

Manifesto of the Workers and Peasants Party The Youth Conference.

The Workers & Peasants Party hails with joy the Bombay presidency Youths' Conference, the first successful endeavour rally the youth of the presidency, and weld them into a power centralised organisation with a programme of work. When the Youths of a Nation congregate with a determination to devote their energies in an organised manner to the task of fighting political slavery, economic exploitation and social reaction, a new epoch dawns on the life of a subject Nation and a new phase develops the history of its struggle for freedom. The Youths of a Nation constitute its best and most virile section. Youths alone have the idealistic power, that fighting will and self sacrificing spirit the fiery love for human liberty and unquenchable enthusiasm, which are needed to pioneer and lead movements destined to overthrow predatory social systems and liberate enslaved and exploited humanity from the rule of Imperialists and capitalists. Both in the previous and contemporary history of humanity idealistic and selfsacrificing, youths have been in the vanguard of all freedom and progress movements. The magnificent work achieved by organised youths in modern China, Turkey and Egypt as also in Soviet Russia, should inspire their Indian Comrades to unite themselves and participate in the struggle for freedom of the Indian nation against British Imperialism to bravely stand against and overthrow centuries old social and religious prejudices, to awaken the latent forces of the broad masses of the Nation and marshal them for the long drawn out struggle against the existing oppressive social system, to lead victoriously the organised Indian people to Swaraj and build up the social economic and cultural life of the future Independent India. These are the principal historical tasks of the Indian Youths and they alone (and not the supine compromised elderly leaders of the existing Congress and Nationalist movements) can have the necessary strength and idealism to realise these tasks.

The organised youths should realise that ours is essentially an epoch of struggle against political oppression economic exploitation and social tyranny from which the large majority of human beings are suffering. Owing to a fundamentally wrong social system, large sections of human population are rotting in intolerable poverty and slavery. Imperialism and capitalism have reduced a huge portion of humanity to the status of slaves and instruments of exploitation. However, the subject classes of the world have already bestirred themselves and under the leadership of intrepid and heroic political parties have started a Universal struggle against Imperialist and

Capitalist domination. In India too, millions and billions of workers and peasants who have been suffering for centuries from social and economic exploitation and who are even at present ground down by poverty and semi-slavery, have commenced their struggle for freedom. It becomes the duty and the historical task of all generous-hearted and noble youths who are animated by love for human liberty to sympathise with and participate in these rapidly growing social, political, and economic struggle of the immense millions.

The are various sections of the struggle and the organised youths of the country should take part in all the sections and strengthen radical tendencies. In the economic field, they should assist the organised trade Union, agrarian, and other movements of the industrial and transport workers, peasants, clerks, and other sections of the Nation who are struggling to secure decent standards of life from their masters and widening their struggle for ultimate emancipation. And in the political field, the youths must gladly, spontaneously and unreservedly, identify themselves with the Nationalist struggle which on the principle of self-determination demands from British imperialism, National Freedom. The organised youths of India should become the life blood of the Indian National Congress should overthrow its present feeble leadership and reorganise the Congress and the Nationalist struggle with a view to fight more effectively against Imperialism.

In the social and religious spheres, the youths' movement should start a campaign, a veritable crusade against all injustices, barbarities and malpractices, such as Untouchability, Child marriage, caste system purdah, sex inequality, prohibition of widow remarriage etc. It should challenge and attack whatever is reactionary and decadent in social conceptions and institutions of contemporary India. It should declare a war on all communal movements which split the Indian People on un-historic communal lines, accentuate sectional consciousness among the people and which Prevent their organisational and psychological unity. The organised youths should realise the futility of all efforts to achieve Hindu Muslim and in general, intercommunal Unity through fraternal understanding among the respectable top elements of different communities. To achieve the real intercommunal unity, it is vitally necessary to rally together and unite the poverty-struck masses and middle classes of all communities on a politico-economic programme reflecting the specific interests of those classes (93% of the Indian people.) The organised youth should lead the struggle of these classes for their economic betterment and political advance from day to day. It will be only in the process of this struggle of the exploited Hindu Muslim, Parsi and Christian masses and middle classes that the real unity of the real people of the country will be built up. When the exploited elements of all social groups comprising the Indian Nation are organised in their Trade Unions, peasant associations, clerks,

teachers and other employees unions, on the basis of a united struggle against common exploitation, and as this united struggle develops and becomes country wide, the communal movements will decline and communal antagonism will vanish, being replaced by the organised movements of all exploited and suppressed elements of the Nation against their imperialist, Capitalist and feudal masters. Labour organisations and mass struggles alone can liquidate communalism. All other solutions of the problem of inter communal unity which are not based on the recognition of this social fact and which depend for the success on the mutual understanding, among the political and intellectual top elements will prove Utopian. The real Hindu Muslim Unity is being progressively built up in the process of mass struggles, in workers strikes in Bombay Kharagpu in other centres. With such a scientific conception of bringing about the Inter—communal unity of the broad sections of the Indian Nations the youth Movement, should ally itself with the economic and political struggle of the lower and middle strata of the Indian Nation. Mere ethical propaganda or sermonising on the political arch-necessity of the intercommunal unity to successfully combat foreign domination will not yield any productive results.

It has been a tragedy of history that the idealism and dynamic energies of youth have been frequently, exploited by predatory interests. For want of a correct understanding of the social structure youths have often been tools in the hands of the ruling classes to suppress the struggle for liberty, of the exploited masses. In Italy the patriotic sentiment, romantic imagination and the militancy of middle class youth have been exploited and transformed into the reactionary fascist force by the Italian Capitalists not only to smash an independent working class movement but also to suppress the elementary democratic liberties of the Italian people. The youth movement should combat Fascism as an organised conspiracy to destroy the movement of all enslaved and exploited social groups. The radical elements within the youth organisation who desire that the strength of organised youths be spent for the struggle for freedom rather than be prostituted for maintaining slavery and exploitation in the social world should see that the youths' organisation is not dominated by social and political reactionaries. They should take up the ideological and political leadership of the youth organisation and movement.

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