

Hailing the first anniversary of the Indian people's Liberation Army

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[EROL Note: The Internationalist stable, represented in Britain by the English Communist Movement (Marxist-Leninist), later to evolve as the CPE (ML), had a number of other associated niche organisations that often had dual membership cadre but also sympathizers and supporters, mainly based in student and minority communities, in its membership. Prominent amongst these was the Indian Progressive Study Group (England) , MASS the Malayan and Singaporean Student Movement, the Far East and South East Asian Progressive Study Group, the Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Movement and the Adhoc Committee for the formation of the Black Revolutionary Workers' Movement. These satellite formations produced literature like *Afro-Asian Solidarity* that would reflect the revolutionary orientation of the Internationalist trend.]

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The people of the world will certainly follow the trail blazed by the Chinese people led by Chairman Mao. They are bound to unite and defeat U.S. imperialism and Soviet Social imperialism! Celebrating the great victories of the Indian revolution, around 200 Indian, Afro-Asian, Irish and English revolutionaries stand during the rally of December 11th and resolutely shout:- "Death to U.S. imperialism! Death to Soviet Social imperialism! Long live Chairman Mao! A long, long life to Chairman Mao!"

London, December 11: On Saturday, 11th December, the Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Movement and the Indian Progressive Study Group (England) jointly organised a historic revolutionary rally to hail the First Anniversary of the formation of the Indian PLA (founded on December 7th 1970). This rally was attended by nearly 200 Indian, Afro-Asian and English comrades and friends

In the front of the hall and elsewhere revolutionary red banners were portrayed. The slogans written on the banners included: LONG LIVE THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA (Marxist-Leninist), LONG LIVE THE INDIAN REVOLUTION, LONG LIVE THE INDIAN PLA, CHINA'S CHAIRMAN IS OUR CHAIRMAN; CHINA'S PATH IS OUR PATH, CHAIRMAN'S CHINA MAY BE ATTACKED, SO LET US HASTEN THE WORK OF REVOLUTION, LONG LIVE CHAIRMAN MAO, A LONG LONG LIFE TO HIM.

A resolute member of the Indian Progressive Study Group (England) delivered the speech at the rally. In this inspiring speech, the comrade traced the heroic struggle of the Indian people for centuries against their oppressors, both foreign and domestic. He pointed out that the Indian people had time and again revolted against the British imperialist rule and tried to build up their army to achieve their liberation. He sharply condemned the treachery of the revisionist leadership who for over 40 years have consistently betrayed the revolutionary struggles. He pointed out that what happened in 1947 was that neo-colonial rule was imposed on the Indian people and that the groomed lackeys, the Nehru-Gandhi led Congress Party were pressed into service by the British imperialists to suppress the raging flames of revolution that erupted after the Second World War.

The speaker pointed out that in April, 1967, the Communist revolutionaries of India led by Comrade Charu Mazumdar brought about the turning point in the Indian Revolution by starting the heroic Naxalbari peasants' revolutionary armed struggle against feudalism, comprador-bureaucrat capitalism, U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism which are the four big mountains weighing heavily on the backs of the Indian people. The C.P.I.(M-L) based on Mao Tsetung Thought and under the leadership of Comrade Charu Mazumdar was established on April 22, 1969. The revolutionary situation after the 8th Congress of the C.P.I.(M-L), first after Naxalbari in May 1970 has become excellent. The speaker pointed out that just

as Comrade Charu Mazumdar had predicted, the landless and land-poor peasants started snatching rifles from the police and the military and after the daring raid on a police station at Magurjan by the heroic peasants of Naxalbari the Indian PLA was formed. This is another historic turning point in the Indian Revolution.

