



Emerging from above a three-step circular pedestal is the 'Red Tower' symbolising the firm resolve and onward march of Proletarian internationalism, erected to our Party comrades with fine artistic sense on the maidan on the occasion of the 31st Anniversary; in a semicircle flutter thirty one red flags; in the middle of the Tower is a flower adorned big portrait of the great leader of the proletariat **COMRADE SHIBDAS GHOSH**.

Seated on the dias (from left) members of the Central Committee Comrades Pritish Chanda, Sachin Banerjee, Hiren Sarkar, Shankar Singh as also other state leaders. Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary, is on the microphone.

CALL OF 24th APRIL

Noble Ideology of Communism—Only course to emancipation of People

Aflame in the gloom engulfing the life of the toiling people of India is **24TH APRIL**. In fields and factories, towns and villages, homes far and near, the toiling masses rise in their countless numbers to the call of 24th April.

These exploited, oppressed and humiliated people have plunged into struggle time and again seeking emancipation from exploitation of all sorts. They have undergone sufferings, made sacrifices, and laid down lives. But in the end their struggles have been misdirected and betrayed by the pseudo-revolutionary leaderships, and emancipation has remained a far cry. At the core of their heart there is yearning for the leader, the genuine revolutionary leadership, the genuine revolutionary proletarian party, which would uphold their cause, guide them on the correct revolutionary path and lead their struggles to win the cherished emancipation.

24th April has unfurled the revolutionary banner before them, signalling the emergence of the genuine Marxist-Leninist revolutionary party on this soil, the **SOCIALIST UNITY CENTRE OF INDIA**, under the leadership of the great leader and teacher of the proletariat, **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**. Through long experience of many a struggle they have realized the genuine revolutionary character of the SUCI. Workers, peasants, students, teachers, youths, and all other sections of the toiling people have watched the Party in the forefront of day-to-day struggles, in mighty legitimate democratic mass movements, upholding the cause of the toiling masses against attacks of the ruling capitalist class and deception and betrayal of the social democratic forces. This

realization welds the bond between the toiling masses and the Party. Impelled by this sense of growing identification they are rallying in ever greater numbers under the banner of the SUCI.

These are the people who flooded the streets of Calcutta on 24th April this year in procession after procession to pledge anew on the foundation anniversary day of the SUCI to carry forward the task of revolution with all initiatives and creative efforts. They came from every corner of West Bengal, from all walks of life. Peasants came from far interior of Sunderbans in South 24 Paraganas, from Murshidabad, Midnapur, Birbhum, Nadia, Purulia, Bankura, Burdwan, different districts of North Bengal and elsewhere. Their experience has been the same under the CPI(M) led 'Left Front' govern-
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Surging waves of procession—jubilation and confidence

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ment as it had been under the Congress government. The police-jotedar-vested interest combine thrives as before in the rural areas and the harassment and torture on the poor peasants and agricultural labourers continue unrelenting. They want to fight and break this chain of reaction. So they came on 24th April seeking guidelines for their struggle in the light of the great teachings of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**.

Workers came from the industrial belt of Durgapur-Asansol, from suburbs of Calcutta and the districts. In their struggle against the exploitation of the ruling capitalist class they encounter the CPI(M)-led government unabashedly engaged in safeguarding the interests of the ruling class. To maintain 'industrial peace' in the interest of the ruling class, this government is discouraging growth of legitimate democratic mass movements and pouncing upon every movement at the first sight of discontent. The workers want movement against exploitation of the ruling class and they came in quest of revolutionary guidance from the SUCI armed with the great teachings of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**. Students, teachers, youths and other sections of the toiling people came from far flung places. Their life is riddled with problems in all spheres. The CPI(M)'s anti-people policies have only aggravated their misery and affliction. They want an end to their sufferings and they came in search of solution from the SUCI to find out the correct road to a nobler life.

The toiling people are experiencing today that whichever of the parliamentary parties go to governmental power, it safeguards the interest of the capitalist class. The CPI(M) which claims itself to be a Left and revolutionary party is trying to arrest the revolutionary aspirations of the toiling people in reformist programmes

offering only some palliatives to deceive the people. But side by side, they find the SUCI educating them on the root cause of their problems, pointing out their class enemy and class ally and showing them the correct road to emancipation, to a life of honour and dignity. This party does not compromise its revolutionary principles. It is not allured by the prospect of going to governmental power. And it never forsakes the people's cause at the

among people mark how deep is their

bidding of the ruling class. When it was in the United Front government in West Bengal the SUCI fought ceaselessly to help grow, from within the government, the legitimate democratic mass movements by implementing the policy that 'police shall not interfere in legitimate democratic mass movements'. And now alone flying the banner of Leftism, it is trying to build up mass movements on the correct base political line as precursor to the anti-capitalist revolution. Because they realize the revolutionary character of the SUCI, they are rallying under its banner and responded so magnificently to the call of 24th April this year.

The Party and all its mass fronts, under the guidance of the Central Committee headed by Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, close comrade-in-arms of the great leader of proletariat, **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**, mobilised their entire resources and geared up every bit of strength to carry deep down among the masses the great teachings of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** in preparation for observing 24th April with correct revolutionary consciousness and purposiveness. Numerous meetings and processions were organised in the different states to spread the message of 24th April. Door-to-door approach was made, group-sittings were organised and discussions were held to uphold before the people the

party's analyses of the various problems in the light of the teachings of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**.

