

Political Notes

Now that both the international situation and the national situation are heating up, let us look at some of the new factors that are emerging in both the fields.

International

The two super powers—USA and the Soviet Union—are imperialist powers fiercely contending with each other for supremacy in the world—USA to defend its supremacy and SU to wrest this supremacy from it. Europe is still the focus of this contention.

But faced with parity of strength in Europe, the two super powers are now concentrating all their efforts in the Third World countries, to control and dominate the sources of raw materials and strategic resources in order to encircle Europe before they start the final onslaught.

As a result of this policy, regional wars have been taking place one after other, in various parts of the world. The continuing crisis in the Middle East, the Lebanon war, various local wars in the African continent, the present troubles in Central America, the troubles in the Korean peninsula, the war between Iran and Iraq, now threatening to become a new war in the Gulf. Vietnam's invasion of Kampuchea and Soviet invasion of Afghanistan are a result of the rivalry of the super powers for world supremacy.

Why Super power concentration in the Third World ?

Right from the defeat of US imperialism in the Indo-China War in 1960s, US has been concentrating in Asia and the Pacific region, in the Middle East and Third World countries in the challenge to USA and the other Western countries.

For instance, in Asia and Pacific region alone, Soviet Union has dispatched its Pacific fleet into South East Asia and South China Sea.

It has concentrated half of its land forces in the Far East, particularly on the borders of China, directly threatening it.

It has introduced nuclear submarines into this area.

It has considerably increased its air-force in this area,

Its military presence in the four Northern Islands of Japan has been increased, and is in a position to directly threaten that country.

It is rapidly increasing its medium range SS missiles in the Far East.

This shows Soviet's increased military presence in Asia and Pacific region. Similarly it is concentrating in the Middle East and the African continent and Latin American countries too. But why ?

The Third World countries have become the easy targets for the Soviet Union to economically penetrate them in the name of support to public sector which it is now using as a means to control their economies and consequently their politics also.

It is easy for it to gain the sympathies of the people of these countries by posing itself as an opponent to old imperialist powers, particularly USA, against whom the people of these countries have been fighting for long for their complete liberation.

It wants to get control of sources of raw materials and oil which are abundant in the Third World countries.

It wants to get control of strategic Straits and consequently strategic sea-routes, thus encircle Europe for the final assault.

It is in pursuance of these aims that it is supporting Vietnam's invasion of Kampuchea and its own invasion of Afghanistan, and its direct interference in the affairs of the Middle East and the African continent.

Similar shift in the policies of USA can also be seen.

For instance, after Vietnam's invasion of Kampuchea and Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan, USA is concentrating in Asia and the Pacific region and taking a tougher attitude to Soviet's expansionism in the Third World countries. This has been more so after Reagan became the President of USA.

It has increased its Seventh Fleet with nuclear-powered aircraft carries and submarines equipped with cruise missiles. It is also building new naval bases as in Diego Garcia. It has also increased its military personnel and increasing Rapid Deployment Forces as a means to quickly intervene in various parts of the world. Similar military concentration by USA in the M.E., Africa and Latin America can be seen. But why ?

The political aims of USA are similar to that of the SU—to maintain its present domination in the third world countries, its trade economic interests, to maintain control of the sources of raw materials and strategic sea routes, to prevent SU from encircling Europe, and as a means of economic recovery of the Western economies from the present world economic crisis.

With this aim, it is increasing its economic and military cooperation with the ASEAN countries, with Australia and New Zealand with Japan in particular, with South Korea, with the moderate state of the Middle East and military dictatorships in the Latin American countries. With this tough policy, USA has gained certain temporary gains as against Soviet Union in certain parts of the Third World countries.

The two super powers are at the root the present trouble in the Gulf crisis. Both are supplying deadly arms to combatants, through their intermediaries. Now with the decision of USA to send its intermediate missiles to the Gulf countries, the danger of a new war in the Gulf is greater.