The speaker then talked about the recent development of the Indo-Pakistan Sub-continent. He pointed out that revolutionary peasants armed struggle against feudalism had already been started in East Pakistan in October 1970 under the leadership of the Communist Party of East Pakistan (Marxist-Leninist). In order to divert the people onto the path of national chauvinism, the Indian expansionists, Mujib Rahman counter-revolutionaries and their imperialist and social-imperialist masters started the so-called "Bangla Desh" movement. The speaker traced the history of the Indian expansionists and sharply condemned the expansionist philosophy of Nehru and all his followers. He pointed out that the C.P.I.(M-L) had given the call: No interference in Pakistan's internal affairs. The speaker quoted at length from Comrade Charu Mazumdar's article "PAKISTAN AND THE ROLE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY". The speaker also highly praised the People's Republic of China, the bright red bastion of world revolution led by beloved Chairman Mao for the most correct and just stand she has taken on this question.

The speaker concluded that the Indian and Pakistani people are brothers and that under the leadership of the C.P.I.(M-L) and the C.P.E.P.(M-L), they will together defeat the warmongers once and for all.



Photo: Revolutionary slogans decorate the walls of Calcutta.

The speaker highlighted the great significance of the Indian revolution by quoting Chairman Mao: "LIKE FREE CHINA, A FREE INDIA WILL ONE DAY EMERGE IN THE SOCIALIST AND PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC FAMILY; THAT DAY WILL END THE IMPERIALIST REACTIONARY ERA IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND". He said that the revolutionary people of the world are tremendously inspired with the great prediction of Comrade Charu Mazumdar's that "INDIA WILL SURELY BE LIBERATED BY 1975."

At the end of his speech the revolutionary masses stood up and with clenched fists shouted the revolutionary slogans: DEATH TO U.S. IMPERIALISM!, DEATH TO SOVIET SOCIAL IMPERIALISM!, DEATH TO INDIAN EXPANSIONISTS!, LONG LIVE THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA (Marxist-Leninist)!, LONG LIVE COMRADE CHARU MAZUMDAR!, LONG LIVE THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF EAST PAKISTAN (Marxist-Leninist)!, LONG LIVE INDIAN REVOLUTION!, LONG LIVE THE INDIAN PLA!, INQILAB ZINDABAD!, LONG LIVE CHAIRMAN MAO! A LONG LONG LIFE TO CHAIRMAN MAO! This was followed by prolonged applause from the masses.

After the main speech, representatives from fraternal revolutionary organisations gave messages of solidarity. Comrade Paul Rewe, a leading member of the English Communist Movement (Marxist-Leninist) whom the English ruling class could no longer keep in their jails gave an inspiring message. He highly praised the great Indian revolutionaries led by Comrade Charu Mazumdar and the C.P.I.(M-L) pointing out that the revolutionaries of all countries are learning from the experiences of the Indian revolutionaries. Representatives from the Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Movement, Far East and Southeast Asian Progressive Study Group, Communist Party of Ireland (M-L), Malayan and Singaporean Student Movement, and the Ad-hoc Committee for the formation of the Black Revolutionary Worker's Movement gave messages of solidarity. All of them sharply condemned the reactionary expansionist Indian government and its masters, the Soviet social-imperialists for the most brazen aggression on the land and people of Pakistan. They expressed their firm conviction that the revolutionary people of India and Pakistan who are brothers, will smash once and for all the Indian expansionists and their masters. The comrade representatives showed boundless faith in the correct leadership being provided by the C.P.I.(M-L) and Comrade Charu Mazumdar and the C.P.E.P.(M-L). Time and again all the revolutionary masses attending the rally stood up and shouted revolutionary slogans. The atmosphere in the hall was filled with revolutionary zeal.

After the messages of solidarity were delivered, the people continued having small group discussions and armed themselves with copies of the IPSP Newsletter on East Pakistan and the newly published Afro-Asian Solidarity Newsrelease and other revolutionary literature. Many Afro-Asian and English comrades and friends came forward to the Indian comrades and had vigorous discussions on the current situation. All this shows the growing unity and comradeship prevailing among the revolutionaries in this country. Late at night, the revolutionary masses re-assembled and sang three songs: Singing of the Socialist Motherland, East is Red, and the Internationale.

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