslims. What is it that the Jana Sangh does and the Congress does not do?"

Congress leaders who were not unaware of this situation have taken hurried steps to retrieve their position among the Muslims. The Congress introduced the long overdue correction in its stand on Urdu in the Delhi Corporation.

In Uttar Pradesh "the Congress Party has made the promise that after success in the elections Urdu will no more be neglected as was the case during the earlier regime. Urdu will be provided all opportunities of development" (Sangam January 20).

In Bihar the recent decision

tional post of an Urdu lecturer in that meeting.

It is not difficult for people to see through these concessions as election tricks. It does not touch their hearts. They are not convinced of the Congress bona fides.

"If after all that has happened to the Muslims during the 14 years of Congress rule" wrote the Seyasat, "there are still to be found Muslims loyal to the Congress, who have the courage to appeal to Muslims to vote Congress then the crime of the Jana Sangh Muslim of Ajmer becomes very small indeed!"

The Seyasat, here, was referring to the fact that the Jana Sangh election campaign in Ajmer was inaugurated by a Muslim Abdul Jabbar Khan who claimed that the Jana Sangh was a non-communal organisation.

Anger At Congress

It is this growing antipathy to the Congress which distinguishes the Muslim attitude in this election from that in the earlier elections. The Congress has to thank itself and none other for this development. Congress indifference to the problems of the minorities, its suppression of the democratic urges of the people including the Muslim minority, its policy of open door to the communalists and all other reactionaries, its at-

Grave Charges Against ASOKE SEN

Handwritten text in Urdu script, likely a title deed or legal document, with various signatures and dates.

Start of the Title Deed.

Promode Das Gupta, Secretary, West Bengal State Council of the Communist Party of India has issued the following statement:

A report of a grave nature has come to our notice. Certain allegations have been made in the said report about the Union Law Minister, Asoke Sen. We would expect the Government of India as well as Sen to reply to these allegations.

The report about Sen is as follows: The Union Law Minister and his wife, Anjana Sen, have of late become owners of three bighas of land at 5, Judges Court Road. According to the present value of land, the price of one katha of land at Judges Court Road cannot be less than Rs. 15,000. The value of three bighas of land would be on the basis of this calculation, at least nine lakhs of rupees. (Rs. 900,000).

The method of acquiring the ownership of this piece of land has been rather novel. Girdharidas Kothari, a nephew of Birla, is the real owner of the Hind Construction Co. Ltd. This firm has executed many different types of contracts received from the Government of India.

CURIOUS TRANSFER

It is rather curious that when the matter was already in the hands of the Union Law Ministry and both parties were awaiting the appointment of an arbitrator, Girdharidas Kothari transferred, as a trustee and as the owner of a family business, the aforementioned three bighas of land to the Union Law Minister and his wife on January 30, 1961.

COMPANY UNDER FIRE

One of the very big jobs undertaken by the Company was in connection with the construction of the naval dockyard, involving crores of rupees.

One of the terms of agreement between the Government and the Company was that in case of any dispute or difference of opinion between the parties as to whe-

and July 13, 1960, by the "Kothari Charity Trust" and a family business concern, known as "Paramasukh Das Sugachand".

Girdharidas Kothari transferred as a trustee (jointly with two others) and as the owner of the concern "Paramasukh Das Sugachand" three bighas of land to the Union Law Minister and his wife.

It is recorded in the transfer deed that the "Kothari Charitable Trust" and "Paramasukh Das Sugachand" had purchased these three bighas of land as benamdar on behalf of the Union Law Minister and his wife and transferred the plot to them at their request.

Shortly after this, an arbitrator was appointed, either by the Union Law Minister himself or under his instructions. After a preliminary enquiry the arbitrator is reported to have given his opinion against the Government, although there has been no hearing in the matter till now.

LEGITIMATE QUESTIONS

The public can legitimately demand satisfactory answers to the following questions:

1) Is the above report, which has come to our notice, true?
2) What is the main object of the "Kothari Charity Trust"? Is the purchase of properties as benamdar for Cabinet Ministers or others one of the aims and objects of this charitable institution? Did the said Trust take any decision or adopt any resolution regarding this benami purchase? If so, on what date? Is the Trust entitled to take such a decision or adopt any such resolution?

3) What is the nature of the Union Law Minister's relations with the firm of "Paramasukh Das Sugachand", particularly when the owner of the said concern is Girdharidas Kothari?
4) Can the Union Law Minister appoint as his benamdar a businessman who is directly involved in many contracts with the Government of India?

