

**WHAT HAPPENED  
AT THE  
DESHAPRIYA PARK MEETING  
AND  
THEREAFTER?**

- Lies Exposed
- Facts—That Speak for Themselves

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**A**t the Deshapriya Park meeting on the 8th December, 1945, where Sardar Patel and Pandit Nehru spoke, Amiyanath Bose, son of Sj. Sarat Chandra Bose, put up two persons on the rostrum. Amiya Bose said over the mike that those two persons were trying to cut the loud-speaker wires. He exhorted his audience to take note of these traitors.

Amiya Bose did not, however, announce the names of the persons he got hold of. Nor did he tell his audience how he came to know that his captives were communists.

We are producing copies of the statements issued by our Party to the Press in connection with Amiya Bose's obviously pre-meditated and maliciously false allegations to discredit the Communist Party.

We are herewith also circulating the **exact** copies of the statements made by certain persons in connection with the Deshapriya Park incident. We leave it to the common sense of our people to judge for themselves if Amiya Bose was lying and lying with a purpose.

We are narrating here the incidents which took place as a result of Amiya Bose's lie. The incidents unfold Amiya Bose's purpose.

We trust our countrymen and patriotic leaders will put a stop to such dishonest stunt for setting one set of patriots against another.

Incidents like these have also taken place in recent weeks and they all appear to be part of an elaborate plan. It may here be noted that Shri Sarat Chandra Bose openly charged the communists of having engineered the recent shooting on students in Calcutta.

*The following is the very brief summary of the incidents that took place as a result of Amiya Bose's allegations :*

**9th December, 1945.**

(i) Attack on the members and sympathisers of the Communist Party who were selling "Janayuddha" (Organ of the Bengal Provincial Committee of the C. P. I.) at KALI BABU'S BAZAR, HOWRAH. Five of these hawkers were beaten up and copies of "Janayudha" were snatched away from them and destroyed. Among those assaulted were Biren Banerjee and Prabhat Mitra, Biren Banerjee was an accused in the Dakshineswar Bomb Case and was later sentenced to death for the murder of a Police Officer in Alipore Jail. His death sentence was, however, commuted. Biren Banerjee has spent 13 years in Jail. Prabhat Mitra was convicted in the famous Inter Provincial Conspiracy Case and has been recently released after spending 14 years in prison.

(ii) Immediately after this incident, the office of our Party in Howrah was raided by a band of hooligans. The hooligans hurled stones and brick-bats and attacked our comrades with sticks and iron-rods. Four of our Comrades including Badiruddin Osman, a metal worker of Belur who is leading a strike in his factory, were wounded. Badiruddin got an open wound in the head.

(iii) Our Party Office in Kalighat (off Tram depot) was raided twice, once in the morning and again in the evening. At 10 A.M., about 20 people, many of whom wore Gandhi-caps and 'Jai Hind' badges appeared in front of the office. A few of them entered the office and abused the wife of a comrade who stays there. No male comrade was then present, This went on for some time.

At about 1 P.M., they reassembled in a near-by lane and started throwing stone at the office. They were of course shouting filthy abuses all the time.

Between 5-30 and 6 P.M., the hooligans came in a bigger force and by shouting slogans attracted a large crowd around them. They tried to break into the office, but did not succeed. Unprintable abuses went on as usual. Filthy remarks about mothers and sisters of comrades were freely made.

Having noticed the 'golmal', some workers from the near-by Tram and Bus Depots came to the spot and tried to pacify the crowd. They argued

with the people around for over two hours. While some of the public left, the hooligans, however, remained and attacked those workers. As a result Brahmadeo Singh, a worker himself and also an organiser of the Bus Workers' Union was severely assaulted until he lost his consciousness. He was removed to hospital. Misirji, a tramway worker and leader of the Calcutta Tramway Workers' Union was also severely beaten up.