Emergence of new factors

All this is nothing but the effects of contention of both the super powers for control and domination of the intermediate zone as a preparation for a new world war. This continued contention and collusion of the two super powers in the ambition of the world domination, new factors are emerging in various parts of the world which are not favourable, some times to one of them and sometimes to both of them.

For instance, inspite of their military victory in the recent war in Lebanon, both USA and Israel are facing crisis after crisis. The American Secretary of State had to resign. Begin in Israel had to go, special envoys of USA in the ME had to be changed, The 'Peace' keeping forces of USA Britain, France and Italy had be withdrawn, and finally the Sepcial Treaty that America manouvered between Israel and Lebanon had to be scrapped by the President of Lebanon himself. Why? Because SU had supplied and is still supplying more powerful weapons to enables Syria and other Muslim fractions in Lebanon to counter attack on its behalf, in order to maintain its position in the Middle East.

Because USA is mainly dependent on Israel for its Middle East policy, even the Moderate states in this region and the PLO led by Arafat, are turning more and more to the West European countries in their struggle against Israeli expansionism. This is a set back for USA in the Middle East.

In the Latin American states, inspite of direct intervention of USA and greater economic and military aid to the reactionary military dictatorships, the struggle of the people of these countries against the exploitation and for democracy is sweeping this continent and more and more Latin American countries, even those more dependent on USA are raising their voice against American intervention and even the American public opinion is turning against Reagan's policies.

It this background, the talks between USA and Nicaragua, likely to take place in the coming period, as a decision of both the countries, are significant. This is nothing but a setback for USA.

Similarly, in Southern Africa, both Mozambique and Angola have come to an agreement with South African racist government to stop their border clashes and have set up a committee to supervise the proper implementation of this agreement.

This agreement has come about with the active intervention of USA, the main supporter of South African government but both Mozambique and Angola are having Friendship Treaties with the Soviet Union. But they still opted for a settlement with South Africa, instead of depending on SU or Cuba in the struggle against white racist government. This is a set back for the SU in this region. But the main current of National Liberation Struggle of the African people against white racism and American imperialism is bound to continue, whatever be the meaning of these agreements.

Vietnam is bogged down in Kampuchea. She has failed to break the support of the ASEAN countries to the struggle of the Kampuchean people. She has failed to create divisions among the ASEAN countries. Similarly Soviet Union is bogged down in Afghanistan.

All these are setbacks for the policy of expansionism of the Soviet Union.

In Europe, both in the West and the East, their struggle for their own independence from both the super powers is asserting more and more.

Here is also new factors are emerging.

With the strengthening of their own economies, the West European countries are seriously discussing a new idea of establishing an independent West European defence system, based on France and Federal Republic of Germany. This cannot be to the liking of either of the two super powers.

Another new idea that is emerging is greater co-operation between the Balkan countries—Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey, Yugoslavia and Greece. The officials of these countries are frequently meeting as a preparation for a meeting of the heads of these states, where they want to finalise their plans for mutual co-operation.

Turkey and Greece belong to NATO, while other belong to the WARSAW Pact; In the midst of growing confrontation between these blocks, how far mutual co-operation between countries belonging to both the blocks succeeds, is yet to be seen. But the emergence of this idea itself is significant and cannot be to the liking of either of the two super powers.

What is significant to note is that at present both the super powers are trying to woo China to its side, with some trade and economic concessions and some of transfer of technology. But China wants to utilise the contradictions of both the super powers to get some political concessions on Taiwan from USA; and on military concentration on its borders, and on the question of Kampuchea and Afghanistan from the SU. But inspite

of continuous talks between China and high delegations from USA, including that of Reagan's visit to China, or discussion between China and the SU, China has not gained any political concession from any of the two super powers. It only shows that today China does not have enough strength to force any one of the two super powers to give any political concessions to it. For instance, the recent visit of Reagan to People's Republic of China was a political flop, inspite of some economic, and trade agreements and transfer of technology or financial aid to build nuclear reactors in China. On the other hand, it served only Reagan to deceive the American public by saying that he is improving American's relations with China.

