

U.S. OPPOSES POLITICAL DEPORTATION

National minorities and immigrants form a major part of the Canadian population. This section of the population is the most oppressed and economically exploited. The present Canadian Government is increasingly using, through its repressive Immigration Department, political deportation as a tool for intimidating National Minorities and Immigrants from waging political struggle. To wage political struggle is the right of all oppressed people.

Indian Progressive Study Group, in keeping with its role of serving the Indian community, of supporting the struggles of other National Minorities resident in Canada and of supporting the anti-imperialist struggle of the Canadian people is sponsoring a meeting with Comrade Subir Roy. Subir Roy is currently being threatened with political deportation.

STATEMENT OF COMRADE SUBIR ROY . *

Subir Roy came to Canada in 1953 from India and has been living in Canada for the past 19 years. On September 3, 1971 he was ordered deported from Canada because of his political activities in support of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist). On August 21, 1972 Subir received a certificate signed by Cabinet Ministers Mackasey and Goyer that Subir Roy is a security risk and directing the Immigration Appeal Board to dismiss his appeal in the national interest. Subir Roy's appeal came up on August 22 in Montreal. The judge stated that the "security risk" certificate that had arrived the day before was "prejudicial to the appellant" and postponed the hearing to September 18. Subir Roy insisted that he was prepared to make his case on August 22, but his statement was not permitted to be heard. The following is Subir Roy's statement to the Immigration Appeal Board, August 22, 1972:

On September 3, 1971 you ordered me to be deported from Canada. I have been accused of being a "criminal" and a "foreign subversive". Let us examine the facts.

The deportation proceedings arise from two unjust convictions of myself based on my doing political work among the masses. One is "illegal assembly", the other "common assault". These convictions, even according to bourgeois legalities, are of a minor nature.

On May 20, 1971 I took part in a peaceful demonstration in Montreal along with hundreds of other people, in response to Chairman Mao's solemn statement of May 20, 1970: People of the World, Unite and Defeat the US Aggressors and all their Running Dogs! The frenzied attack on the demonstration and subsequent arrests by Montreal police were completely unjust and arbitrary. For exercising my democratic right to demonstrate against US imperialism, I was sentenced two months in jail and fined \$400.

On November 3, 1970, during the War Measures Act I was unjustly arrested in Halifax for having successfully defended myself the previous day when slandered and taunted by three racist thugs led by the ex-Mayor of Halifax, James Vaughan, while I was taking care of a communist bookshop in the black community. The arrest took place five minutes after it had been announced over a local radio station. I was sentenced to twenty days for "common assault". It is perfectly clear that my "criminality" consists of serving the national minority and Canadian people. I am a supporter of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) and the Communist Party of Quebec (Marxist-Leninist). That is my biggest crime of all. Under the hoax of their legalisms, the US-lackey Canadian government is hiding its racism and political repression.

I was born in New Delhi, India on August 21, 1947, and came to Montreal with my family in July 1953. I went through the entire school system here, attending McGill University in Montreal and Dalhousie University in Halifax. I speak only English and French, the official languages of Canada, and have no ties in India, and obtained landed immigrant status in September 1967. For all intents and purposes, I consider myself a Canadian. Like many other young national minority people, I was brutally oppressed by US imperialist culture, and was looking for an alternative. In 1968, I came across the Internationalists, the followers of Chairman Mao, who were organizing against the US imperialist domination of Canada and Quebec. I began working wholeheartedly with the communists. When I was first picked up by the police on June 27, 1969 I was immediately threatened with deportation. The question then, as now, is one of principle. I will never give up my basic democratic right to organize against US imperialism.

The US-lackey colonial Immigration Department has "accused" me of being an

Indian. Well , that is just fine ! I am proud of that. No force on earth can break up the great unity of East Indian workers in Canada and Quebec ! India is a country with ancient civilisation and culture, a land of hard working, humble, and talented people. For, centuries, the Indian people have suffered severe and frightful exploitation under the jackboot of the British colonialists, US imperialists, Soviet social-imperialists and internal reactionaries (the same deadly enemies of the Canadian and Quebec people). For this reason , large number of Indian people have emigrated abroad to seek a better life.

The colonialists promised the Indians a land of milk and honey in Canada and North America, but instead used them as cheap labour. The imperialists' method of work has been to negate our national background, cut our historical roots, isolate and suppress us. The Indian immigrants have been discriminated against in terms of jobs and housing, socially intimidated, and politically repressed. The Indian immigrants have never ceased to struggle against this oppression, nor have they ever given up the fundamental right to politically organise and to achieve racial equality with their class brothers. Together with the other pioneering working people of Canada and Quebec, they have worked hard to build a prosperous and democratic Canada. The struggles of the Kamagata, the Hindustani Ghadar Party, Mewa Singh, and recent events in Quesna 1, B.C., all testify eloquently to the rich revolutionary history of Indian immigrants. So, charge me with being an Indian if you will, but just remember , the Indian people have never allowed themselves to be trifled with. Just try and throw me out, and see what happens to you!

Canada is a land of immigrants. Apart from the Native Indians and Eskimos, everyone in Canada is an immigrant or descendant of an immigrant. Since 1867, over 10 million people have immigrated here. To deport someone who has lived here for 19 years is a fascist attack on the entire Canadian working class. Just yesterday, I received a letter signed by Bryce Mackasey, Minister of Manpower and Immigration and by J.P. Goyer, Solicitor-General, stating that my appeal will be dismissed because I have all of a sudden become a "security risk" to the nation. This certificate is made freely available to the espionage services of the US imperialists but cannot be seen or questioned by the Canadian people. This shows that it is the US imperialists and their agents who are the real foreign agitators in Canada and Quebec.

My deportation is part of a campaign by the US imperialists to suppress the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) and the Canadian Peoples' United Front. During the past four years there have been over 20 political deportations, including Comrade Stephen Gilbert, Comrade Harsh Chadha, Comrades Eric and Mary Hoffman, Comrade Susan Herzog, Comrade Fred Ferdman, Comrade Fred Mason, Comrade Sarah Herrinck and others. The mass movement of immigrant people to oppose US imperialism and achieve equal rights is irresistible.

Only a Communist Government can serve the interests of national minority and immigrant people. The Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) has stated in its **COMMUNIST MANIFESTO FOR CANADA AND QUEBEC**:

NO. 30) The Communist Government will guarantee equal rights to all immigrants and they will become citizens automatically.

NO. 31) The Communist Government will grant citizenship to all who have been unjustly deprived of this basic right by the previous reactionary government for their participation in revolutionary activities.

The Canadian people and Quebec people are a great internationalist people who produced Dr. Norman Bethune. The present reactionary government has nothing in common with genuine aspirations of the heroic people of Canada and Quebec. I shall never give up my right to be a Canadian and shall return to the People's Republic of Canada.

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Indian Progressive Study Group resolutely opposes **POLITICAL DEPORTATIONS** and invites all concerned people to a meeting with Comrade Subir Roy.

Time : 7.30 pm.

Date : Wednesday, 20 th September 1972.

Place: Alumni Lounge 2nd. Floor University Center.