

REDDYS RETREAT

WIVES & RELATIVES SURRENDER HOUSES

HYDERABAD: The Andhra government has made an inglorious retreat before the combined onslaught of the opposition over the now notorious housing scandal.

From MOHIT SEN

CHIEF Minister Brahma-nanda Reddy announced in the state legislature on March 30 during the debate on the supplementary demand that the houses allotted to wives and relatives of ministers in the Sanjiva Reddy Nagar would be surrendered.

It was a resounding success for the opposition, particularly the Communist Party of India and its leaders Makhdoom Mohiuddin and Pillalamarri Venkateswarulu, which had levelled serious charges of nepotism against the government over allotments of six houses in Sanjiva Reddy Nagar.

The allotments were in the names of the following:

- K. Raghavamma, wife of Chief Minister Brahma-nanda Reddy,
- N. Nagaratnamma, wife of Union Steel Minister Sanjiva Reddy,

D. L. N. Prasad, son-in-law of Housing Minister Alapati Venkataramaiah, Jalagam Vengala Rao, member of the Housing Board.

Seelam Sidda Reddy, Secretary of the Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee,

K. S. Sandhyarani, daughter of a film star.

The allegation was that none of them belonged to the middle income group for whom the housing scheme was intended for.

Also, the allotment was made without proper public notification and the houses built had incurred expenditure much more than the ceiling of Rs. 25,000 set by the housing board.

Ministerial responsibility was pinpointed by underlining the fact that the allotments were

made when the housing board had not been reconstituted and the scheme was under the charge of an ad hoc committee of officials headed by a joint secretary of the state government.

The opposition had kept up the attack all through the budget session. In the face of the concerted attack, Housing Minister Venkataramaiah had even made a false statement in the House that proper notifications had been issued.

The opposition, armed with facts, moved a privilege motion against him on this count. However, the Speaker did not allow it on the plea that "mis-statements" by ministers could not be made issue of privilege.

The entire opposition then staged a walk out.

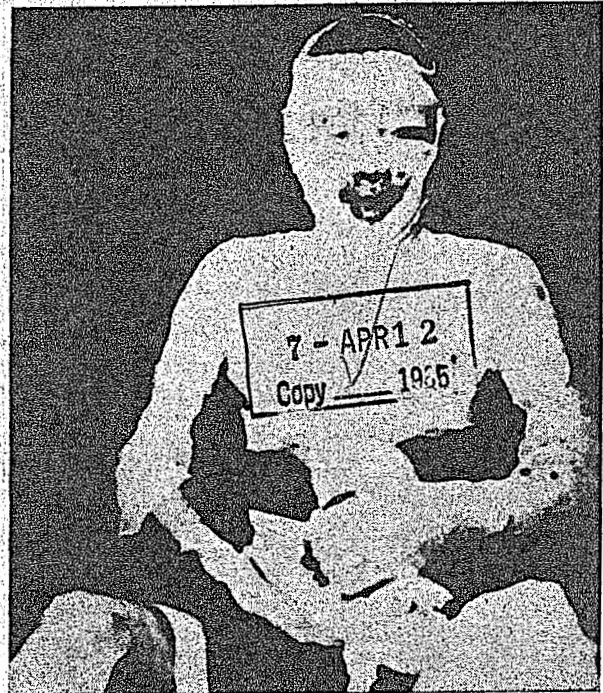
The Chief Minister, while announcing the decision to surrender the houses, has said that the allottees did not wish to take advantage by rectifying the technical flaw in the procedure of allotment.

For, according to him, all that has happened was that some technical flaw had occurred in the procedure of allotment!

He felt that it was unfortunate that several misgivings had been caused because of the technical flaw that the allotments were not notified.

It is intriguing to note that even after admitting that the allotments were made irregularly, the Chief Minister has not cared to cancel them and put the houses to public auction.

Rather, he has announced that the houses are being surrendered by the allottees, presumably out of "benevolence"! (See also page 9).