Everywhere people have gathered in their hundreds and thousands to listen to the call of the hour. Wherever our Party workers, supporters and sympathisers have approached them for funds they have smilingly donated their mite. They have bought our literature, entered into discussion and made their own suggestions. They have expressed

their deep regard for **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** from the inmost of their feelings. This is not a kind of paying off fund collectors on streets. There is a distinct element of wishing the Party good and success in its mission. It is the expression of a growing recognition, a growing sense of identification, a growing bondage between the common people and the Party. Many repose their trust frankly. Many express that they feel they have at last found the Party—the genuine revolutionary party in our country. Even many frustrated

response to revolutionary teachings of

political elements who have withstood ordeals only to be betrayed by their pseudo-revolutionary party leadership have quietly declared that they are watching us and although they do not yet agree in full with all our political analyses, they consider our Party cadres a dedicated band whose conduct and cultural standard are truly exemplary. Whenever hirelings of the ruling class and agents of the pseudo-Marxist parties have tried to abuse our workers, intimidate them and forcibly block the Party's campaign, members of the public have come forward to oppose the miscreants. It is this love and regard of the common public for the Party which gives our cadres, working day-in and day-out, straining themselves

to the last of their capacity, the sustaining, enthusiasm and encouragement to carry out their noble task amidst severe hardship.

As in all previous years a mammoth meeting was organised under the auspices of the West Bengal State Committee at the Saheed Minar maidan on 24th April. Big meetings were held on this day or around in different states. Colourful wall posters reminded the people of the great occasion urging them to associate themselves

with the campaign and strengthen the Party. Everywhere in Calcutta and in the districts, there is an anticipation today among the people of the arrival of 24th April. 24th April has made its own place in the public mind and the people silently look forward to its arrival.

Calcutta, the centre of innumerable mass struggles, turned into a sea of surging men and women of all ages, from all walks of life, on the 24th April last. The city's main entry points, Howrah and Sealdah, as also the Ballygunj station presented

the spectacle of vast, colourful assemblies of enthusiastic incoming workers, peasants, teachers, students, youths and all sections of the toiling people. They came from all the districts of West Bengal. Thousands had reached on the previous evening. And batches of people also came from the neighbouring states to

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh

joined the rally at the Saheed Minar maidan. Wearing badges with replica of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**, symbolising deep respect to the great leader of the proletariat, and holding aloft numerous banners and flying flags and festoons they began marching through the city's streets from early morning.

Numerous processions passed throughout the day. Some of the biggest processions came from South 24 Parganas, the scene of many a heroic battle of peasants and agricultural labourers under the Party and its peasant front, the KKMFL. Large processions of thousands of people also came from Murshidabad, Nadia, Birbhum, Midnapur, Purulia and also from the districts of North Bengal. These were disciplined armies of marchers with determination and missionary zeal for carrying the banner of revolution forward with their eyes, waving fists and marching steps. The streets reverberated with their revolutionary slogans: Long Live SUCI; Red Salute to **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**, the great leader of the proletariat. Spread the thoughts of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** to every corner of the land. The traffic came to halt. People lined up on streetsides, gathered in shops and on house tops to see the marchers. Passengers of stalled buses and trams looked out to survey the unending columns passing along. They all wondered what made this party, fighting single-

handed against the array of all other political forces, grow so big. They did not fail to take note of the singular aspect of these marchers. Unlike the Congress, the Janata and the CPI(M) who now organise their meetings and processions bringing people in fleets of hired vehicles, these marchers under the banner of the SUCI

moved along as dedicated soldiers of revolution.

To the people of Calcutta that day the marchers in these endless processions conveyed the message of the undying struggling spirit of man. The glaring evidence of the organisational growth of the SUCI in all

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Comrade Shankar Singh member of the Central Committee and President of the meeting addressing the gathering

BUILD UP LEFT AND DEMOCRATIC UNITY AS THE INSTRUMENT OF PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE

—Comrade Shankar Singh

Shibdas Ghosh.

SUCI has shown the correct path, the right solution to all the problems that cropped up in the working class movement of our country. Not only in the national plane, in the international arena as well whenever the bourgeoisie and their agents have attacked Marxism-Leninism whenever the revisionists tried to distort Marxism-Leninism, SUCI, under the leadership of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**, has protected the revolutionary kernel of Marxism-Leninism from these attacks and distortions and thus held aloft the noble banner of Marxism-Leninism and preserved the prestige and honour of the international communist movement in our country. It is this unfaltering dedication to the cause of revolution that has enabled SUCI to gain a place of honour and prestige in the minds of the toiling people. Because people, crushed under the grinding wheel of capitalist exploitation want to wage struggle, they long for movements.

That is why the toiling people through out the country are longing much that a genuine revolutionary working class party build up organisation among them. But the toiling people must realise that the urge for struggle alone cannot build up struggle; simply your urge for the revolution cannot organise a revolution, cannot lead it to its successful culmination. For that is necessary adequate preparation and organisational strength. The toiling people of our country will be able to stand face to face with this state machine and be able to overthrow capitalist exploitation, oppression,—the strong state power protected by the military, judiciary, bureaucracy and the police administration, with whose help the capitalist class is perpetrating its class rule—only when they have been

able to give birth to their instruments of struggle, the alternative political power of the toiling people. If you notice carefully you will find that SUCI has all along been trying to establish this in the mass movement of our country. To fulfil this revolutionary objective in the present phase of the democratic movement of our country a united front of all the genuine left and democratic forces will have to be built up; and while conducting democratic movements under the leadership of this united front of genuine left and democratic forces peoples' committees, that is, peoples' instruments of struggle will have to be built up; and SUCI has been making and is still making relentless efforts to that end. It is not such a united front that is afraid of conducting mass movements, whose aim is to make the people averse to struggle, which wants to impress upon the people that if the front is voted to power there will be no need for mass movements. Today the Indian bourgeoisie is perpetrating conspiracy against the toiling people of our country by introducing the two party parliamentary system to arrest them within the narrow confines of parliamentarism-reformism destroying their militancy and struggling spirit. The so-called leftist parties like the CPI and the CPI(M) also are attempting to be partners in this two party parliamentary system and for that they are raising the slogan of left and democratic unity to fetch dividend in the election politics. That is why they have declared that in their left and democratic front not only the branded bourgeois parties like the Congress and the Janata even the arch communal and parochial parties like Akali, AIDMK too will be partners. But **Comrade**