5) Can any Cabinet Minister acquire properties through the medium of such benamdar?

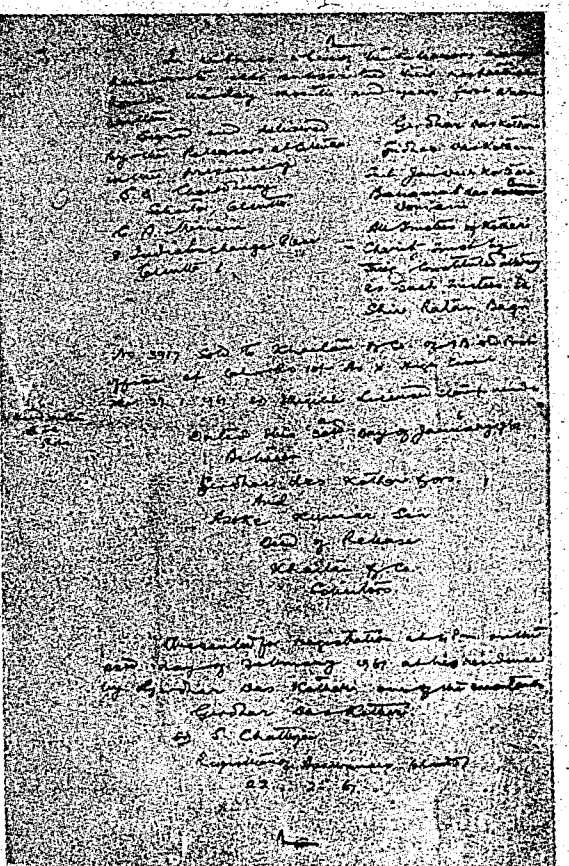
6) Can the Union Law Minister acquire properties from a person who has different types of claims on the Government of India, involving crores of rupees, and for the settlement of which the Union Law Minister is empowered to appoint an arbitrator?

PROBE REQUIRED

7) Will the Government of India institute an enquiry into this affair with a view to finding out the truth?

8) Will the Government make an enquiry whether the plot of land was a gift?

9) Will the Government institute an enquiry into this affair as it had done in the case of Dalmia and Mundhra?

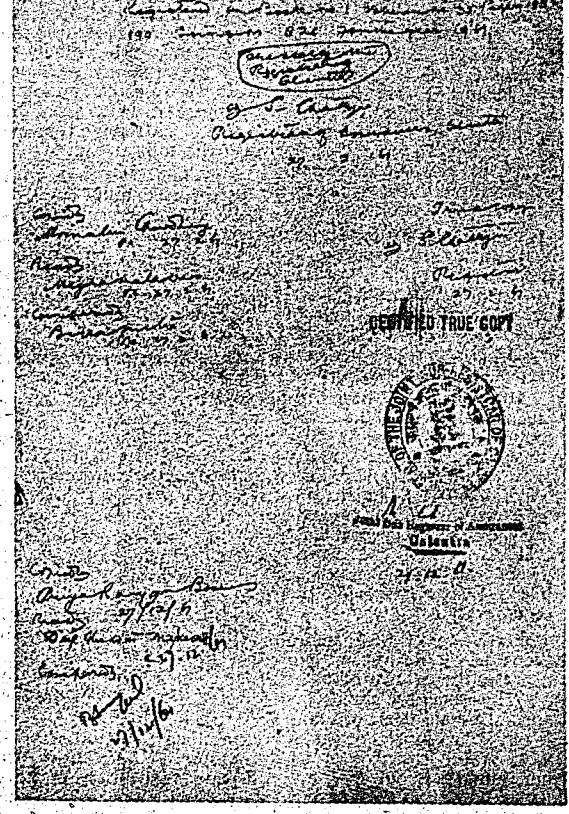


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10) In view of the fact that the preliminary finding of the arbitrator has gone against the Government, has it thought of taking fresh steps in the matter? Does it propose to take the entire matter out of the hands of the Union Law Minister or has it already done so?

The sum due to the Government of India is, it goes without saying, money due to the people. They are directly interested in this matter, as it involves crores upon crores of rupees. It appears that the final judgement in regard to the Government's claims has not yet been pronounced.

We have, therefore, raised the matter in the hope that necessary steps will be taken to safeguard the interests of the people.