(iv) In North Calcutta, the house of Hrishii Banerjee, a member of our Party was surrounded twice in course of the day by a band of youngmen who claim themselves as Congress workers. Hrishii Banerjee was a prominent local Congress worker until he resigned from the Congress. He has always been connected with numerous social and civic activities, He was asked to resign from the C.P.I. or leave the locality where his family has been staying for generations. Hrishii Banerjee refused to submit to the bullies and he was threatened with dire consequences.

(v) In Ichapur, the rowdies appeared before the local party office and started abusing our comrade there. The rowdies were, of course, swearing by the name of Congress.

(vi) From before dusk certain youngmen, some of whom were wearing Gandhi-caps were seen suspiciously loitering in groups in front of the Provincial Head-quarters of our Party.

kept an eye on him. This same person was caught when he was trying to climb a tree near the Ladies' gate at the North. He was brought down and there was a lot of talk over him and with him. I learnt that his name and address were taken, that he was photographed and he was going to be put up on the platform before the public as the miscreant. But I was astonished to see that he was not put up on the platform and that another person was put instead and was termed as a Communist.

May I enquire of the organisers why the miscreant was not put up on the platform and why his photo and name have not been published in the newspapers ?

I hope wild allegation against any party or individual could not be made especially when we all can make a common cause over the INA issue."

*Juganter, Dec. 11, 1945*

(4) The following is the statement issued jointly by Sj. Krishnamohan Das and Hironmoy Ghoshdastidar on the 10th December, 1945. They are both leading members of the Bhowanipur Byayam Sangh of 20/2 Gavinda Ghosal Lane, which provided the band for the Deshpriya Park meeting. Sj. Krishnamohan Das was himself the leader of the 'Band Party'.

"Calcutta never witnessed such a big gathering as was on 8th inst, at Deshpriya Park. We, the members of the Bhowanipur Byayam Sangha and of the Bhowanipur United Club took direct part in the meeting along with other institutions for its success and were with the procession with our Sangha's Band Party. We were deeply mortified to see that the Communists were held responsible for the mismanagement of the Micophone arrangement and were further aggrieved that Sj. Amiya Bose, son of our accredi-

ted leader Sj. Sarat Chandra Bose, declared once more on the Mike, that communists were enemies of the country and adopted underhand means for sabotaging the meeting, and thus tried to instigate the assemblage and fanned the fire. It is painful that such rot has been pulished in the Anandabazar Patrika. Regretable it is, that it had its effect in no time and a few honest man in the audience were beaten black and blue by the volunteers. As we were near the Rostrum, everything took place before our eyes. The youngmen who was dragged before the Microphone and condemned as Communist was, we are sure, a lover of Congrss. The only fault of his, was his unchecked enthusiasm that helped him to got upon a lamp-post for which the poor fellow had to pay dearly. We do not know whether it was priviously planned but it proved crystal clear that the man was as innocent as we were. We belong to no party—it is our inherent love for Congress that attracts us in Congress meetings. But this sort of sordid affair in the name of Congress pains us most. We appeal to our leaders and countrymen not to give ear to this get-up but bring the healthy atmosphere back which our country needs most.

Sd. KRISHNO MOHAN DAS  
HIRONMOY GHOSH DASTIDAR  
*Juganter, Dec. 11 1945*

(5) The following letter was sent to the Editors by Sm. Aparna Bandopadyaya of P-54 Raja Basanta Roy Road:

To

The Editor,

Dear Sir,

I shall be very obliged if you will kindly spare some space in your esteemed paper.

I was fortunate enough to find a seat near the rostrum at the Deshapriya Park meeting yesterday. At about 3 P.M., Sreejut, Amiya Kumar Bose dragged a certain gentleman on to the rostrum and said : " He is a Communist ; he was cuaght while trying to cut wires of the mike. Take note of these traitors." It seemed that the gentleman got nervous and he was protesting. He was heard saying "I have not done anything". He has however suppressed. A little after this incident, Sreejut Amiya Bose put up a young boy and repeated the same thing. That young kid was violently protesting and was trying to explain to Sj, Bose that "I have not done anything" "let me get to the mike". But he turned a deaf ear to the boy. He was carefully kept at a distance. Now may I put the following question to Sj. Amiya Bose : How did he know that those two persons were Communists ? Why did he not announce their names ? And why did he not allow them to speak before the mike ?