Shibdas Ghosh has taught us that if this united front is to be built up as the instrument of peoples' struggle conducive to the struggle for the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism, then these bourgeois, communal and parochial parties cannot have place in such a front. Only those forces can be partners of such a united front who are anti-capitalist, who have a fighting tradition against imperialism and even though not communists they are at least not anti-communist; because today being anti-communist one can no longer remain democratic.

The left and democratic front that SUCI is striving to build up is such a front whose object is to organise democratic mass movements to give birth to people's political power and, if during the course of mass movements election comes up, to participate in that election as a part of the democratic movement. Another very important point that must be remembered about this united front is that the genuine left and democratic forces that have joined the front to conduct movements against the common enemy do not have, and what is more cannot have, same outlook and identical views on the class character of the main enemy and on the question of determining the base political line of revolution. That is why, whereas all the parties should collectively make efforts to maintain the unity of this front built up on the basis of a common minimum agreed programme and a code of conduct in the interest of the struggle against the common enemy, must have the right as well to openly express their respective ideology and political analysis regarding the basic problems of people's life and their scientific solution. Because, only by

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In his presidential speech **Comrade Shankar Singh**, member of the Central Committee of our Party, said: Today under the auspices of the West Bengal State Committee we have all assembled here, at such a mammoth meeting on the occasion of the 31st Anniversary of our beloved Party. Not only in West Bengal, in other states of India also our Party Foundation Day is being observed today through such mammoth rallies. These mammoth rallies of the toiling people of India prove how correct is the base political line of our party, determined and shown by the great leader of the proletariat **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**. Under the leadership of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**, waging a relentless struggle against tremendous adversities for all these thirty one years with only this correct base political line of anti-capitalist socialist revolution as capital and exposing the masks of the pseudo-Marxist parties and their wrong ideologies. SUCI has gained its present strength. When SUCI was founded many big parties moving under the nomenclature 'Communists' were there in Indian politics who had substantial influence over the people and enjoyed popular support. Many of those big so-called Marxist parties have disintegrated today—some are almost non-existent, some are gasping. Many among them in their frantic bid to maintain their bare existence are making unprincipled unity today with any and every force,

making opportunistic alliances with all and sundry to serve their petty party sectarian interest.

Comrade Ghosh has taught us this revolutionary ideal that if the base political line of a party is correct then even if that party is small today, do not stay away from it, stand by its side. Because, if its line is correct—your joining the party will strengthen the correct line itself. If today it is not that strong it will gain strength tomorrow; if by tomorrow it is unable to gain sufficient organisational strength to lead a successful revolution, it will gain that the next day. But it is as true as daylight that it is this party and this party alone that will lead the revolution. Because, its political line is correct. Again, if the base political line of a party is wrong then however big it may be today, whatever strength it may possess today it can never lead a revolution—the strength it possesses today will not be there ultimately it will dissipate. What is our experience today about those once big so-called Marxist-Leninist parties?

But SUCI, **Comrade Singh** continued, a small party, possessing practically no organisational strength in those days has today spread its organisational branches through out the length and breadth of the country. What did enable SUCI to gain this strength? Certainly the correct base political line it set out to establish under the leadership of our beloved leader, teacher and guide **Comrade**

In a long, illuminating speech Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary of our Party and main speaker on the occasion, discussed many aspects of the present international and national situation. We will publish the full text of his speech in a later issue and here we present some of the important points of his discussion.

In the international communist movement today confusion of various kinds prevails. The recent developments in the socialist camp have worse confounded the situation offering new opportunity to the enemies of communism to malign it and create further confusion in the rank of the international communist movement and its sympathisers. But it should be borne in mind that this is no new attempt to malign communism. In fact, ever since the appearance of Communist Manifesto, attempts have never been wanting in the capitalist-imperialist world and on the part of the revisionists, renegades and social democrats to malign the noble ideology of communism and vulgarise its basic principles. But the onward march of communism could not be prevented by all this. Armed with the great teachings of Marxism-Leninism, the revolutionary struggle of the world

proletariat has achieved remarkable victories and made rapid strides fighting against these nefarious attempts and overcoming all obstacles. The recent incidents in the socialist camp are no doubt causing serious harm to the international communist movement, but one should not be disheartened by this. On the contrary, it is necessary today to make a dispassionate, unbiased and scientific analysis of the entire situation and find out the root cause of all this in order to rid the communist movement of its present impasse.