What is surprising is why should SU cancel its high level delegation to China just one day before the scheduled date? Why does SU want to publicly humiliate China just at this time?

Is it dissatisfied with the trade and economic agreements that China has made with USA at the time of Reagan's visit? Or is it under the pressure of Vietnam which does not naturally want improvement of relations between China and Russia? Time will tell us.

In this connection one has to note that while China is proclaiming its opposition to the hegemonism of both the super powers, China itself is saying that its economic, trade and financial relations with both the super powers are increasing. The meaning of these developments one has to deeply study.

It is also significant to note that immediately after the meeting between the General Secretary of CPC and the Head of State of North Korea, Kim II Sung gone to Moscow for talks. Is this meeting between North Korea and Russia only to be confined to their bilateral relations or is he going to play a mediatory role between China and Russia, or, is he carrying any secret message from China to Russia? Only time can answer these questions

Whatever be the result of these behind the scene negotiations what is certain is that the two super powers are still carrying on their policies of contention and collusion in their drive for world domination. They are engineering one regional war after another, all in the third world countries and carrying on a feverish arms race behind the facade of detente.

The contradictions between the two super powers and the contradiction between the world people, on the one hand, and the two super powers, on the other, will decide the course of world events in the coming period. In spite of the right deviation getting the upper hand in the CPC leadership, it cannot stop the advance of the National Liberation Struggles of the third world people against imperialism, particularly their struggle against the two super powers.

It is the duty of the world people to oppose any war of intervention by any one of the two super powers, wherever and whenever it raises its head, by uniting with all that could be united against that specific intervention, and combine that struggle with the exposure of the conspiracies of the two super powers to unleash a third world war and thus preserve the peace of the world. Only such a policy will lay the basis for the complete destruction of imperialism and final elimination of war from the face of the earth.

Gimmicks of Indira Gandhi

When such is the reality, it is foolish to think that the recent appeal of Indira Gandhi (jointly made together with Heads of other States, belonging to both the second and third world countries) directly to the super powers to voluntarily decrease their nuclear arsenals, could have any effect on them.

First of all, she is not non-aligned as she claims to be. She is on record for supporting every aggressive action of the SU. She is on a record for having openly supported all the deceptive disarmament proposals of the SU, which are meant only to preserve its superiority in nuclear arms.

She is mainly dependent on the SU for remaining in power, while she is heavily dependent on USA also for its loans. Such a person cannot be expected to take any step that goes against the interests of the two super powers, particularly the SU.

It is really foolish to think that a person who is responsible for the mass murders in Assam and other parts of the country is really worried of the disastrous consequences of nuclear war.

It is a joke to think that a person like Indira Gandhi, who is not able to prevent the eruption of riots in our country, can do anything to prevent a nuclear war.

This is nothing but a political gimmick of Indira Gandhi meant only for home consumption to divert the attention of the people from the misdeeds of her own government.

National

Let us also look at some of the important factors that are emerging in the present political situation in our country.

1. Communalism is the main weapon of all the ruling class parties

Nearly two years ago, our Party has declared that communalism, casteism, separatism and regionalism have become the main weapons of all

the ruling class parties, national and regional, those in power and in opposition, to disrupt and destroy the rising struggles of the people and the growing revolutionary movement in our country, to preserve the system of exploitation. The ruling Congress, being in power, is playing the leading role in the game of division and disruption.

The continuing communal tension and communal killings in Punjab engineered by the Congress, the BJP and the Akalis, the frequent eruptions of Hindu-Muslim riots in Northern cities, the frequent riots in the South engineered by various regional parties on the issues of language, border issues, division of water, local employment, industrial projects etc., the controversies and communal riots over the reservation issue, are all further confirmation of the correctness of our contention. In all these riots, the upper classes are the beneficiaries while the common poor of all the communities are the worst sufferers.

