Who Is Bringing a "Bad Name" to the East Indian Community? Statement Issued by the Indian Workers Movement, November 30,1973

A Brief Introductory Note

Unsolicited Confessions:

Despicable Performance Continued from PCDN Vol. 6 No. 92.

APPENDIX

Over the past ten months, a' handful of NDP hacks, certaint businessmen and certain professionals have created some extremely ugly scene in our community. They have tried to make fast Indians fight fast Indians and to cause permanent divisions amongst our people, in order to gain influence with the government at the federal promotal and local levels. Aparl from them, cack hooligans have browned and focal levels, hapfin from them, cack hooligans have browned and focal levels. Aparl from them, cack hooligans have been considered to the control of the property and life of our people. It was the property and life of our people the folies have been accepted to the property and life of our people. The polites have been accepted to the property and life there is cover to police and racist collaboration. Alex Macdonald, the work of "sandabs", thus protecting those who are responsible for these racist attacks. The newspapers and radio have actively promisted racist attacks against our people. But our people have not known this protection of the treacherous activities of the NDP hax bs, certain businessmen and certain professionals, our, people have been accused against racism. Far from being intimidated by the throst of theracists, our people have come forward to support one through the cash of the property and have laken the question of defence against racism into their own hands.

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heir own sectarian interests. They rejected the just proposal of IWM that mutual consultation should take place seween supportance of the property of the public meeting, and an advantage of the property of the public meeting, and accommon resolution he worked out for presentation to the gathering. But the NDP hacks, certain professionals and certain businessmen are against organizing, our people, and are only after their selfish interests, so they put up roadblocks to unity.

The Indian Workers Movement did not take the rejection of their proposal lying down. They actively went into our, community and explained to our people that the NDP has never fought rackm and is responsible for certain racist legislation, especially, a law on immigration recently passed by the federal government, and that if the NDP hs on much against racism, why don't they punish the culprise who are responsible for these crimes. Alex Macdoniald would do better to work from his office to catch racists instead of doing a PR job or cover up the uply face of their own racist policy. The other invitee, to cover up the uply face of their own racist policy. The other invitee, to cover up the uply face of their own racist policy. The other invitee, to cover up the uply face of their own racists instead of doing a PR job or cover up the uply face of their own racists policy. The other invitee, to cover up the uply face of their own racists policy. The other invitee, to suppose their direction of the uple of the policy of their own racists policy. The other invitee, certain pull of the policy o

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The first trick of the organizers was to provide no leadership to the meeting prior to the arrival of their honoured superiors, allowing the meeting to sway aimstyle. The second rick was to hand over the stage to some self-seekers and careerists who talked a to di nomense about being called "fast inclairs" and who which and begged that everyone should be called a "Canadian" the cancel individuals are so eager to prositute themselves it has they think that they can lose their national origin just because they are in Canadal What shameless apologists for our people and the provident of the canadian who will be called a "Canadian" the members of the canadian who will be called a "Canadian" they are canadian who will be called a "Canadian" to meet a canadian who will be caused to be get the capitality government of Canadia to provide them with some statust They also tried to push the line of the question of rackim to advantage to the capitality government of Canadia to provide about: "I Collecting funds to hire lawyers and. 2 Making appeals to the capitality government rather than organizing the people. They proposed the just position of IWM of Find Organization (Durches, then from this position of unity and strength, untings with other national minorities and for cing the government to either take action against racism or face rejection by the more to either take action against action or face rejection by the Differ of the Comrade from speaking and explaining the role of the NDP in supporting racism, the Secretary of the meeting, who is also an NDP hack, abused the comrade and tried to forcibly stop him. Seeing that the NDP was being exposed right in

front of our people as one of the racist parties, he flew into a rage, and velled: "Shat Up!" The Secretary's attack was then replied to by several people from the audience wife to lid him to shut up. When the organizes people does not be saked to give their views about when the saked to give their views about when the wife with the saked to give their views about when the saked to give their views about when the saked to give their views about when the saked to be saked to give their views about when the saked to be saked to like the saked to hear sim. The overwhelming majority rated when the saked to hear the overwhelming majority rated when the saked to hear the saked to hear the speaker should all hose see when the long the speaker should show their intentions by standing up. Over 80% of the people stood up.

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The fourth trick used was a straight forward lie tactic. When IWM comrades asked that the five points of the resolution be presented to the people for approval, the organizers promised that this would be done near the end of the meeting. But when the time came for discussing the resolution, the organizers ran away arrogantly declaring that there was no time left for discussion, as the meeting-half's booking was finished. Thus they exposed themselves right in fond of the people as liars and as being against organizing the oeople.