Soviet Missiles Held Up By Chinese Govt?

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

(The pictures on this page tell their own story. Gas, napalm, phosphorous... How long must this continue, ask the people of Vietnam?)

Where are the Soviet missiles, whose installation in North Vietnam would make it possible for the Vietnamese forces to make sure than not one aggressor plane crosses into their territory?

The report given below by a Special Correspondent gives important information of a vital character, which all who want an end to the U.S. aggression in Vietnam must know—Editor.)

DAY after day, news is appearing in the press, both Indian and foreign, that the Chinese government is obstructing the carrying out of the defence agreement arrived at between President Ho Chi-Minh and Prime Minister Kosygin during the latter's February visit to Hanoi.

The INDIAN EXPRESS' Singapore Correspondent informed the paper's readers of this obstruction in its issue dated March 30.

The HINDUSTAN TIMES publishes a Moscow-dated despatch on March 31, which repeating this story, says:

"Heavy equipment, including some anti-aircraft missiles, has not reached Hanoi. Russian technicians and military advisers, travelling by train to North Vietnam, have been turned back by the Chinese...."

Not only this. Correspondents in the know are writing in papers all over the world that the Chinese government has

banned Soviet planes carrying defence equipment to North Vietnam from flying over Chinese territory.

Scores of planes are evidently waiting on the Chinese borders filled with vital defence equipment, but the Chinese government refuses to allow these planes to fly over China to Hanoi.

Informed circles link these reports with the entire attitude of the Chinese leadership as exemplified in its abusive attacks on the Soviet government and its efforts to "prove" that the Soviet Union is "collaborating" with the U.S. imperialists, particularly citing its supposed "failure" to help defend Vietnam.

These informed circles ask: Is this the way the Chinese leaders are "proving" their false theories? By stopping and delaying the most urgently needed defence equipment for Vietnam? Is this what is meant by fighting imperialism?

COMMUNIST UNITY: VITAL NECESSITY OF THE HOUR

THE ever-rising tempo of the US aggression in Vietnam has roused millions of men and women in all countries to voice their protest.

The need is seen in a flash for the unity of all anti-imperialist forces, of all who stand for peace and against war and aggression.

The American war-maniacs make no secret of the fact that in carrying out their brazen violations of all canons of international law and human decency, their barbarism and savagery, they count on the dissensions which they believe will prevent the forces of revolution from coming together at this vital juncture.

American diplomats all over the world openly proclaim that they will go on intensifying their dirty war in Vietnam, counting on the differences in

the international Communist movement.

It is no use turning the blind eye to the realities of the situation.

By ROMESH CHANDRA

The latest 20,000-word article written by the Chinese leaders in the Peking PEOPLE'S DAILY and the RED FLAG, titled "Comment on the March Moscow Meeting", is being relayed over Peking radio hour after hour.

Millions of copies of this document are being circulated in all parts of the world.

The American imperialists are gloating over this article as they have never gloated over any similar article before.

The NEW YORK TIMES

(March 23) headlines its summary of the article with the words: "Red China Vows to Fight Harder Against Soviet".

Make no mistake about it: the article has been seen by the US imperialists as the green signal for them to step up to fever-pitch their crimes in Vietnam.

The last few days of exceptional hutchery are a direct result of the confidence which the Pentagon murderers feel they can have, in view of the violence of the language employed against the Soviet leadership and against brother Communist Parties by the Chinese leadership in this "authoritative" article.