In the course of this discussion Comrade Mukherjee drew attention to the timely warning and invaluable guidance provided by **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** the great leader of the proletariat on certain dangerous trends persisting in the international communist movement. **Comrade Ghosh** had laid bare, through his brilliant analysis, that mechanisation in the process of thinking and process of organisation as opposed to dialectical process of thinking and organisation, undeniable lowering of ideological-cultural standard, persistence of bourgeois humanist-nationalist thinking, morals and ethics have in the main been responsible in causing a mess in international

NO POWER ON EARTH CAN HALT THE TRIUMPHANT MARCH OF COMMUNISM

—COMRADE NIHAR MUKHERJEE

communist movement and begetting revisionism-reformism. Recourse to mechanical centralisation in party organisation, abandoning the Leninist principle of organisation, had led to bureaucratic leadership at the top. Blind obedience and unquestioning acceptance of the leadership were lauded as the sign of high sense of discipline. As a consequence of this anti-Marxist mechanical thought process and blind sense of allegiance, those who had once made a demigod of Stalin did not hesitate to denigrate the great leader of the proletariat as soon as the Soviet revisionist leadership had started denouncing him.

Comrade Ghosh had shown that in the course of development and progress of human society the humanist values, ethics and culture were not the last word. The communist ethics, morals and culture were fundamentally different from and higher than bourgeois humanist ethics, morals and culture—in essence as also in form. So, if the bourgeois humanist-nationalist complex which was conducive to revolu-

tion and people's cause in the period of liberation struggle against capitalism-imperialism could not be eradicated from the ideological cultural make up of social life after revolution, it was quite likely that it would turn out to be the breeding ground of all sorts of revisionist-reformist deviations. Comrade Mukherjee observed that if the recent painful developments in the socialist camp, culminating in armed confrontation between some socialist states, were not judged in the light of these great teachings of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** their significance would be lost upon us and it would not be possible to rid the communist movement of its present impasse. It was a pity that the timely warning by the great leader of the proletariat was neither paid any heed to nor taken notice of by any international communist authority.

In this context Comrade Mukherjee emphasised that the attack on revolution came not only from the bourgeoisie, but also from within revolutionary movement. These were the forces of compromise between labour and capital

forces which waved red banner, canted Marxist vocabulary, but stabbed the revolutionary struggle in the back to serve the interest of capital. To isolate these forces from people and free revolutionary movement from their pernicious influence it was necessary to carry out an intense relentless ideological struggle against them. It was an essential pre-requisite for the victory of revolution to give complete defeat, both ideologically and organisationally, to these social democratic forces and all varieties of revisionism-reformism. So, while conducting revolutionary struggle against capitalism-imperialism, the main enemy of the people, the blow must always be directed against the forces of compromise, the main danger of revolution:

Drawing attention of the audience to this proletarian revolutionary tactics elaborated by Comrade Stalin, Comrade Mukherjee said that the struggle against the US imperialism the bullwark of world imperialism, would have to be conducted on this tactical line today. He
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 asked if there was any room for doubting that modern revisionism headed by the Soviet revisionist leadership stood as the force of compromise between imperialism and anti-imperialist liberation movements, and between capitalism and anti-capitalist revolutionary struggles. It confirmed once again the historic lesson of Marxism-Leninism, further developed and enriched by **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** that if struggle was not continuously kept up on the correct base political line with correct revolutionary ideology and goal deviation as this was bound to occur.

Comrade Mukherjee reminded the audience the pointer given time and again by **Comrade Ghosh** not to turn away from communism and the path of revolution by seeing this distortion and vulgarisation in the hands of pseudo-revolutionaries. For communism is the only ideology which can lead to emancipation. To turn away from it means to strengthen capitalism and the enemies of revolution.

In the perspective of the present international situation the national political scene in our country has to be viewed. After 30 years of Congress rule, change of government has taken place at the Centre and the states

following the last polls and the Janata has replaced the Congress as the ruling party at the centre and many states. The design of the ruling capitalist class to introduce and install the two party parliamentary system in our country, on the model of the Western bourgeois democracies, with a view to arresting the legitimate democratic mass movements within the confines of parliamentarism-legalism is clear to all. It is, also not difficult for the people to know the real character of these branded bourgeois parties from the economic, fiscal, educational and all other policies pursued by them in their bid to safeguard capitalism from its present acute crisis. But what role are the so-called 'Left' parties playing, who are trying heart and soul to win credibility of the ruling class and find berth in the two-party parliamentary system? In the course of his discussion on this aspect of the present national situation, Comrade Mukherjee upheld the great teaching of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** on what should be the attitude and approach of a genuine left and revolutionary party, when in the government in the present set-up, to legitimate democratic mass movements and the police and bureaucracy. Pointing to the anti-people character of the various policies of

the Janata Governments and the CPI(M) led governments in West Bengal and Tripura Comrade Mukherjee observed that there was no basic difference between the governments led by the branded bourgeois parties—whether the Congress or the Janata—and the CPI (M)-led government. They were all not only discouraging growth of legitimate democratic mass movements, but were crushing these movements using the coercive arm of the state. In this context Comrade Mukherjee referred to the increase in police budget by Rs. 14½ crores by the CPI (M)-led government in West Bengal in its 21 months' rule. Mr. Jyoti Basu, the Chief Minister of the state, pleaded his case for strengthening the coercive arm of the state arguing that the policemen were part of the common people. Did he then mean to say that the power workers of Santaldih and the refugees of Marichjhanpi, whom his police force was brutally torturing and killing, were none of the common men? Comrade Mukherjee asked. He further pointed out how, by sanctioning official licence in the state budget to cabaret dances, imposing tax on the amateur stage and withdrawing on the country liquors, the CPI (M)-led government