Official seals of certification.

Muslims And Elections

Parliament and State legislatures had acted merely as the cover for various political parties dominated by Hindus and have not been able to serve the interests of their own community.

And fourthly, boycott of elections may act as a protest and a moral pressure against injustice.

The Qaumi Awaz correctly pointed out that quite a large percentage of people abstained from participation in the earlier elections but they could, thereby, hardly exercise any pressure on anybody.

Voice Of Despair

It is not difficult to detect the voice of despair and utter demoralisation in the arguments advising Muslims to boycott the elections.

Dr. Farid of Lucknow proposed his variant of the boycott when he advised the Muslims to contest elections only when they were assured of 80 per cent support. Characterising all such proposals as the "result of frustration and defeatism", an ex-MLA of the U.P. Assembly pointed out in a statement: "Election provides opportunities of establishing new relationships. Joint electorates help weaken communal feelings among both Hindu and Muslim candidates. Even the Jana Sangh candidates will have to compromise their extremism. Mutual concessions will have to be given."

"Muslim candidates will have to approach non-Muslim voters on common problems of

enquiry of any of these riots, no action was taken against any of the officers who had failed to maintain law and order and protect the lives and property of the people belonging to the minority. No legal steps were taken against the communal organisations responsible for the riots" (Seyasat, January 25).

The Daily Sangam of Patna chose to raise some pertinent questions in its Republic Day Issue: "Does every class and community", asked the paper, "enjoy equal status in the country? Does every community enjoy religious, social, cultural and economic equality in the country?" The answer, obviously, was in the negative.

The Jabalpur correspondent of the Daily Paigham of Kanpur reported that "Congress election propaganda is negating democracy. Muslims are being told that unless they vote Congress they will continue to be looted, burnt and killed. Muslims are being bullied to join as members of the Congress. Muslim workers of the PSP and the CPI are being threatened" (January 19).

The Sangam of Patna complained that "the High Command had promised to give the minorities greater representation than their percentage, but this has not been done. For 2,833 Assembly seats only 121 Muslims have been given tickets" (January 15).

While other papers did not bother about the number of Congress tickets given to Muslims, they complained about the type of persons selected as Congress candidates.

Thus, the Sadar Aam com-

of the Patna University imposing Hindi as the sole medium of examination for all students with immediate effect was again postponed for another four years.

In the first interview granted by the Chief Minister to the Anjuman Taraqqi-e-Urdu deputation after four years of persistent efforts all demands concerning Urdu were either "conceded" or promised to be sympathetically looked into.

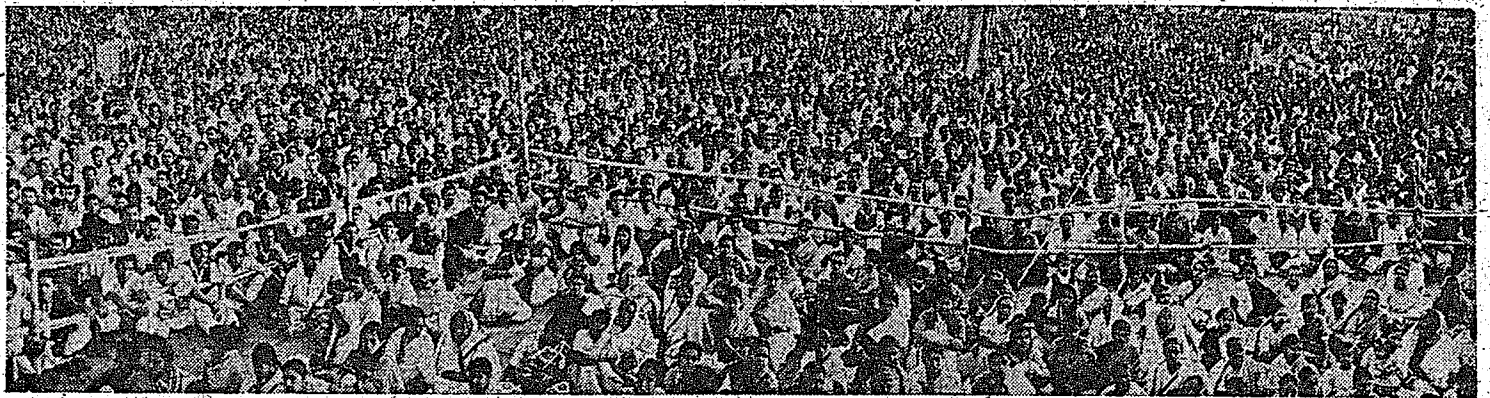
The interesting point about it, however, is that these concessions were granted only after the Anjuman Taraqqi-e-Urdu President had announced his intention to contest the Chief Minister in his constituency where more than 40 per cent voters were Muslims.

