

HISTORY OF THE INDIAN PEOPLE

The history of mankind has always been the struggle between the two classes- the oppressed and the oppressors. But we see that we have always been 'aught' by the oppressors- the ruling class- that the common man has no role to play in the development of history; instead, it is the Kings and Queens, Rajas and Maharajas, Warlords and Landlords and their handpicked agents that have made history. This is a distortion of facts. It is the common people who make history and not their oppressors.

Our beloved country, India is one of the biggest and most ancient countries of the world inhabited by 550 million people. The history of the Indian people is a history of ceaseless struggles and uprisings against their oppressors - the British colonialists and the feudal landlords in the past. Today, the Indian people are continuing to wage struggles against the imperialism headed by U.S. imperialism, Soviet Social imperialism, feudalism and Comprador-bureaucrat capitalists.

The first talk of this series- History of the Indian People, will deal with these persistent uprisings and struggles of the people against their oppressors. Also, in this talk the transition of the societies from primitive communism to slave society to feudalism and colonialism to the present day semi-feudal and semi-colonial society will be outlined.

ALL GENUINELY INTERESTED PEOPLE ARE INVITED.

Indian Progressive Study Group Programme

- . History of the Indian People June 19, 72, 7:30 p.m. at International Student Centre (ISC), 33 St. George St., Toronto.

- . Gandhi-Nehru-Indira: Heroes or traitors of the people ? June 26, 72, 7:30 p.m., at ISC
- . Farce of Indira Gandhi's "Socialism" July 3, 72, 7:30 p.m., at ISC
- . How Imperialists plunder India today ? July 10, 72, 7:30 p.m.
- . Is Population and Food a problem ? July 17, 72, 7:30 p.m.
- . Cultural heritage of the Indian people July 24, 72, 7:30 p.m.
- . Can Socialism come to India through the road of Parliamentary Democracy ? July 31, 72, 7:30 p.m.
Places for the above to be announced.

"FOLLOW THE NAXALBARI WAY FOR PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC INDIA"

(The programme put before the Indian people by the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist)- the cause to which the Indian revolutionaries are dedicated- will be the central theme of this Conference)

CONFERENCE IN AUGUST

(details to be announced)

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THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE FORMATION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA (MARXIST-LENINIST) CELEBRATED IN TORONTO

On Saturday May 27, 1972 the Indian Progressive Study Group and Hind Mazdoor Lehar held a meeting to celebrate the third anniversary of the formation of the CPI(M-L). This meeting was held in a warm revolutionary atmosphere with photographs of our beloved leader Chairman Mao Tsetung, Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) posters, the red flag and the revolutionary slogans reflecting the sentiments and aspirations of the Indian people. More than 60 people were present from Afro-Asian countries as well as members and supporters of Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist).

The first speaker briefly outlined the different mass uprisings and peasant revolts waged by the Indian people during the 1800's and early 1900's. It was pointed out that the people have consistently risen up against their main oppressors- British imperialism and feudalism both before and after the 1857 National War of Independence. But these uprisings of the people failed as they did not follow any scientific theory and there was no revolutionary leadership to lead them to victory. Further, the motive

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force behind the 1857 National War of Independence were the broad masses of the Indian people and not the feudal lords as is commonly believed. Although the feudal lords did fight, it was only when their interests were threatened. They usurped the leadership in the war and betrayed the national struggle and liquidated the class struggle,

A new era was ushered after 1917, the year in which the heroic Russian people lead by comrade Lenin established the first Socialist state in Russia and it was in this year that the ideology of Marxism-Leninism first came to India. The fact that the Communist Party of India was formed shortly afterwards in 1925 shows that Marxism-Leninism concretely reflected the sentiment and aspirations of the Indian people. The policies and actual practice of the Communist Party of India (CPI) was then dealt with in detail of which the main feature was that the CPI made a correct analysis of the Indian situation and laid down certain policies as its guideline to action. But it failed to follow these in its actual practice. Three basic points of the policies of CPI were that: (1) it recognised that the use of violence is necessary to throw the British imperialists once and for all (2) class struggle against feudalism should be waged side by side with the struggle against British imperialism and (3) Gandhism- i.e. peace and non-violence towards British imperialists and violence towards the Indian people must be opposed. History shows that none of these 3 major policies were followed by the CPI; instead, the CPI leadership advocated that the best thing the Indian people could do was follow Gandhi and the sold out organisation Indian National Congress, an organisation of feudal landlords and foreign educated rich class. The reason for this is that the leadership of CPI was usurped by the revisionists who sold out the interest of the Indian people and worked in the interests of British imperialism and feudalism.

After 1947 the CPI degenerated further, gave up slowly all form of revolutionary struggle and took the "parliamentary road to socialism". Through this method it is impossible to achieve socialism as the present state belongs to comprador bourgeoisie who served the foreign imperialists power and feudal landlords who will not allow the workers, peasants and petty-bourgeoisie to take over the state peacefully. This bourgeois state must first be completely overthrown, smashed and a new people's democratic state must be built.

The leadership of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) which was formed in 1964 by honest cadres of CPI in denunciation of the revisionists policies of the CPI was also usurped by neo-revisionists. They spoke a great deal of ^{armed} overthrow of the present government but opposed this in practice. The 2nd speaker pointed out that it was only in 1967, 42 years after the concept of Marxism-Leninism first came to India that Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought was for the first time applied to the concrete conditions of India in the Naxalbari and Terai region. This was under the leadership of comrade Charu Mazumdar and the correct revolutionary party the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) was formed under his leadership in 1969. Naxalbari is an extremely important historical event as it thoroughly opposed the revisionists sell out of the Indian people. It paved the way for the armed agrarian revolution in India to overthrow the rule of Feudalism, comprador-bureaucrat capitalism, imperialism and social-imperialism. The single spark of Naxalbari kindled a prairie fire and revolutionary struggle has today spread to the whole of India where the people are waging struggle for the people's democratic revolution. This is to establish the dictatorship of the working class, the peasantry, the petty-bourgeoisie and even a section of small and middle bourgeoisie under the leadership of working class. The speaker outlined in great depth the programme of CPI(M-L) presented to the Indian people.

Right here in Canada also the Indian people have a heroic history of fighting against the racial discrimination and political repression since early 1900's under the leadership of the HINDUSTANI GHADAR PARTY. Today also our compatriots are discriminated against and politically oppressed in Canada. Canada itself is dominated by the U.S. imperialists economically, politically and culturally. The most effective way in which we can fight this oppression here is to organise ourselves and unite under the leadership of the H.G.P.(M-L) and join the Canadian working class in their struggle against U.S. imperialism which they are waging under the correct revolutionary party the Communist Party of Canada (M-L).

Solidarity messages were given by comrades. A member of the CPC(M-L) pointed out that "CPI(M-L) and CPC(M-L) are both fighting against the common enemy -U.S. imperialism. The present revolutionary struggle of the Indian people is a source of great inspiration to us Canadian people. As Chairman Mao has predicted the victory of Indian revolution "will end the reactionary era of imperialism in the history of mankind" and will ensure the world-wide victory of Socialism.

Other solidarity messages were given by the Pakistani Progressive Study Group, a comrade from the Philippines and a comrade representing the Afro-Asian Latin American People's Solidarity Movement.

The meeting ended with Indian revolutionary songs, the Internationale and the East is Red.
DEATH TO U.S. IMPERIALISM AND SOVIET SOCIAL IMPERIALISM ! LONG LIVE CPI(M-L) AND
CPC(M-L) ! INQILAB ZINDABAD !