Bombay communal riots

Now the ghastly communal riots in Bombay and its suburbs, are a standing example for the correctness of our contention.

The present communal riots in Bombay have resulted in hundreds of deaths, mass lynchings of innocent persons, including women and children, burning of thousands of bustee huts, destruction and lootings of crores of rupees worth of property and mass rapings.

While Muslims have been the main sufferers, Hindu poor have also suffered heavily.

Who are the main culprits who engineered such a situation in Bombay?

The big smugglers-cum-builders, the powerloom owners, politicians of all the ruling class parties, some regional and communal organisations, the dissidents opposed to the present Congress ministry, the leaders of various goonda elements, and even the corrupt police are the main culprits in enacting this ghastly drama for their own class and political interests.

It is really very surprising to see Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister paying a flying visit to Bhiwandi, shed crocodile tears for the suffering Muslims, fly back to Patna and declare that the rights of the majority can not be forgotten. It is really shameful for the Prime Minister to speak in terms of 'majority' and 'minority' communities.

What are the demands of the minorities living in India or in various states?—the right to live, the right to work, the right to employment, the right to better living conditions. How are these demands incompatible with the demands of the common people belonging to the majority communities? One statement in Bombay, another in Patna — she alone is capable of such a performance.

There is no shortcut to remove the seeds of communalism, casteism, separatism and regionalism, which have now become the main weapon of all the ruling class interests. Only a prolonged struggle, raising the class consciousness of the working people, building the class unity of the exploited people, defeating the conspiracies of the ruling class parties and destroying the present system of exploitation, can save our people from the scourge of communalism.

The people are bound to take this path through the hard way of their own experience, through their own sufferings

2. Government's failure to solve any problem or crisis

Since more than one year, the Indira Congress government has completely failed to solve any single problem of crisis created by her own economic and political policies.

(a) Last year, Indira Congress government itself created fictitious tensions with all our neighbours. But it has completely failed to solve any problem between our country and our neighbours.

It was last year that Indira Gandhi raised a hue and cry against Pakistan, warning the people of an imminent invasion of our country by Pakistan. No such war has taken place. Nor has peace been established with that country.

What news are we now getting is — One day 'Peace' talks with Pakistan and the very next day about manouvres of Pakistan army on our borders. i.e., a war of nerves.

—It was last year that Indira Congress government had announced its decision to build a wire-fence along the border with Bangladesh in the name of preventing immigration of people from that country into ours all to deceive the Assam people.

Naturally, this drew protests from Bangladesh, and when Indira government started to build the wire-fence, it only resulted in border clashes between the armies of both the sides. As a result, the Indira government stopped the fencing itself. When it came to 'practice, it was also found the division of the border on the map is not similar to the division of the border on land. Now the government has no other solution except put up a brave face. What is significant to note is that some of the pro-Soviet and pro-Indira parties of Bangladesh are also condemning this fencing method of Indira government !

—It was Indira Congress government that tried to threaten Sri Lanka, a small country, into submission over the question of Indian nationals who are staying there to serve the interests of Tamilnadu chauvi-

nists. But again she did not succeed in getting the problem solved except a few meetings between her Secretary and government leaders there. The problem continues, resulting in mutual recriminations against each other. Sri Lanka, a small country could defy Indira government because of the backing of USA.

All this shows the failure of Indira Congress government to solve any of the problems she herself has created through fictitious tensions. It is so because the tensions between India and her neighbours are a product of the conspiracies of the two super powers and they are not under her control. Neither her main dependence on Soviets nor her bargaining with USA could solve these problems. Only a genuine policy of peace with our neighbours and opposition to both the super powers can help in solving these problems and Indira Gandhi has no such policy.

(b) Inside the country none of the problems created by Indira Congress government have been solved. They continue to get intensified.