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2. Who is Responsible for Creating Ugly Scenes?

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5. Gurdial Singh Sangra The test of the "extraordinary resolution" reads as follows: "This & To Certify that a general meeting of the members of the Rhaba Diwas Occide held at 1866 West 2nd Avenue, in the Province of British Columbia, on the 28th day of September, 1969, at the hour of 200 pm, pursuant to the Notice duly given to the members in that behalt, the foregoing New Constitution was audibly and publicly read over to the members at the said meeting, and having fully discussed and considered the same extraordinary resolution of the discussed and considered the same extraordinary resolution of the discussed and considered the same extraordinary resolution of the discussed and considered the same extraordinary resolution of the discussed and considered the same extraordinary resolution of the discussed and considered the same extraordinary resolution of the discussed and considered was unanimously assets.

and By-Laws of the said Society."
Please note that the "extraordinary resolution" was "passed" on September 28,1969, but neither the wording of the resolution nor the number of members attending the meeting is indicated. It is also strange that he information about this "extraordinary resolution" is communicated to the Registrar of Companies well over a year later. And, even after adopting this "New Constitution", in November 1970, the By-Laws were not applied until 1973!

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What is the significance of this "new constitution"? It deprives the religious people of their traditional way of electing their executives. And would anyone wish to do such a thing? The question arises: Why was this "new constitution" allowed through? The answer to this question can be found by studying the events of January 7, 1973, and the events following that.

A meeting was held in the Gurudwara (our IWM contrades winessed the meeting) to elect officers for the Khalsa Diwan Society. Various names were presented for the position of the Presidentship. When the vote was called, one individual belonging to the skip religion was elected to the position of the Presidentship with an overwhelming majority. But the NDP hacks, certain businessmen and certain professionals disagreed with the election, and stormed out of the meeting, thus creating an extremely ugly seene. The people elected their Executive in their absence. Soon after the election, the undergoing Executive refused to hand over the charge to the needs of the specific and only one to the specific and soft meeting for lanuary 8, 1973, this time in the basement and not in front of the Guru Gramh Sahib. The names of these people are as follows:

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2. A. Charlos Charles Singh A Bud Singh Coll 1974. A Grabachan Singh Johal

3. Learney Singh Athwal

4. Garbachan Singh Johal

5. Gas Gill (Doctor)

8. Banto Gill 9. G.S. Gill (Doctor)

2. Schar Sekhon
3. Schan Surrinder Singh
4. Gurbachan Singh Johal
5. Sjaglev Singh Athwal
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Why did they raise this objection in January 7, 1973 elections? Their constitution was accepted by the Registrar of Companies on November 30, 1970. Why then, did they not hold elections on that basis in 1971 and 1972? Does it not follow then, that the Executive elected in 1972 were unconstitutional? Hose who talk so much about constitutional, then declared all the Executives elected since the day of the founding of the Khata Dowa Society as unconstitutional. How they should have presented a motion by collecting individuals and they should have presented a motion by collecting individuals and they should have presented a motion by collecting individuals. How they should have presented a motion by collecting all this turn about the presented and the strength of the should have presented an motion by collecting all this turn and the presented and the strength of the should have presented an individual is a practising sikh or not is overlooked, as long as her as he presented to a secondary position? It is a well known as the should not the should be a secondary position? It is a

These individuals are, in the main, ordinary workers and ar levotees of the Sikh religion. They have the right to be the leaders of the Khaka Diwan Society whether or not they pay \$25.00 to become

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While the NDP hacks, certain businessmen and certain professionals were lighting with the religious people and were creating ugly scenes, ILWA put forward the slogan; Gurudwara Must Belong to the Sabht ILWA comrades took a petition on this and other questions to the people and over 900 people agreed with the call and appointed the basic right of the religious people to have their place of worship and social activity.

By this example, everyone can see, clearly that while ILWA comrades stood for an amicable and just settlement of the issues on the just basis, the NDP hacks, certain businessmen and certain pictlesionals created ugly scenes and brought a really bad name to the community. It is because of their activity of going to the police and courts to oppose the religious people who were elected on January 7,192, that a judge attacked the entire community. And it is also because of their maneeuver and attack against our people on Newmelter 2, By 191 that the Vancouver Sun could write a vicious stack on our people and get away with it.