Ministers Wooing

Congress Ministers seem to be going out of their way to woo Muslim voters. They are going about addressing sectional conferences of Muslims like the Shia conference, the Momlra conference, etc. The acceptance of various types of long standing demands is announced on such occasions.

For example, at Hajipur in Bihar where the popular Communist leader Kishori Prasananna Sinha is contesting the Irrigation Minister Dip Narayan Singh, the latter got organised the local college Urdu society meeting in a big way and in his capacity as secretary of the college announced the sanction of an addi-

CALCUTTA-LEFT UPSURGE



A sectional view of the two-lakh Calcutta rally on February 3. (Photo: Shambhu Bannerji)

The streets of Calcutta thundered with slogans "End the Congress misrule in West Bengal" and "Instal an Alternative Left Government in Power" as colourful processions from all parts of the city poured on to the Maidan on February 3.

THE occasion was the central election rally, held under the auspices of the United Leftist Alliance, which consists of the Communist Party, F.B., RSP, Marxist F.B., RCPI, Bolshevik Party and progressive individuals. Nearly two lakhs of people—workers office employees and other sections of the toiling people, middleclass housewives, men of the liberal professions intellectuals, etc.—attended the rally. It was one of the biggest gatherings witnessed in the city in recent years. Syed Nausher Ali, veteran nationalist leader, presided over it.

Significantly enough, the only slogan prominently displayed across the big dias was "Establish the Alternative Government". Above it was a beautiful poster, showing the figures of a worker and a peasant superimposed on a map of West Bengal.

There was thunderous ovation from the gathering when a purse of Rs. 501 was presented to Communist leader Bishwanath Mukherjee on behalf of the Bata Salesmen's Association.

The representatives of the Association said that the salesmen had spontaneously collected the amount to ensure that there was no shortage of funds for defeating Chief Minister Dr. B. C. Roy, who is being contested by Bishwanath Mukherjee from the Chowringhee constituency in Calcutta city.

IMPASSIONED SPEECH

In an impassioned appeal to the people of West Bengal, Communist leader Jyoti Basu urged upon them to end the Congress misrule in the State and to give an opportunity to the United Leftist Alliance to form an alternative Government for five years in the interest of democracy and unity of the nation, in the interest of 95 per cent of the people.

The leaders of six Left parties, including Jyoti Basu, and progressive individuals, who are members of the United Leftist Alliance, declared in one voice that if they won the majority in the coming elections, they would form and run the alternative Democratic Government with the same singleness of purpose and the same unity of action,

with which they were now conducting the battle for throwing the Congress out of power.

Analysing the situation in West Bengal, the statements and speeches of Congress leaders and the activities of the Congress in this State, they showed that the Congress had already suffered a moral and political defeat. "Now the time has come for defeat of the Congress in actual practice by everybody casting his or her vote against it", they declared.

The leaders were lustily cheered whenever they made trenchant criticisms of the anti-people policies of the Congress and spoke about the bright possibilities of an alternative Government in the State.

DEFEAT CONGRESS!

Describing how the people throughout West Bengal had responded to the call for installing a democratic Government in power, they appealed to the electorate to make necessary preparations in the next few days with the grim determination to defeat the Congress at the polls.

Greeting the tremendous mass enthusiasm among the people of Calcutta on the occasion of the rally, the Leftist leaders said: "In the last general elections, this great city had given its verdict against the Congress in no uncertain terms. The whole of West Bengal is now following the trail blazed by Calcutta".

They further said that they were confident that in the coming elections the name of the Congress would be wiped out from Calcutta.

Narrating his living experience of the situation in the countryside of West Bengal in course of his election tours during the last two and half months, Jyoti Basu said that he had seen a different humanity there: Vast masses of people in the urban as well as rural areas of the State wanted a change from the 14 years of Congress misrule.

The Communist Party and other parties of the United Leftist Alliance had entered the election battle with the object of giving a concrete shape to the hopes and desires of vast sections of the people. West Bengal was the

only State where the ruling party was facing a powerful challenge to its monopoly of power.