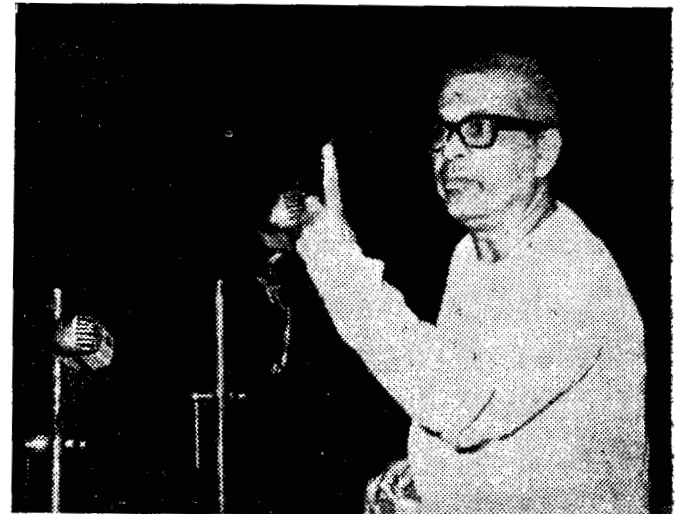
was opening wide the gate to rapid cultural degeneration, plunging the youth force in particular to depravity.

Today the CPI (M)'s anti-people policies, approach and attitude are becoming growingly exposed to the people.

The CPI (M) finds that SUCI is gaining strength everyday as the genuine revolutionary party fighting for the cause of the toiling people, and more and more the toiling people are rallying under the banner of the SUCI. This has set the CPI (M) leadership go frantic and in their bid to tarnish the image of SUCI among the people, they are saying repeatedly that along with the Congress and Janata SUCI is engaged in conspiracy to fell their government. In this con-

text Comrade Mukherjee observed that the CPI (M) leadership knew well our policy statement and attitude to their government. It was our declared policy since the formation of their government that the SUCI would fight against all anti-people policies and measures of the government both inside and outside the assembly, but at the same time our party would resist any conspiracy that might be made to fell this government. Comrade Mukherjee reiterated that SUCI was never interested in the filthy pragmatic politics in which the CPI(M) engaged itself. It wanted to build up legitimate democratic mass movements for the cause of the toiling people as precursor to the anti-capitalist socialist revolution.

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Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary, Addressing the Gathering. Below : A section of the gathering.



Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta, Secretary of the West Bengal State Committee, extended revolutionary greetings to all those who had come from far and wide places undertaking immense hardships to attend the meeting, and to countless members of the public who helped in all possible means with funds, counsel, sympathy, encouragement and love to make the programme a success and strengthen the Party. Without the unstinted support, deep regard and sincere love of the people the meeting would not be such a grand success in the face of insurmountable difficulties and obstacles, he emphasized.

Pointing to the burning problems gripping the life of the people of West Bengal, Comrade Dasgupta asked whether any improvement at all had come about although two years had elapsed since the 'Left Front' had assumed power. Or whether the problems, instead of relenting, were not aggravating further as days wore on.

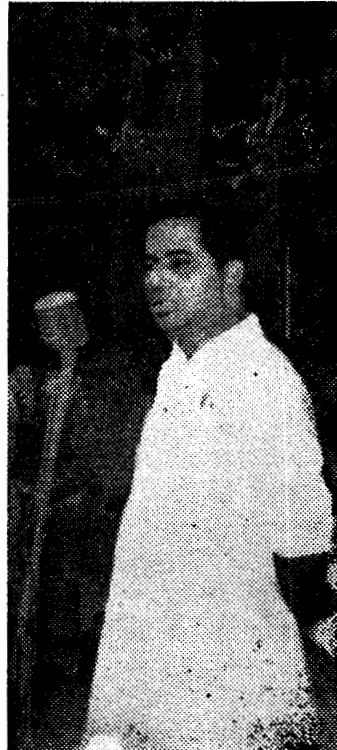
Comrade Dasgupta pointed out that it was never possible to bring solution to any of the basic problems in the people's life through change of government keeping intact the exploitative capitalist order, the root cause of all misery and affliction. Therefore, if a genuine Left

Organise mass movements against non-Left and anti-people policies of the 'Left Front' Government

—Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta

party came to governmental power, its primary task would be to curb the police and bureaucracy and help grow the legitimate democratic mass movements conducive to the anti-capitalist socialist revolution. But it was a painful reality that the so-called 'Left Front' government in West Bengal, let alone strengthen the legitimate democratic mass movements, had given up the path of movement, and was in reality crushing every such movement, thus trampling the banner of Leftism and safeguarding the interests of capitalism.

Comrade Dasgupta pointed out further how this government had been using the coercive arm of the state to crush democratic mass movements. The brutal repression of workers at Santaldih, the ruthless lathi charge made on the demonstrating medical students in Calcutta, and the torture and killing of refugees at Marichjhanpi revealed the oppressive character of this government. But the other course adopted by this government was fraught with graver danger for the toiling people. It wanted



Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta, Secretary, West Bengal State Committee, Addressing the Gathering

the people believe that since the 'Left' parties were in government there was no need for movements. This was nothing but a heinous attempt to wreck mass movements from within. These parties moving under the garb of Leftism were exploiting the love and regard of the common people of West Bengal for the Left movements that had grown during the last 30-31 years and were now trying to

undermine the movements.

Comrade Dasgupta said that the unprecedented and lingering power crisis made it clear that these parties had not even the minimum concern and sympathy for the people in distress. Otherwise they could not indulge in such criminal negligence and allow the situation worsen like this. Anybody who criticised them for their abject failure was branded as a conspirator. They were simply passing the responsibility of power crisis on the working class by allowing lock-out, lay-off and retrenchment. The workers had to bear the entire burden due to the failure of this government.