I maintain that before making any propaganda against any one, it is necessary to prove the allegation.



Are we going to advance along the road to freedom by poisoning the normal public life through baseless and mischievous propaganda ?

9-12-45

Aparna Bandopadhyaya

(6) The following statement has been issued by a shop-keeper who was got hold of by the organisers of the meeting.

I beg to state before the public that yesterday at the meeting held at Deshapriya Park, that both myself and Satya Chakraborty were greatly harrassed accused of being Communists and in connection with the cutting of the wire of the mike. Therefore I want to draw particular attention today that in future our big leaders should not harrass those who are not guilty nor are they Communists. I want to make it clear again that I am not a Communist but an ordinary shopkeeper.

Basumati

11-12-45

Your countrymen,

Gunasindhu Santra

30-2 Russa Road

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(7) The following statement is issued to the press by Mr. Balailal Bose who is a Congressman of Jalpaiguri. He, too, was got hold of by the organiser of the meeting :—

As an humble congressman of many years standing who has suffered at the hands of the bureaucracy since the great days of 1930-32. I would like to draw the attention of the public to the unspeakable treatment mated out to me on the amazing allegation of my being a communist at the Deshapriya Park meeting on December 8. On that day I was one of

the vast multitude of people who were converging on Deshapriya park to see and hear our leaders. I noticed a chaotic state of affairs at the crossing of Rashbihari Avenue and Gariahata Road, and with the help of a few friends, persuaded the crowd to organise itself in an orderly manner in a queue. There were many witnesses, whose names I am prepared to produce who saw me helping to organise the queue. When I arrived at the gates of the park, I found it was impossible for me to get in, for every inch of space inside was already occupied. In the crush, somebody to my utter surprise, called out to me and said I was a communist. I did not take it seriously, but very soon afterwards I was approached by a Sikh who appeared to be a volunteer, who very politely told me to get into the Park through the road reserved for donors to the I. N. A. fund. I was rather surprised, but I thanked him and said I would be much obliged if I could get standing accommodation somewhere. He insisted, however, on literally dragging me to wherever he wanted me to go, and took me to Mr. Bhimani and reported that I was a communist. In spite of my vehement denial, Mr. Bhimani mercilessly belaboured me and then I was taken by Mr. Amiya Bose to the platform and condemned before the assembled people as a communist traitor who had tried to cut two wires ! I protested with all the strength I had, though I was being beaten all the time, but Mr. Bose would not listen. I gave him my name and address but for reasons I could not understand Mr. Bose asked Mr. Bhimani to announce that I was refusing to divulge my name and that I was a communist leader. I was rescued by several girls who obviously belonged to a Congress family, though they did not give their names. They took me to their house nearby and gave me first-

aid. I heard later that certain people tried to break into the house and punish the residents for their act of humanity.

I feel utterly dazed about the whole proceeding. I have been a Congressman all my life ; I am a congressman even today. I have been a political sufferer since 1930. During the 1942 movement I absconded for several days and was hauled up in court along with Dr. Charu Sanyal, Kaviraj Satish Lahiri and others. I have never been a member of the Communist Party ; even today I have many and serious disagreements with the Party's policy. My loyalty, now as always, is to the Congress. And yet in today's atmosphere of Communist-baiting I am singled out before the people as a traitor to the country. I fail completely to understand why Messrs Bose and Bhimani refused to hear what I had to say and humiliated and belaboured me before my people whom I have sought all my life to serve. I hope at any rate that my statement will help to clarify what happened at Deshapriya Park on Saturday. I am ready at any time to stand before my people and bow to their judgement, but I cannot conceive how our patriots can behave as Messrs Bose and Bhimani did to me without the least provocation on my part and of course without the least justification.

BALAILAL BOSE,

10-12-45.

6, Vidyasagar St., Calcutta.

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