For 14 long years the corrupt Congress Government had loyally served the Indian and foreign monopolists. The United Leftist Alliance wanted to demonstrate that it was possible to form and run a Government, which would work in the interest of 95 per cent of the people.

Referring to the sermons preached ad nauseam by Congress leaders that it was good to have a strong opposition in the legislature, Jyoti Basu said that it was better to have a non-Congress

From JNAN
BIKASH MOITRA

gress Government in two or three States, formed by the democratic opposition. Such Governments would set up before the people of the country a significant example of competition with the Congress Governments in other States and at the Centre.

Appealing to the West Bengal electorate to vote the United Leftist Alliance to power, he said: "Give us an opportunity for at least five years, and we will show what we can do for the masses of people even within the limited powers of a State Government under the Constitution".

Jyoti Basu pointed out that the rapidly growing possibilities of the alternative Government had thrown the State Congress leaders into jitters. At first, they had dismissed the very idea that an alternative Government could be formed in West Bengal. But, now they had changed their tune and were saying that even if the left parties won the elections they would not be able to form a Government because of "differences" in their ranks!

LEFT UNITED

These gentlemen, Jyoti Basu observed, were living in a fool's paradise. The Left parties were fighting unitedly to defeat the Congress. If they won the elections, they would work shoulder-to-shoulder to form and run the alternative Government.

Pointing out that the Congress was resorting to goondaism, he firmly said that the people knew how to defend themselves. He ap-

pealed to them to foil the games of the provocateurs and to consolidate their own forces in a peaceful and disciplined manner.

Siddhartha Ray, M.L.A. former Judicial Minister in West Bengal Cabinet, remarked that the Congress leaders were suffering from mental derangement. That was why they had thrown open the flood-gates of blatant lies and filthy personal slanders.

Bijoy Banerjee, former Congress Mayor of Calcutta Corporation, sharply criticised the treacherous role of the PSP in this State and said that its disruptive policy in the elections helped more other than the Congress.

Hemanta Basu, M.L.A. leader of the F.B. emphasised that there would be no differences among the left parties on the issue of seats in the Cabinet in case the alternative Government was formed. They would unitedly run the Government on the basis of the agreed programme, which had been already placed before the people.

Jatin Chakravarty, M.L.A. leader of the RSP said that the Congress was mobilising all the notorious goondas of Calcutta with the object of utilising them in the constituencies of the candidates of the united Leftist Alliance. The initiator of this move was a Deputy Minister.

APPEAL TO ALL

Speaking in Hindi, Communist leader Indrajit Gupta, M.P., said that the left forces were the only guarantee for the security and safety of the minorities in the State. He appealed to all toiling people, Bengalis and non-Bengalis, to join hands to defeat the Congress at the polls.

Nepal Bhattacharya, Tara Dutt and Bimalananda Mukherjee, leaders of the Bolshevik Party, Marxist F.B. and RCPI respectively, and Syed Nausher Ali also addressed the gathering.

LITTO'S LETTER

DEAR Comrades,

I wish I could write to each one of the many units and individual members and sympathisers of our Party who have written to me or sent me condolence resolutions on the death of Ajoy. But this is practically impossible and so I am requesting the New Age and our other Party papers to publicise this letter, which goes out with all my affection to the entire Party, which has stood by me like a protecting mother at this moment of terrible anguish for me and for my son and our entire family.

Thank you, comrades all, for sharing my grief and, by sharing it, helping me to bear what would be unbearable. Through all your messages, your letters, your words I have found solace and fresh confidence in the unity and strength of our Party, for which Ajoy worked and gave his life.

In the tributes to Ajoy's memory which have come from Communist Parties all over the world, I have been comforted and have

gained strength through the knowledge of the unity and greatness of the world Communist movement, which remains the sheet-anchor of all our hopes.

And through the messages which came from leaders and ordinary people belonging to various parties of our own nation, I found hope in the future of our motherland to which Ajoy dedicated "all his living days".

I know so many comrades are worried about me and my son and our future, now that Ajoy is no more there to look after us. Ajoy's Party will always be there for Ajoy's wife and son to work and live with.

I hope I shall be able to contribute my little bit towards our cause, by working harder than ever before to take our India forward to the goal, towards which Ajoy helped to point the road.

Thank you once again. Each one of your letters has been such a help to me at this time.

LITTO GHOSH