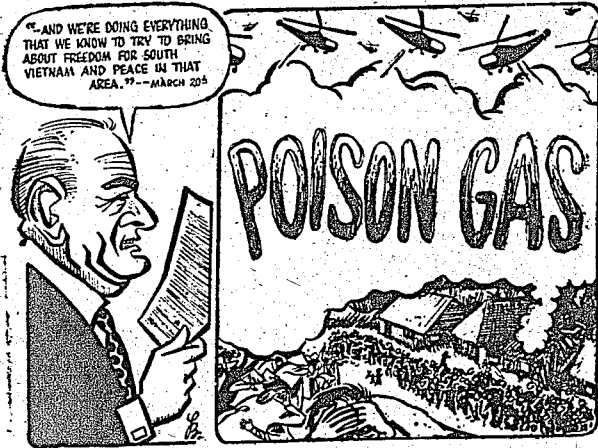
The consultative meeting held in Moscow at the beginning of this month earnestly appealed for a cessation of open polemics among fraternal Communist Parties of the world.

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ARCH-KILLER U.S.A. ON THE RAMPAGE IN VIETNAM

By
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INNOCENT PEOPLE TORTURED AND MURDERED BY GAS, PHOSPHOROUS BOMBS



"THE 'MURALS OF HIROSHIMA' HAVE ETCHED INTO THE HUMAN CONSCIENCE THE EVIL AND MURDEROUS NATURE OF THE ARCH-KILLER OF MILLIONS, THE US-DROPPED ATOM BOMBS."

"THE KILLER IS ON THE LOOSE AGAIN."

This is how Gus Hall, leading spokesman of CP USA described the latest American bestiality in Vietnam.

It was fifty years ago, on April 22, 1915, the troops of Kaiser of Germany, after his offensive was halted on the fields of Flanders, resorted to use of poison gas as a new means of warfare against an unprepared enemy.

This ghastly German example was followed up by another German—Hitler, who used gas as means of mass extermination during the Second World War.

The US had been using noxious chemicals and napalm (jelly petrol) bombs almost from the time it unleashed its dirty undeclared war in Vietnam.

Its aim was to defoliate the entire area so that the freedom fighters cannot find shelters in the protection of deep foliage.

These actions were completely in violation of all international conventions and norms of warfare.

But that did not deter the US warlords: in addition to the use of toxic chemicals and napalm bombing which resulted in the death of thousands of people and widespread failure of crops, they resorted to mass killing of imprisoned people.

Reminiscent Of Fascism

On December 1, 1958 the 6,000 internees at the Phu Loi concentration camp were given poisoned food. Over a thousand internees died as a result of the poisoned food and later due to the firing that followed to stop the clamour of the prisoners. More than 4,000 were injured.

And now the Americans have resorted to the use of poison gas and phosphorous bombs against the Vietnamese population.

It is a mad scheme to depopulate the area, to destroy anything green or alive.

Phosphorous bombs are more horrible than napalm bombing.

Several American newspapers have disputed the contention of the US State Department that the gas used in Vietnam was non-lethal.

Reports indicate that already more than 80 people have died as

the aggressor resorts to when completely at bay.

On March 22 the ASSOCIATED PRESS reported that work on the developing of chemical and bacteriological weapons has long been done in great secrecy in the United States and that the scope of this work increases with every year.

In 1950 the US spent about 6.5 million dollars on the development of these weapons. Since then higher and higher amounts were being allocated for this purpose: the present figure is about 125 million dollars a year.

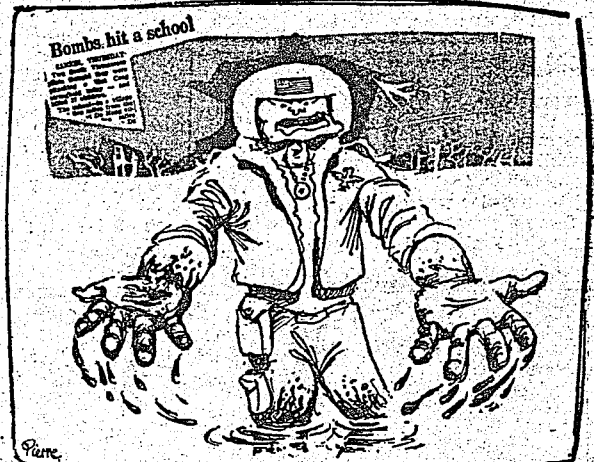
The all-out war in Vietnam reflects the state of frustration of the US warlords and no longer they hide behind the pretence of retaliatory attacks.