The problem of Assam continues to defy a solution, inspite of her bogus elections. Sikkim which was under Congress rule, has gone under President's rule, with division in the Congress and the emergence of a regional party with majority in the Legislature, and the refusal of the Central government to allow the new regional party to form a new ministry. This only exposes the bogus nature of the present parliamentary democracy by which all bourgeois parties swear. The whole North Eastern states continue to be in turmoil.

Regional parties are more reactionary and more unprincipled

The regional and separatist parties are proving themselves, by their deeds, to be more reactionary and more unprincipled than the national parties in their power game.

They have shown that they are more reactionary than the national parties by resorting to more repressive measures to suppress the just struggles of the people, as shown by TDP in A. P. and AIDMK in Tamilnadu, and National Conference in J&K.

These regionalists and separatists have also shown that they are more unprincipled in uniting with any national party including the Congress-I for their electoral gains.

As the general elections approach nearer and nearer, these regional parties are raising more and more chauvinist demands of their areas to gain the sympathy of the people and cover up their own failures.

The recent conference of TDP and its demands are an illustration of it. Its declaration that it will do everything to defeat the Congress in the

Centre is nothing but the ambition of the leader to become the next Prime Minister, utilising the present contradictions among the ruling class parties at the national level.

It is really shameful for the CPI-CPM combine to run after these parties in the name of 'left and democratic front'. Last time they united with AIDMK under this plea. Now they are uniting with DMK under the very same plea. This only exposes their opportunism.

Emergence of right deviation among the CRs

Just at a time when it is absolutely necessary to consistently pursue the path of Agrarian Revolutionary struggle, definite right deviation has emerged among a section of Communist Revolutionaries, with their slogans of united front and election alliances with the opposition parties, including the CPI-CPM combine. Today they are getting ideological inspiration from the right trend in the present CPC leadership.

Knowingly or unknowingly, with these slogans, they are only opting for legalism and economism and parliamentarism, which only serves the interests of the ruling classes.

In short this is the present situation in our country.

The economic and political crisis in the country is getting intensified. The ruling classes and their parties have no solution for this. The dissatisfaction of the masses with the present system of exploitation is increasing, and they have begun to fight for their immediate demands. The ruling classes parties are riddled with insolvable contradictions, and the ruling classes are faced with increasing instability.

It is in this background of allround crisis, growing instability of the ruling classes as a whole that one has to see the Army presence in Punjab. It shows the determination of Indira Gandhi to take some decisive military action in Punjab, and show that she is the only effective leader of Hindu communalism, that she alone can restore 'peace' in Punjab, that she is the only leader who can save the integrity of the country and thus restore stability of the ruling classes.

It also shows that Indira Congress and Indira Gandhi are in a desperate situation, forced to take desperate steps. It also shows that the ruling classes are not in a position to rule as in the past. It is not a sign of her strength but a sign of political weakness.

The opposition bourgeois parties are also in a desperate situation with divisions growing them and they have been forced to support the Army action in Punjab.

The CPI and CPM while playing a fictitious role of opposition are really interested in having a united front with Indira on all international issues, and supporting her on all key internal issues.

We must also note one factor.

The ruling classes and their parties have been at the root of communal tensions in our country. Now Indira Gandhi in using the very communal tensions, as in Punjab and Bombay, to strengthen repressive organs of the government. She has already organised a separate National Security Guard (NSG) consisting of para military force under army command, in the name of putting down terrorism. This is going to be one more instrument of repression in the hands of Indira Gandhi and other ruling class parties to suppress the just struggles of the people and the growing revolutionary movement.

It is this period of growing repression in the country that a section of the CRs have taken to the path of Right deviation, causing further damage to revolutionary movement.

Today the country is faced with a complex situation, full of contradictions.

The people are bound to learn through their own experience, the correct path for eliminating the present system of exploitation. It is all the more necessary for the Party to pursue the path of Agrarian Revolutionary struggle, the mass line of the Party, the political line of the Party, and the path of Resistance Struggle to advance the revolutionary struggle.

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