

The Gap Our Weekly Will Fill *

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We have very great pleasure in joining the ranks of political weeklies dealing with international and national problems on an all-India basis.

We are sure that the people will recognize in us a paper which is an urgent necessity. The particular point of view which it will be our privilege to represent has so far remained unrepresented in the journalistic world.

It is more than a year since the statement of the thirtytwo members of the formerly-united National Council of the CPI gave a call for the repudiation of the Right-revisionist leadership of Dange and his colleagues.

That call was then denounced by the entire bourgeois and revisionist Press as the “splitting action” of a small minority of “pro-China” Communists. The claim of those thirtytwo members of the national Council that they represented the will of the majority of the members and sympathizers of the Party was derided and ridiculed.

The columns of the central English weekly and the provincial weeklies and dailies of the once-united Party (which the revisionists continued to control) were full of attacks and slanders against what they called the “pro-China splitters”.

While these attacks made by these “official organs” were used by Home Minister Nanda to denounce Communists as “traitors” and to put them behind the bars, the point of view represented by the champions of struggle against revisionism had no forum through which these base slanders could be

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replied. They had to satisfy themselves with whatever publicity was allowed to them in the bourgeois Press, apart, of course, from a few smaller weeklies and, after a time, a daily in one of the languages.

Repeated Successes

Despite these handicaps, however, the cause which they represented—struggle against revisionism—has registered success after success. The reason for this lies in the fact that they represent truth, while their opponents are the champions of falsehood.

It must now have become clear to all truthful observers that the majority of those who belonged to the once-united Communist party of India are with what is termed in the daily Press as the “Left wing” of the CPI. All the claims made by the revisionists in their “Organisational Report”, presented to their Congress held in Bombay, have been proved to be nothing but outright lies. The Right-revisionist leaders themselves have had to admit in their review of the recent election in Kerala that the bulk of the Party members and the masses loyal to the Party had shifted their loyalty to the “Left”.

That this is not an exceptional position in Kerala but is indicative of the general trend will be clear to all who objectively examine the position in such strong centres of the Communist movement as Andhra, West Bengal, Tamilnadu and Punjab. The Right-revisionists can, at best, claim the support of one-fifth of the total members who at one time belonged to the united Communist Party of India.

It is nevertheless this minority in the Communist movement of India who claim to represent the entire movement and who, through their “official organs”, claim to be giving their interpretations of current developments in India and abroad from the point of view of India’s Communist movement.

Many of the fraternal Communist and Workers’ Parties had believed the lies and slanders spread by this small minority to be the real voice of India’s Communist movement. Many of them

must have done some rethinking after they heard about the brilliant electoral victory of the real CPI in Kerala. They, however, have even now no means of familiarizing themselves with the genuine views of those who represent the majority of India's Communist movement.

The same is true of those non-Communist democrats inside India who want to familiarize themselves with the standpoint of India's genuine Communist movement. They, too, had to take whatever is written and spoken by the Right-revisionists in their "official organs", as the voice of India's Communist movement.

Struggle Against Revisionism

People's Democracy will try its utmost to fill this gap. It will try to express the point of view of those who are carrying on a determined struggle against Right-revisionism within the Communist movement and firmly set India's Communist and workers' movement on the correct path of Marxism-Leninism.

We would do our utmost to carry on a firm and determined struggle :

- * *For the unity of the World Communist movement* through a principled struggle on the basis of Marxism-Leninism, and it will be carried on in a dispassionate manner.
- * *For united action of the entire World Communist movement* against colonialism, for genuine disarmament, for full and complete ban on all forms of nuclear tests, destruction of all nuclear and atomic stockpiles, etc.
- * *For securing peaceful and honourable solutions of India's disputes with her neighbours*, particularly with China and Pakistan—disputes which have continued to do great damage to India's national interests and given a big handle to imperialist Powers in their efforts to dictate their terms to us.
- * *For firm and determined struggle against the landlord-bourgeois ruling circles of the country* on every issue that affects the life of the people—economic, national-cultural,

social and political—even while showing no hesitation in supporting those particular measures of the ruling classes which weaken imperialism and internal reaction even to the slightest extent.

- * *For the political-organisational line of building strong united trade unions, Kisan Sabhas and organisations of all other sections of the toiling people, as the only sure way of weakening international and internal reaction.*
- * *For further strengthening and rebuilding the Communist party of India free from revisionism and all other alien trends— trends which are incompatible with Marxism-Leninism.*

In discharging these tasks, we know that we will have to contend against the ideological offensive not only of the landlord-bourgeois ruling circles, but also of the Right-revisionists who, through their various media of publicity, are trying their best to disrupt the unity of the Communist and working class movement.

We are, however, confident that the large mass of our working people, all those democrats who from their own experience have seen the necessity of unity against Congress rule, will give their sympathy and support to us in this struggle.

Appeal For Support

It was their sympathy and support that helped us to launch this venture. It was their generous financial help which enabled us to make necessary arrangements for starting the paper, even while the mass of our leaders and comrades who could have helped us in this regard are being detained by the Government without trial.

We are sure that they will continue to give this sympathy and support, so that we may continue to bring out the paper to the advantage of the entire working class and democratic movement in the country.