6. Struggle against the trailors to our community
In early May, 1973, IWM comrades issued a petition in which they
brought the attention of our community to the existence of those
who have done a disservice to our-community and brought a bad
name. The entire analysis was based on two basic points: (1) Any
locater who takes the retuge of police and cours into the community
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beyrays his country or rulers. Who was or even now is a traitor we
love to the intelligence of the reader." This is clearly an attack on all
the genuine paritos of India and is propaganda for toadysim and
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cycle is. In addin Workers Movement saw through this manoeuvre, intended a leading individual of this gang, and requested to meet for to the public meeting, because the (WM is the only ganization which has consistently lought racism over the years and so certain proposals to make as to how to fight racism. This dividual refused to see the IWM comrades and arrogantly nonunced that he would see them after the public meeting. The IWA comrades wanted unity in the community, not incidents which sudd spit and divide our people, so they contacted other individuals the requested that they interven and make these individuals are quested that they interven and make these individuals bloomly ignored all IWM efforts to develop unity in the mmunity, and called the public meeting merely as a ploy to push

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The handful of NDP hacks, certain businessmen and certain professionals have not been content with collaborating with various levels of government in order to pacify our people and eliminate their will to exist, but have also been carrying out propaganda against those who are organizing the people and arousing them to tight. These individuals are saying that militancy is bringing a "Bad name" to our community, thus shifting the blame onto others. The indianly Workers Movement, the mass association of workers organized by the Hindustani Chadar Parry (Marxist-Leninist), is issuing this statement to clarify the situation under the general heading: Who b. Bringing a "Bad Name" to the East Indian Community the statement deals with the activities of NDP hacks, certain businessmen and certain professionals over the past ten months and before, and also presents proposals to our people as to look only and the statement dealings: 11 The tevents of November 25, 1973, 20 Who is Responsible for Creating Ugly Scenes? 3) What is the Record of These NDP Hacks, Certain Businessmen and Certain Professionals in Fighting Rackem and Supporting our People?, 4) Our Proposals.

Est Indian Citizens Welfare Association, an organization which is temperating in the hands of NDP hacks, certain businessmen and verturantly in the hands of NDP hacks, certain businessmen and verturantly professionals, called a meeting of our people on November 25-1923. him energing was called without any prior consultation with any other group or individuals and through this meeting they tried to satisfie the views of the NDP onto the East Indian people. Alse Mackinshald, NDP Attorney-General, to the great indignation of our people, was invited to speak there. In addition, a police chief and ausoher NDP MLA were invited. The main motive behind the maximg was to pull the wool over the eyes of the Est Indian people abrat who is responsible for ractim, and who the enemy of our seconds.

c. NDP Hacks, Certain Professionals and Certain Businessmen Welcome Mrs. Gandhi

Mrs. Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister of the Government of the big landlords and big capitalists of India, is a murderer and an assassin of the workers and oppressed people of India. During her current regime, and the regime of her father, thousands of Indian people became the target of bullets and bayonets and thousands are now incarcerated in jails. Indian workers, peasants and intellectuals in their millions are facing impoverishment and extreme hardship. This evil person was welcomed by the NDP hacks, certain businessmen and certain professionals. They did not pay her a courtesy welcome but rather a welcome to prettify her image, and sanction support for her policies. They went to the extent of denouncing members of the IWM as "traitors" and went out of their way to protect this murderer. . A list has come into our hands, approved by the police, which contains names of volunteers who offered their services to attack the IWM comrades who were organizing opposition to this assassin, Parivartan, their mouthpiece, in its issues of June 6, June 22 and July 6, made apologies for Mrs. Gandhi, called upon our people to become toadies and finally denounced IWM as "traitors". Please read the following quotations:

Parivartan, June 6, 1973, under the heading "To Greet or not to Greet": "Yet is Indira to blame for all the maladies? India is a democracy, still a best system in spite of its faults. Are not the voters just as guilty? Is there an alternative? Is there another Party to lead the country?" Here is a toady desperately trying to get currency for Mrs. · Garidhi. While the entire army, police, civil service, courts and the parliament are controlled by the big capitalists and landlords, this toady is talking about "democracy" and finding faults with the "voters". Only a hardened toady will fail to see how the state of the capitalists and landlords is used against the people and how any genuine opposition is opposed by the armed organs of the state. There is no such thing as democracy in India and thousands who die in demonstrations are a witness that it is a fascist dictatorship. Later in the same article, this toady turns from prettifying Mrs. Gandhi to threatening people: "We should welcome Indira as East Indian Canadian citizens who naturally have deep attachment with India as their country of origin. We have to make sure that relations between India and Canada are strong" and not to welcome her means to "suffer". So the people should prostrate themselves in front of reactionaries in fear of "suffering"!

