

## RECOGNITION OF G.D.R.

The Seventh Congress of the CPI deploras the continued diplomatic non-recognition by the Government of India of the German Democratic Republic and considers this to be a serious infringement of the accepted national policy of nonalignment.

In recent years trade relations between India and the GDR have increased considerably. A number of commercial agreements have been entered into by which India has accepted valuable technical and scientific assistance from the GDR in the field of industrial development; cultural contacts between the two countries have multiplied. A growing number of Indian students have been awarded scholarships and other facilities for specialised educational courses in the GDR.

Despite all these welcome developments, which amount to a clear *de facto* recognition of the existence of the GDR, the Gov-

rnment of India still refuses to establish full diplomatic relations with the GDR on a state level. At the same time, India officially recognises the West German government, thereby making an arbitrary discrimination between the two German states to the detriment of our professions of neutrality and nonalignment in such matters.

It is a well-known fact that under the so-called "Hallstein Doctrine", the West German government, pursuing its own cold war and revanchist aims, has threatened to cut off all relations with and economic aid to countries which extend diplomatic recognition to the GDR. This Congress cannot but protest vigorously against the obvious fact that the Indian government has succumbed to this imperialist pressure from Bonn and is cold-shouldering the GDR for fear of earning the displeasure of the West German rulers and perhaps of forfeiting their "aid". Recently, on these same considerations, the Government of India has rejected a major offer from the GDR for building entire machinery plants in this country on terms extremely favourable to India. All this makes a mockery of the Government of India's repeated assurances of accepting aid only "without strings".

This Congress protests against the Government of India's arbitrary attitude towards the GDR which has consistently proved itself to be a genuine and disinterested friend of India and a consistent champion of India's national interests in the councils of the world. This Congress demands that the Government of India give up its present weak and vacillating policy under the pressure of West German neo-colonialist rulers and extend full diplomatic recognition to the GDR without delay.

This will not only be consistent with India's declared aims of nonalignment and friendship with all friendly nations, but will also contribute towards strengthening the forces which are working for the peaceful reunification of Germany and, thereby, for consolidation of peace in Europe and the world.

#### ALLEGED "DANGE LETTERS"

The Seventh Congress of the Communist Party of India endorses the following resolution of the National Council on alleged "Dange Letters."