

The Rebel's Press Statement*

Following is the Press statement dated June 15, 1968, issued by T. Nagi Reddy, MLA, Kolla Venkaiah, Devulapalli Venkateshwararao and Chandra Pulla Reddy :

With the conclusion of the meeting of the Andhra Pradesh Communist Committee (Marxist) on 13.6.68, the disruptive and dictatorial organizational methods of the Polit Bureau leadership have reached new heights resulting in an extremely great crisis in the organization in the Province.

With the help of the recently nominated four members the Provincial Committee has given full powers to the Provincial Secretariat, to take whatever action it deems fit against not only four of us who have spearheaded the opposition to the ideological line of the Central leadership but also on the majority of the District Committees and leaders of the youth and student organizations, who are opposed to the ideological and political line of the P.B. leadership, with the false plea that we are disrupting the discipline of the organization and flouting accepted resolutions of the Burdwan Plenum. This is only a preparatory step to expel us from the Party.

We wish to categorically say that this extremely disruptive, dangerous step of the P.B. and P.C. is merely a culmination of the various undemocratic methods the P.B. lead-

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ership had adopted to implement completely revisionist line both on the national and international issues.

Having adopted a pro-Soviet and anti-China ideological document, the P.B. leadership has adopted most undemocratic methods to get through its resolution.

Even before the comrades had an opportunity to see the C.C. document, the C.C. gave its document to the Press to create an anti-China atmosphere. It refused to place alternative documents before the Party comrades for a thorough discussion. It refused to call a special elected Party Congress to take a decision on the ideological issues, but instead called for a Central Committee Plenum. Even the delegates of the Plenum were not elected. The delegates from Kerala, Bengal and certain other provinces were merely nominated delegations. Thus the C.C.Plenum was not an elected Plenum but a nominated Plenum.

Even before this Plenum met, because of its neo-revisionist line and disruptive methods, majority of the Party members in Orissa, U.P., Bihar, Kashmir, certain important sections in Bengal had already been either forced to leave the Party or expelled from the Party.

In spite of all these undemocratic methods, the overwhelming majority of the District and Taluk Committees in Andhra, and our Provincial Plenum rejected the C. C. document and accepted our alternative document.

Having got a false majority at Burdwan in the nominated and truncated Plenum for its document, the P.B. leadership has resorted to the most unusual and repugnant dictatorial methods against the Andhra Committee, against the four of us, members of the Secretariat and District Committee which have spearheaded the resistance to the C.C. line.

The P.B. has unilaterally thrust certain organizational decisions on our Andhra Committee. It nominated two of its followers to the Secretariat and four to the P.C. executive to create an artificial majority for itself in those executive bodies.

It has banned the four of us from reporting on Burdwan Plenum to the District Committee, banned us from addressing

public meetings. It has banned the District Committees from holding their regular meetings without the knowledge of the Provincial Committee Secretary. It has banned the Secretaries of youth and student organizations from discharging their responsibilities. It has banned the District Committees, youth and student organizations from running political schools; it has already expelled some important comrades from the Party in Khammam. It has already given notices to certain comrades in other districts. It has taken actions against certain members of the cultural squad of Panigrahi of Srikakulam district.

We have never heard such organizational decisions inside the Communist Party throughout our 30 years of political life.

In consonance with these disruptive steps, the P.B. issued an Open Letter to comrades and published it in the Party paper, accusing us as Trotskyites, adventurists and Chinese agents.

Having thus tried to prepare the political ground to isolate us from the Party members, now the P.B. and P.C. leadership have taken an organizational decision to take action against us.

Even the decision of the P.C. giving authority to the Secretariat to take actions against us was passed with 12 : 10 majority. It could get even the slender majority only with the help of the nominated four members. But for the four nominated members, the P.B. group is a minority in the elected P.C.

Some P.C. members proposed the withdrawal of the P.B. Open Letter, the P.B. organizational decisions, restoration of the old P.C. and Secretariat to discuss the implementation of Burdwan Plenum decisions, the question of maintaining the unity in the Party and the issues facing the movement in Telangana and Srikakulam districts. Even this was rejected.

These disruptive steps of the P.B. leadership are no surprise. The P.B. Open Letter has brought out the neo-revisionist line of the P.B. leadership in all its nakedness. It

has given a good conduct certificate to the Soviet leadership that it is not working for anti-China front in collaboration with American imperialism. It has discovered the possibility of planned development through foreign and Soviet aid. It has discovered non-alignment in the foreign policy of the present Government to some extent. While the Government in alliance with the goondas and landlords is attacking the people and Party workers to ruthlessly suppress the movement in certain districts like Nalgonda and Srikakulam, the P.B. Open Letter accuses us that we are advocating an immediate armed revolt which the people of Andhra know is a white lie. These facts clearly show that the P.B. leadership has taken over the revisionist policies of the Dange group on all these issues lock, stock and barrel.

Because of these neo-revisionist positions of the P.B. both on the national and international issues, it is meeting with increasing resistance from the Party ranks.

Having disrupted the Party in Northern India, the P.B. has stepped down to attack and disrupt the Party in Andhra, an important component of the Party. It is afraid that the party ranks will revolt and force a change in the Party line. Before such an eventuality arises the P.B. and the P.C. leadership want to expel us from the Party and consolidate its own group.

We call upon all the Party members to rise in revolt against this neo-revisionist line of the P.B. leadership, to resist the disruptive organizational methods of the P.B. leadership. We call upon them to pass resolutions at all levels demanding of the P.B. Leadership to withdraw the P.B. Open Letter, withdraw its organizational decisions thrust upon the Andhra Committee, restore the old P.C. and Secretariat and demand a Party Congress to decide the ideological line of the Party.

Since the P.B. has already addressed an Open Letter to the Party ranks, we four of us have decided to address the Party members directly and explain our differences with the P.B. leadership to the Party ranks.