Another disgusting editorial is carried in the June 22 issue under the heading "Indians of Vancouver, Let Us Show Them". This is an editorial of the toadies addressed to all the people to show that they are "loyal" to murderer and assassin Mrs. Gandhi: "The public is asked to co-operate 100% with these volunteers . . . On your behalf your committee wants to prove that we can mange our own affairs. You will be watched all over . Canada as the event is going to be covered by national and international press. Let there be no slur on your name — Your Honour is involved!" What a disgusting

performance! Toadies calling prostrating in front of Killers as "Honour" and desperately appealing to people to cooperate with these toadies.

Finally, on July 6, 1973, Parivartan came out with its hatred of revolutionaries and love for its masters by writing in an editorial "Demonstrating is a democratic right of any group or individual . . . But Parivartan feels that any members of the community when they demonstrated in the vicinity of the temple, are doing a disservice and harm to the image of the community. It does not make sense when a community invites a guest to its premises and some members of the same community shout insults at him or her. Although one may condemn their shortsightedness. They demonstrated at the airport and again at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre but they kept away from the temple. But, unfortunately we cannot say the same thing about the Naxalites. One can conclude that they do not give a damn about the welfare and image of the community. The real traitors have shown their colours." This enitre hysterical and nauseating breast-beating by the toadies about "image of the community", "welfare", etc. clearly shows their ugly features and how they prostrate in front of murderers and assassins in order to prop them up. The "image" of the community is very much enhanced when one prominent doctor is physically assaulting another member of our community or when 200 people fight in front of the Guru Granth Sahib, or when the entire community can be slandered by the capitalists ruling class and racially discriminated against and no toady so much as raises his eyebrows.

IWM comrades are very proud to belong to the category of those who oppose the reactionary "rulers" and are very proud to be on the side of those who laid down their lives fighting for our people in India and here, and we are very proud to support those who are fighting for armed agrarian revolution in India and against the foreign imperialists and the social-imperialists. We say to these toadies: It Is You Who Bringa Really Bad Name to Our Community. It Is You Who Are the Real Traitors

d. A Doctor Creates Ugly Scenes on September 23, 1973

NDP hacks, certain businessmen and certain professionals organized a meeting at the Gurudwara on September 23, 1973 to discuss the establishment of the Community Centre. They attempted to push the resolution through by imposing a deadline on the decision, saying that the BC Government would give a grant to build a community centre if the resolution is passed before October 1, 1973. One of the prominent members of this group is a doctor who went up to the stage and deliberately addressed some people of our community as "enemies", and attempted to provoke a fight and a division in the community. IWM comrades and others resolutely denounced this evil attempt of his. Not satisfied with brawling in the meeting, he went out of the meeting place and threatened one of the members of the IWM and created an extremely ugly scene there. This IWM comrade was talking about the bad activities of this doctor to another individual when this doctor arrogantly jumped up and menacingly remarked: "I am the doctor, what do you want?", thus creating an extremely ugly scene.

All these events show that it is these NDP hacks, certain businessmen and certain professionals who are responsible for creating ugly scenes, dividing the people and giving a really bad name to our community.

 What Is the Record of these NDP Hacks, Certain Businessmen and Certain Professionals in Fighting Racial Discrimination and Repression of Our People?

Their record can be summed up in the words of a certain

businessman who was head of the Welfare Association in the summer of 1971 at the time when racists attacked our people in Quesnel. He publicly declared that there was no racial discrimination against our people. The current head of the Welfare Association, also a businessman, (both are life insurance agents among other things) just recently declared that there was no racism, there was merely vandalism. This is the sum total of the record of these individuals in lighting racism. While the Hindustani Ghadar Party (Marxist-Leninist) and IWM comades have been fighting since June 1968 against racism, these worthies have been running propaganda that there is no racism. How can these individuals fight racism when their own niterests are served by prostrating themselves in front of the racists. How else can one explain that these individuals are quick in finding good points in the capitalist government and bad points in the hard working people.