On March 7, US Secretary of State admitted that the Saigon

authorities had not asked for ground forces. Then why are the US marines there? Why are the Korean forces there? Dean Rusk did not provide answers.

From all counts, it is clear that US is fighting a battle in which defeat stares at its face.

By bombing North Vietnam territory or by resorting to most abominable and brutal weapons of war which are condemned by mankind, the US cannot stem the tide that is inexorably moving forward to sweep it off the soil of Vietnam.



"WE SAW THE REDS' FLAG FLYING OVER THE SCHOOL-HOUSE, SO WE RETALIATED IN DEFENCE OF THE FREE WORLD."

Below: Wrestling a confession A la American style. A South Vietnamese patriot is being forcibly pushed under water to give out details of guerilla movements.

RETALIATION?

ON March 30 a bomb blast wrecked the US embassy at Saigon and immediately the US officials and the puppet government in South Vietnam came forward with the charge that the bombing was done under orders from North Vietnam.

Any incident that takes place in South Vietnam, where the liberation forces are inflicting telling blows on the US forces and the government troops, is attributed to the North Vietnamese Government.

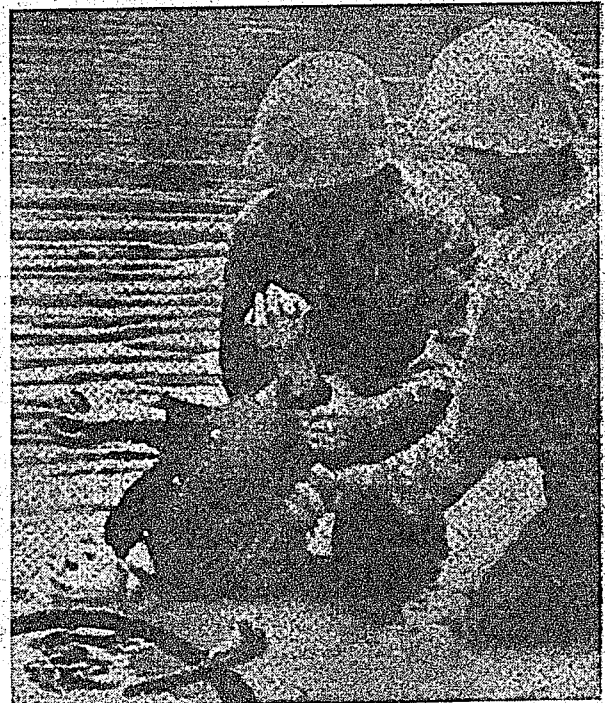
The US authorities have threatened to bomb Hanoi in retaliation to the bomb incident. They have been trotting-out such pleas for bombing North Vietnam areas in the name of "cutting the supply line from North

Vietnam to the Viet Cong."

But even such pleas have lately been thrown to the winds. Most unprovoked, reckless and random bombing raids are now being carried on by the US airforce within the North Vietnam territory without any excuse.

If the Saigon incident is used as an additional plank to justify further massive attacks against North Vietnam, other countries cannot remain quiet. A massive rejoinder will have to be given to the US. This might lead to a wide conflagration, the responsibility of which would lie solely with the Americans. The US warlords might do well to lick their wounds in silence rather than baring their fangs in "retaliation."

(March 31)



← Instigated by their US masters, the South Vietnamese puppet soldiers have been perpetrating most inhuman crimes against the people. Yet they are facing defeat after defeat. Their morale has touched the lowest ebb. According to an old myth, a person who eats the liver and drinks the blood of a brave person himself becomes brave. In order to boost up their morale, they sometimes kill innocent people and eat their livers and drink their blood. Picture shows some puppet soldiers cutting open the liver of a dead South Vietnamese.