Comrade Dasgupta also pointed out how, on the plea of reforming the education system and weeding out corruption from it, this government was discouraging study of language particularly English, to gag the voice of protest, curtailing education, particularly higher education, and also curbing the autonomy of educational institutions.

Comrade Dasgupta pointed out that while prices of

the essential commodities were soaring up this government had not applied its power using the Essential Commodity Act against blackmarketeers, hoarders and profiteers.

The only course before the people, if they wanted to live, was to take to the path of mass movements, he pointed out. For this, however, it was necessary, first of all, to have a clear idea of legitimate democratic mass movements and their historic goal. Unorganised spontaneous agitational outbursts, which had occurred time and again in our country, only misdirected mass movements—jeviating them from their principal goal. The urgent task before the people was to build up organised democratic mass movements conducive to the growth of anti-capitalist Socialist Revolution, and advance them, step by step, to their logical culmination, Comrade Dasgupta emphasized.

Comrade Dasgupta appealed to all to grasp the teachings of our great leader, teacher and guide, Comrade Shibdas Chosh to judge which is the correct base political line and to actively come forward to help growth of the legitimate democratic mass movements.

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(contd. from page 2) directions filled the people's heart with joy. The flowing tide of revolutionary spirit kindled new hopes among them. At many places they engaged in enthusiastic conversations among themselves:

"—I am sure, this party is next only to the CPI(M) in strength".

"—Why say CPI(M)? There is split and groupism in all those parties. But this SUCI is the only growing force".

"—Right. This party's strength comes from its organisational base among the people. It has its roots among the people".

"—The party is so

much mingled up with the people, one can't guess its strength from outside features. I know thousands of them came to the city yesterday trekking long distances from remote and inaccessible places. You see, they are all ordinary people, poor people. I talked to some of them and I was really astonished to find them very much conscious of their task".

"—But strangely, you will see hardly a line about these big processions and rally of this party in tomorrow's papers.

"—How do you expect? Both the owners of the newspapers and the government forbid to publish news of this party.

They are really afraid of the SUCI".

"—What impresses most is the clear understanding of the workers of the party of all problems. My experience with all other Left parties is frustrating. But the SUCI's cadres are very well trained and disciplined. And I admire most their culture and ethical sense".

"—Yes. They are all well-behaved. They never indulge in terroristic tactics. And the party has a large number of women cadres too. They speak with such solid arguments".

"At least this party has not compromised its principles. It never joins hands with the Congress or Janata".

These are few of the bits of conversation we could collect that day at street corners and buses and trams. The people's delight and growing confidence over the increasing strength of the Party were evident in their eloquent appreciation.

But this eloquent appreciation had made the agents of the ruling parties frantic. They started abusing the SUCI and even spat on the marchers in a vain bid to incite public wrath against our Party. These were the cowards who had effaced our wall writings at several places, torn off our posters and attacked our workers to prevent them from campaigning for 24th April. But as their

heinous attempts were condemned by the people everywhere else, on this day too on the streets of Calcutta they got only cold scorns and sharp rebukes from the watching public for their loathsome conduct.

The processions all converged on the Saheed Minar maidan. The vast arena gradually filled up as the marchers and people from all walks of life and from different parts of the city and its suburbs steadily poured into it. There were cadres of other political parties who had come to listen to what Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary of the SUCI, would say on the national

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In course of a statement Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary, SUCI, has stated:

With serious concern the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Centre of India notes that the reactionary communal, parochial and casteist forces aided and abetted by the ruling class and bourgeois parties and all those who are appearing as defenders of capitalism, are again raising their ugly heads in the body-politic of the country. Such forces are making planned provocation of communal violence in their bid to gain maximum leverage out of the riots to achieve their narrow objectives. The ruling class and various vested interests and reactionary forces have all through been exploiting all sorts of discords and disunity among the people and provoking parochial frenzy, linguistic conflicts, communal and caste riots etc.

It is no wonder that as the crisis of capitalism is deepening in our country multiplying manifold the miseries and sufferings of the common people—more restive are becoming the working class and other sections of the toiling people; discontent, resentment and anger against the ruling class and ruling parties, both at the centre and states, are being more and more manifested and sporadic struggles, strikes and other forms of democratic protests are being staged here and there in different corners of the country.

The reactionary forces and the vested class are out to sow dissension and split the growing struggling force and unity of the exploited masses in the most naked way only to weaken the democratic movement and revolutionary struggles of our country.

The Congress as the ruling party and main prop of Indian capitalism so long did it in the past and the present ruling parties are following in the same footsteps more unabashedly. The dismal failure of the Janata Government and multifarious internal group

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conflicts within the ruling Janata Party, Indira Gandhi's hobnob with all obscurantist and religious personalities and forces, conflict and competition between Janata Party, Indira Congress and all known bourgeois parties, regional and parochial parties as also left parties like the CPI and the CPI(M) in parliamentary politics in their bid to defend best the capitalist class interest and in doing this to associate and use divisive, communal, and casteist forces have appeared as dangerous features at this hour in the country creating further the favourable condition for the growth of reactionary communal and other divisive forces.

In this background one can understand the series of events that occurred during last one and a half years like caste frenzies and fratricidal caste conflicts fanned and encouraged by the Janata Government in the name of 'job reservation' in states like Bihar and elsewhere, the mass massacre of 'harijan' and adivasis in so many Janata and Congress ruled states, the intra-religion armed conflicts between Akali-Nirankari fanned and led by the Akali Government, Shia-Sunni armed conflict in Lucknow, the Hindu-Muslim riots in Aligarh, Benaras and lately the ghastly communal riots in the steel city of Jamshedpur the slogan of so-called local versus outsiders and Juts versus non-Juts raised by Mr. Charan Singh group of Janata Party in Haryana and elsewhere, are all clear evidences of the above.