4. Proposals of Indian Workers Movement

IWM comrades invited Comrade Hardial Bains to come to Vancouver in October in order to oppose the splitting and dividing activities of these NDP hacks, certain businessmen and certain professionals, and to unite the people. Comrade Bains came to Vancouver and began the work of uniting our people at once. He contacted various groups and individuals including the NDP hacks, certain businessmen and certain professionals and proposed to their representatives that our people should not fight one another, but instead, we should unite to fight our enemies. He proposed that past events that are dividing us should be forgotten, and an atmosphere of goodwill should be created in the community, and all those who are genuinely in favour of uniting our people should sit together and resolve our differences. His proposals were extremely well received by various individuals, especially the Sikh people who were most eager to settle the issues amicably. Certain individuals from the Sikh faith even went as far as proposing that Gurudwara should become a centre of the Ghadar Party (which it was in the past) and that we should all unite and fight common enemies. But the success with others was limited. Others who sat with Comrade Bains, even agreed that differences should be left aside and that we should unite but later opposed following the decisions in practice. These individuals are part of the ruling party in BC and control quite a few organizations in the community. They also have access to certain radio programmes and newspapers. In other words, they are quite inflated with their "power" and they look at IWM comrades as mere workers, having no influence with the capitalists. As a result, the negotiations with them did not give rise to concrete results. One of the decisions arrived at during the negotiations was that before any public gathering is organized we should consult one another. They deliberately went against this decision and called the meeting of the Welfare Association behind the backs of the IWM comrades and others.

Comrade Bains has advocated that we should unite as far as is possible and that the task of uniting our people is more important han any of the sectional and sectarian interests. IWM comrades fully agree with this and will do everything to achieve unity. Some people ask: if we wish to unite, then why do we keep exposing the NDP hacks, certain businessmen and certain professionals? The answer to this is simple: We want to unite, but we won't declare ceasefire unilaterally when others are carrying on their victous propaganda harrages against us. They have sunk so low as to accuse our IWM comrades of being "troublemakers" etc., and we cannot stop going to our people and exposing them so long as they keep on attacking and maligning us. What we can do is to still strive to create an atmosphere of goodwill. We publicly extend our hand of friendship and solidarity with these individuals if they give up attacking us and

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unite. We are for unity but not at the cost of liquidating our struggle. Justice loving people in our community should put pressure on these people and persuade them to desist from this arrogant path of using political power, time on radio and in the newspapers, against our people. Times do change. Revolution is advancing and great upheavals are taking place on this globe. The era of workers and oppressed people is fast approaching. In that era, we will also have political power but that power will be used to serve our people. There will be no place for arrogant, politically power-hungry and self-seeking individuals then. They should look into this matter seriously right now and take the road of justice and serving the people.

IWM comrades are making the following concrete proposals to all our people as the basis of unity:

Support the Five Point Programme of the Indian Workers Movement

 Unite on the basis of opposing racist attacks on our people. Oppose racial discrimination in jobs, housing, education and in immigration laws. Support the East Indian Defence Committee established at a mass meeting on November 24, 1973.

Unite on the basis of creating a vigorous social and cultural atmosphere in the community by establishing a Community Centre run jointly by the East Indian Defence Committee. Khalsa Diwan Society, the Welfare Association and other organizations existing in our community.

3. Strengthen the Khalsa Diwan Society as the association of Sikhs who are devotees of the Sikh religion. The Gurudwara should belong to them. Ghadar Party should be given facilities there in order to carry on the task of uniting our people and supporting revolutionary changes in India.

4. The East Indian Citizens Welfare Improvement Association should be strengthened by taking it away from those who wish to use it as an organization for their own party politics or personal interests. People from all parts of India resident in Vancouver should be encouraged to unite under this organization.

5. All conflicts in the community should be settled through mutual consultation, without resorting to legalisms. Our people should acknowledge each other's position in the community and should not battle one another, nor give special status or significance to outsiders to our community. All voting in all organizations should be based on policy and not on personalities. IWM comrades are very eager to develop this process of mutual consultation and propose that all sections, groups and individuals, use the East Indian Defence Committee as a vehicle to promote unity against our common enemies.

Lastly, we would like to categorically state that IWM is not permanently against anyone, and that we are only seeking unity of justice loving people of India resident in Vancouver, BC, and elsewhere. Our people should support justice, and oppose those who are causing divisions on the basis of self-interest. IWM fully supports the traditional way of elections in the Gurudwara the same way we support decisions based on mutual consultation and commonness of aims and mutual trust in the Welfare Association.

Come forward to support us in the sacred cause of uniting our people. Let no interest hinder your participation. Support our five-point programme! Our comrades will be visiting you at your homes. Please engage in discussion and present your point of view to them. We have deep respect for the views of our people.

LONG LIVE OUR PEOPLE!

End item.