Following all these have come the nefarious designs of the reactionary communal forces aided and abetted by big monopoly house, contractor sections of the ruling Janata Party in the form of worst communal riot in the steel city of Jamshedpore where muslim men, women and children were killed in mass massacre and bazars and slumps

inhibited by the poor working people were burnt to ashes in a pre-planned operation in presence of the police forces, rendering thousands of families destitute. Even big monopoly press could not suppress the eye-witness accounts, accusing the R.S.S. and some sections of ruling Janata Party for organising such communal orgy. The role of the military, Bihar police, the CRP and the state administration have also been subject to serious criticism.

The slogan of banning of cow slaughter raised at this moment by Vinoba Bhave, who had been in oblivion, nurtured and fanned up by the Hindu communal commercial interests added further fuel to these communal tensions and sense of uncertainty in the minds of all religious minorities. The role played by Sm. Indira Gandhi who speaks loud on secularism, by hobnobbing with and patronising the Acharya has clearly revealed her nefarious games in using such issues for the manoeuvre in parliamentary politics using discords among the people.

The Central Janata government as the representative of the moribund capitalism and being confronted with twin problems of its worst inner group conflicts and severe mass discontent and opposition outside, has played typical reactionary role in tackling the issue only to divert people's attention from the burning issues before the country as also to divide the masses. Not only the RSS but also the Central Janata leaders and the Central Janata Government including the Prime Minister immediately took a very patronising attitude to Binoba's stand and expressly sympathised with the demand of banning cow slaughter, did everything to publicise and popularise the drama of Acharya's 'fast' on the said demand and started parleys with him at a time when the people at large

nowhere took any notice of Vinoba's fasting. They held the stick in a way so that this issue saves them for the moment from the problems the Government and the ruling party are faced with.

The Prime Minister's declaration of bringing the issue of banning cow-slaughter in the concurrent list under a proposed ordinance runs clearly against the spirit of secularism. This clearly encourages the anti-secular forces and tendencies by provoking communal elements in both the communities. Banning of cow-slaughter by the government, if given effect to, would deeply injure the religious sentiments, social customs and traditional food habits of quite a large number of population belonging to Muslim, Christian and some other communities. Not only this; it would be another affront on the autonomy of the States—the fact which cannot be ignored.

The character and role played by the known bourgeois parties are quite understandable. But the people are yet to know the real import of the part played by the so-called communist parties like the CPI(M) and the CPI. These parties pretend to stand by the cause of the minorities and often are very vociferous against RSS and other communal forces. If they really want to defend minority interest why then the leaders of both these parties and particularly the Chief Ministers of CPI(M) led West Bengal Government and CPI led Kerala Government rushed to Pauner at the instance of Prime Minister Sri Morarji Desai to talk to Acharya Vabe and thereby publicised the whole drama—which was otherwise overlooked by the people? Have they not, by this act, given weight to what Vinoba Bhave had desired? Have they not objectively added momentum to a basically irrational, anti-secular and undemocratic cause?

Not only this—these

parties, the CPI(M) and the CPI, have only made 'blank fire' in their formal protest against Prime Minister's proposed ordinance without attempting in right earnest to resort to popular democratic mass movement by rousing all secular democratic forces and uniting with the genuine left parties and severing all their links and 'friendly' associations with the rightists and parochial-communal forces.

The CPI(M) has accused the Central Janata Government of violating secularism. But are they prepared to organise people's struggles against bourgeois reactionary policies of the government and against all sorts of communal and divisive forces linking the same with other vital issues affecting the working class and toiling people as the direct outcome of capitalist oppression, through which only the secular forces could be roused, communal, parochial, casteist forces could be defeated and right to protection of the minorities could be guaranteed. The whole politics of the CPI(M) speaks against this correct path. This party in its bid to make room in two-party system through only parliamentary manoeuvring politics and for that, to defend moribund capitalist system has discarded the path of peoples' struggles and are obstructing the growth of a genuine left and democratic front.

Therefore, the people themselves will have to organise this struggle to put an effective curb on communal violence and root-out the evils of communalism. For organising such struggle urgent need of the hour is to forge genuine left democratic front by uniting the genuine left parties and democratic forces, who are prepared to fight capitalist exploitation. The front must develop as an instrument of people's struggles against the anti-people policies of the government and capitalist exploitation. Such front could not yet emerge

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(contd. from page 6) and international developments which baffled them. There came office employees in their groups who now watch keenly our Party's activities.

From every end the space of the ground looked like a sea of waving heads. There was a bookstall at one end decorated with portraits of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** and quotations embodying his great teachings. People had thronged round the stall to buy the Party literature.

As the sun dipped towards the western horizon the rostrum glowed in the beams scattered through a dusty haze around. It was an architectural piece testifying to the fine artistic skill and creativity of our workers. It rose in three wide circular steps from the ground and then went up in a tall red tower toward the sky with hammer-sickle-five pointed star atop. Rising high in grace and dignity, the red tower proclaimed the firm resolve for the onward march of the proletarian internationalism. In the front-centre of the tower graced a huge portrait, with flowers all around, of the great leader of the proletariat **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**.

Strains rose from the dais to fill the air with an inspiring call:

Awake toiling people of India
Awake oppressed and humiliated masses
Respond oh workers and peasants
Great 24th April calls you.

On the dais were seated Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, Comrade Sachin Banerjee, Comrade Hiren Sarkar, Comrade Pritish Chanda, Comrade Shankar Singh and leaders from the state committees of the Party. Comrade Shankar Singh, president of the meeting, took the chair and the entire audience stood in attention as the DYOM music squad began to sing the song on our great leader, teacher and guide **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**.

All noise had subsided.

The entire gathering sat quietly in eager silence throughout the proceedings of the meeting. A child had cried out in hunger. Her mother, a peasant woman from a distant district, urged her to keep quiet: "Look, don't cry. Nihar Mukherjee will speak and you will forget the pang of hunger."

A sombre rhythm of drumbeat was heard and in slow steps entered the young communist wing of our Party, the Komsomol, to present guard of honour to their most beloved departed leader, **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**, who taught them to grow as bright communist characters from their early childhood.

At the end of the guard of honour the main part of the programme of the meeting started. Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta, Secretary, West Bengal State Committee of the Party, gave a brief introductory speech. Then Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary of our Party, addressed the meeting. His long, illuminating speech was followed by Comrade Shankar Singh's presidential address. The meeting ended with the Internationale sung by the music squad.

Defeat Communal & Divisive forces

(contd. from page 7) mainly due to the policies of CPI(M) and CPI, who are virtually obstructing the growth of the same. These parties are all through speaking loudly of left and democratic front yet they are combining in practice with all parochial and rightwing forces like Akali, DMK, AIDMK, Muslim League etc. as well as with a section of Janata and Congress to make it an instrument of parliamentary manoeuvring and not an instrument of people's struggles.

SUCI is the only revolutionary Marxist party which is all along fighting against, ideologically, culturally and organisationally, the root cause of

(contd. from page 3) this people will get the opportunity to know who is correct. Only when the people will learn to distinguish between the genuine and the fake revolutionaries, they will acquire the necessary power to establish the dictatorship of the proletariat and be able to put into practice and protect it overthrowing capitalism, they will be able to give birth to the organised political power of the people, alternative to the bourgeois state power, under the leadership of the genuine revolutionary party. If the constituents of the united movement do not enjoy the right to conduct ideological struggle against the respective political lines of the different political parties constituting the front then such a front will simply get reduced to a platform of fulfilling petty party sectarian interest. In our country the so-called Marxist parties, more particularly the CPI(M) wants to obstruct this ideological struggle in the united movement. But SUCI as a genuine revolutionary party can never accept this. And here lies the significance and essential difference between CPI(M)'s politics of opportunism

parochial, communal and caste trends, being guided by the thoughts of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**, a great Marxist thinker of the era. **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** long ago pointed out that the task of social-cultural revolution is essential for the merger of different languages and different communities professing different religions into a nation.

The correct process of solving the communal problem in our country, therefore, lies in democratizing the society through the completion of social cultural revolution. **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** has pointed out another important lesson that the security of the members of minority community does

Build up left and democratic unity

and SUCI's revolutionary politics on the question of united mass movement. The CPI(M) makes all sorts of false and slanderous propaganda campaign against SUCI to confuse the people so that they cannot detect their opportunist politics. You have heard that Jyoti Babu has spread venom against our Party in a meeting as far away as at Madras. Their pseudo-revolutionary mask is getting exposed in the light of SUCI's revolutionary politics day by day, and more and more they are taking recourse to falsehood and slander campaign against us.

Let them continue this line of slanderous propaganda and malicious campaign against SUCI if they so desire. We have nothing to say against that. This will do us no harm. Today, the struggle to organise revolution is a life and death struggle to the

people and for that revolution it is a must that people should just now unite, get organised and build up militant movements. As a prelude to that, in the present phase of mass movement, a united front of all the genuine left and democratic forces and parties will have to be built up as an instrument of people's struggle. And to lead this front correctly on the basis of a correct base political line, a revolutionary leadership must be established over this front. Alongwith the toiling people of India, the people of West Bengal who have the history of many militant struggles to their credit will come forward to fulfil this historic task—with this hope and belief I conclude today.

Long Live Revolution
Long Live SUCI
Long Live
Comrade Shibdas Ghosh

NO POWER CAN HALT THE MARCH OF COMMUNISM

(contd. from page 5) Perhaps Mr. Basu did not understand this politics of SUCI and that was why the CPI(M) leader maligned SUCI and deliberately distorted its stand by repeating the canard recently in Madras.

Today discontent is growing among the people against the capitalist exploitation and oppression. The people are becoming increasingly critical about the governments at the centre and

not lie in living in terror and siding with the ruling authorities. The strength of the democratic movement under correct revolutionary working class leadership is the only guarantee for the safety and security of the masses of the minority community in our country.

We, therefore, call upon the people to forge unity and strengthen legitimate democratic mass movements under the revolutionary working class leadership in our country.

the states. The Congress is trying to stage a comeback exploiting this growing mass discontent against the misrule of the Janata and the CPI(M). Alerting the people and the class conscious workers on the design of the ruling capitalist class to arrest legitimate democratic mass movements in the labyrinth of parliamentary system, lest the mass discontent went against the ruling class itself. Comrade Mukherjee asked whether the common people should allow themselves to be tossed between the ruling class's accredited parliamentary parties, or rally round the genuine revolutionary alternative for the realization of their revolutionary aspirations. The only way left before the people is therefore to build up their own political power and for that they are to strengthen SUCI, the only genuine revolutionary party of the Indian proletariat.

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